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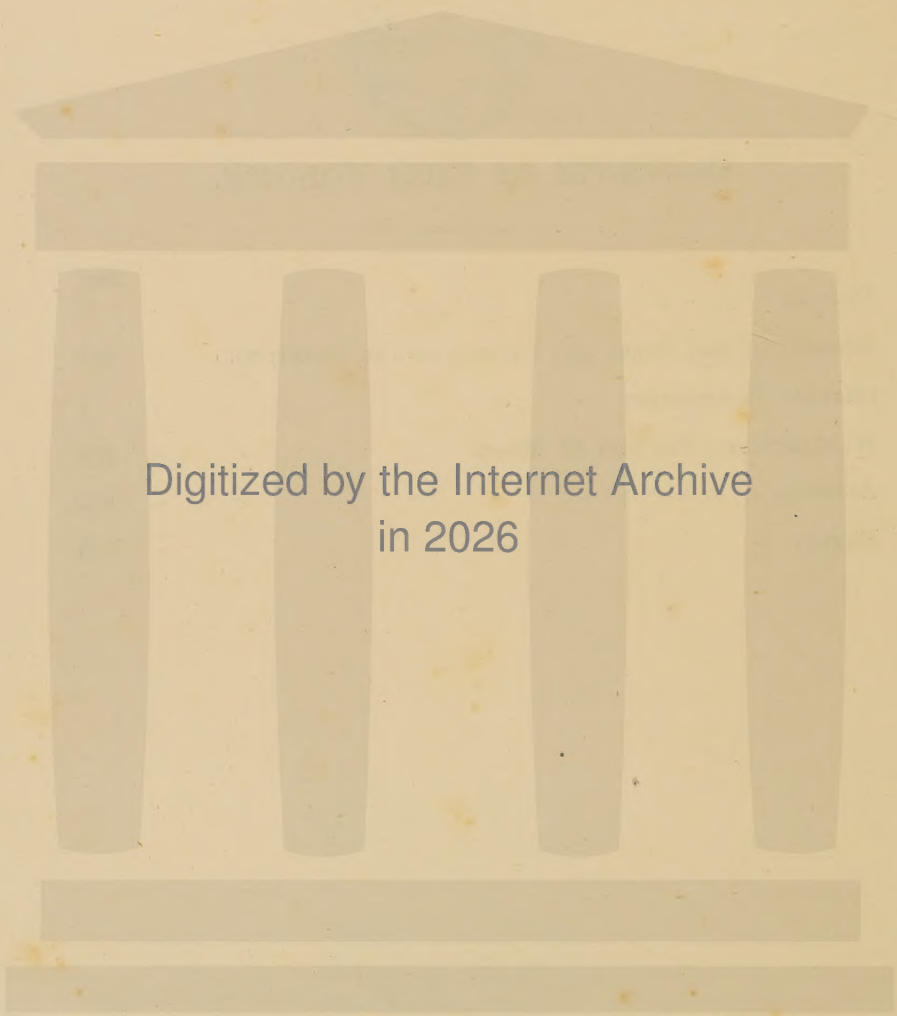

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PREFACE.

THE origin of this committee, which afterwards became the most important of the Parliamentary committees, is very unpretending. In Sept. 1643, when the necessity for raising money to meet the demands of the Scots' army grew daily more urgent and imperative, 18 members of the House of Commons were commissioned to wait upon the Lord Mayor and Council of London, and request them to unite with themselves in a joint committee to raise or find security for raising money for this purpose (p. 1). This City Committee was then requested to divide, part to treat with the above-named Committee, and part with a Parliamentary Committee appointed to raise money for the general forces under Lord Fairfax (pp. 1, 10).

The title they then had was Committee for Scottish Affairs, or for raising money for "our brethren of Scotland," and for a short time part sat at Turners' Hall or Guildhall; but their general place of meeting was settled at Goldsmiths' Hall, probably for convenience of the city men who were to meet with them. Orders in Parliament naming them as the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee are frequent, the first being on 8th Nov. 1643 (p. 2).

For the sake of clearness the portion of the committee which dealt with the raising of money was usually called the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, and that which dealt with its distribution for the Scottish forces the Committee for Scottish Affairs. At first they had separate order books (G 1A and G 2), though occasionally the same entries appear in both books, but shortly the smaller committee became merged in the larger, and after Oct. 1646, the Committee for Scottish Affairs disappears entirely, except in a single letter dated 8 September 1648. The sums sent over by them to Scotland from 1643–1645 were very considerable (pp. 2–5, 17, 22, 129; also 778–786).

The attendance of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall was larger than that at the Committee for Scottish Affairs; it included several members,—especially the treasurers, Waring and Herring, also Lord Maitland, Sir A. Johnston, Lord Wariston,—who did not

attend at the Committee for Scottish Affairs, but all the members of the Committee for Scottish Affairs are found in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. There were many additions to the committee in the latter part of 1643, also in 1644 and 1645, and in 1648.

The Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall were empowered, in the first instance, to present the names of persons in London and Westminster, thought capable of lending moneys (pp. 11, 17), but in July 1644, they began the dealings with delinquents which afterwards became their speciality. They were not, however, a prosecuting committee. Their business was not judicial but financial, therefore their first dealings were with estates of delinquents already sequestered by the Committee for Sequestrations, of which they were to authorize the sale, at 6 or 8 years' purchase, in order to raise pay for the Scottish army (p. 6).

In August 1644, the principle of compounding with delinquents began to be acted upon, but only as to prisoners, or those whose estates were already sequestered, and who, for the sake of liberty of person or lands, were willing to come to a compromise with the ruling powers, and sacrifice part of their estate to save the remainder (p. 8).

The first recognition that we find of the principle of general composition occurs in the Commons' Journals of 13 Sept. 1644, when, under the stress of urgent want of money to be sent to Lord Fairfax's army, the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall were ordered to compound with delinquents for their estates, so as to raise with speed 15,000*l.*, a month's pay for the army (p. 10). This order was, however, confined to those who had been pronounced delinquents by Parliament.

In March 1645, the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, being pressed to consider the best means for speedy raising of money, suggest, among other things, that whereas they have hitherto only had authority to treat with delinquents on particular orders of Parliament, they may now have power to compound with any who tender themselves, reporting proceedings to the House; also to summon such as they think fit to compound (p. 17).

This proposal was accepted. To make the powers granted to the committee more effective, they requested an order, that no man, once fined by this committee, if he did not pay his fine, should be discharged from sequestration by any other committee whatsoever,

on composition or otherwise (p. 19), but this was not obtained till later.

Under the pressure of the civil war, business moved slowly, and it was not till August 1645 that definite rules for compounding were laid down. Estates were to be compounded for at 2 years' of their estimated value before the war, which differed from their present value, more or less, according to the ravages of the tide of war in different localities. Each compounder was to bring a certificate from his county commissioners of the value of his estate, and to be restored only to such portion of it as he compounded for, at not less than 2 years' value (p. 24).

The Speaker was authorized to grant passes to all such as desired it, to come to London to compound, and the guards were to take charge of them on their arrival and send them up to Goldsmiths' Hall.

The rules for composition were to be those previously offered to the King in the propositions for a safe and well grounded peace. These were that $\frac{1}{3}$ of the estates of 48 persons named, and of others described as members of Parliament sitting at Oxford, law officers, bishops, clergy, &c., should be forfeited, and $\frac{1}{10}$ of the estates of other delinquents, and the proceeds applied to the public debts. But should that not suffice, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the estates of the former persons, and $\frac{1}{6}$ of the latter were to be liable; these proportions were not to be exceeded. The estates of soldiers and others in England, not worth 200*l.*, or 100*l.* in Scotland, were to be discharged without fine (see Rushworth, edit. 1692, p. 852). Later on, the proportions varied according to the date of surrender, the extent of delinquency, &c., and were respectively $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, or $\frac{1}{10}$.

In 1644 the committee met regularly in the afternoons of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, but not on other days or hours without special summons (p. 12); a year later, in October 1645, their meetings were reduced to 3 a week (p. 26).

On 18 October 1645, an order was issued that compositions should be made with the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee only, and that no other committee should compound with any delinquent without special order of the House (p. 25).

To this rule, however, exceptions were afterwards made. In several instances power was given for special compositions in given localities. Thus on 2 March 1649, an Act was passed for compounding with and disposing of the estates of delinquents in

the Northern Counties, and the Committee of the Northern Association had the power of issuing warrants for payment of moneys arising therefrom, which were chiefly devoted to the payment of the forces in the North (pp. 201–205, and 810–824).

The same powers were granted to the committees of Kent and Essex to deal with delinquents who had joined the insurrections in the respective counties (pp. 141, 179).

In Wales, the bulk of the inhabitants having been Royalists, it was difficult for compounding committees to act (see p. 61), and therefore it was thought better to deal with the country *en masse*. On 23 Feb. 1649, an Act was passed requiring payment of 3,500*l.* in lieu of fines from delinquents' estates in South Wales, excusing those only who were worth less than 100*l.*; and on 10 Aug. a like Act was passed for the 6 counties in North Wales (p. 146; also Domestic State Papers, Interregnum, vol. ii., No. 77).

Delinquents seeking to compound were not allowed the benefit of counsel as to the proving of any matters of fact (p. 26).

Compounders were required to subscribe the particulars of the estates for which they compounded, and copies of these particulars were kept in books which now form volumes 55 and 56 of the composition records, and which have been useful in working out the cases, in those few instances where the original particulars were wanting (p. 27).

On 6 December 1645, an order allowing delinquents to compound on certificate from the county committee as to the value of their estates was revoked, having been the cause of much inconvenience, as many delinquents had estates in several counties (p. 29).

To avoid the expenses of fees, where the fines of delinquents did not exceed 100*l.*, 3 of them were allowed to be included in one form of pardon, which was required to be taken out within a month after composition, or the composition would be void (p. 27).

In order to expedite the getting in of moneys, delinquents who surrendered to the committees of London or Westminster before 1 Dec. 1645 were required to compound before 1 Jan. 1646, and those in the country before 1 Feb. But those who ventured within the lines of communication, without having taken the oath prescribed by Parliament on 1 April 1645, were to be committed to prison (p. 30).

No delinquent detected in concealing or undervaluing his estate was to be allowed any advantage of composition for what was

so concealed, but forfeited it entirely if it was personal property, and had to redeem it at 4, instead of 2 years' purchase if it was real estate (p. 30).

Later this rule was altered, and concealments discovered by any other than the owner could only be redeemed at ½ the full value, 1*s.* in the pound being allowed as a premium to the discoverer (p. 125).

All advowsons and rights of patronage to churches were to be excepted from composition and left to the disposal of Parliament (p. 32); and all impropriate rectories were to be placed at disposal of the Committee for Plundered Ministers or Committee of Goldsmiths' Hall, for benefit of the ministry (pp. 50, 68).

County committees for Sequestrations, &c., were already in working operation, having been employed both by the Committee for Advance of Money and the Committee for Sequestrations, and these also acted on behalf of the Committee for Compounding.

The conduct of the county committees, especially in localities where the royal party was still in the ascendant, was often the subject of reproof. The complaints against them were:—

Over-indulgence to delinquents, in letting their estates to themselves, or to their friends for them, at too easy rates.*

Protecting their own friends and kindred, and oppressing their enemies.

Infrequency of meeting, and neglect of their duties as to sequestration.

Remissness in not making to the Committee for Compounding the returns of the condition of the estates, &c., required, and imperfections in the entries.

Neglect in the making up and bringing in of their accounts (pp. 74, 75, 131, 180).

Frequent complaints were made by the county commissioners of the opposition they had to encounter from the royalist party and others in the execution of their duties (pp. 196, 197, 241, 242, 245, 261, 306, 578). There were also complaints made by outsiders of the injustice, harshness, and partiality of their proceedings. Again, disputes among themselves were not infrequent, especially in counties Devon, Somerset, Berks, Hereford, and Lancaster (see

* The newly-appointed Cornwall Commissioners sent up in Dec. 1650 a statement of 6 estates let by the late committee at 826*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for which the present committee had offers of 1,370*l.* rents (p. 387).

under index of names, Major Jas. Pearse, Capt. Ben. Mason, and Col. John Pyne, Edw. Curle, Chris. Cheesman, Peter Ambrose, and Rob. Massey).

It will readily be seen that a payment of fines for compositions —which were to be paid half at once, the other half in six weeks— was a much more rapid mode of raising present money than the letting of delinquents' sequestered estates, even when let at their full present value, which was often not half their previous value; still more when it happened—as was frequently the case—that estates were let to friends or agents of the county committees, or sometimes to the delinquents themselves, at a mere nominal rental (see No. 72, p. 23).

Vigorous steps were taken to secure prompt payment of the fines. Rents were stayed pending composition in the tenants' hands; but if the first half of the fine were not paid at 6 months' end, the estates were forfeit to the State (No. 42, p. 84). Non-payment of the entire fine, after lapse of due time, also endangered sequestration of the whole estate (Nos. 162–164, p. 135).

In order to forward the raising of money, the sale of a portion of the estate,—which was frequently necessary before the second half of the fine could be paid,—was authorized, and the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall had power to suspend the sequestration on payment of the first $\frac{1}{2}$ of the fine, and on security for the remaining half (No. 132, p. 33).

On 21 March 1646, the House sent an urgent order for payment of the Scotch army for four months longer, beginning from 1 April; and on 23 March an order passed that the rules for compositions should be those "set by the House upon the next propositions for such as came in since the 1st of Dec." (No. 141, p. 34).

Those who were able to prove their voluntary surrender before 1 Dec. 1645, were to compound at $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{10}$, provided they had taken the national covenant and negative oath, and had lived orderly since; otherwise they were to compound at $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{6}$ (p. 35).

Special favour was promised to those who should compound on their own discovery before 1 May 1646, and this brought in numerous applicants in the early months of 1646; those who came up on 30 April, the last day of grace, amounted to several hundreds.

This systematic and vigorous mode of proceeding proved very useful to the government by bringing in large sums of ready money; whilst delinquents themselves, in the decline of their party, were only too glad, by a sacrifice of 2 years' income, or more, to secure the discharge and protection of their estates.

On first June 1646 fresh regulations were made. Those who had tendered themselves for composition before 1 May last were required to take the National league and covenant, and the negative oath, before 31 July, as a preliminary of composition. All who had surrendered upon articles of war were ordered the benefit of those articles (p. 39).

On 9 June 1646 the Commons passed a stringent ordinance for the forfeiture of the whole or $\frac{2}{3}$ of the estates of certain classes of those who did not come in to compound before 1 May last, but it does not seem to have passed the Lords (p. 40).

A modified proposal was therefore passed 3 Sept. 1646, that delinquents who came in after the stipulated time, 1 May 1646, should still be allowed to compound, but at the highest rate in the propositions. In default of their prosecuting their compositions before 3 Oct. next, their whole estates were to be forfeit (p. 45).

On 8 Dec. 1646, an order was passed in the House that no delinquents should be sequestered for not compounding whose estates were under 200*l.* total value; but that all others, unless protected by articles of war, should be taken into custody, and their names certified to Goldsmiths' Hall (p. 51).

On 6 Feb. 1647, the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall was reappointed, and Waring and Mich. Herring were then made treasurers (Scobel, p. 113); and on 9, 11, 16, 20, and 25 Feb. several new arrangements for better management of business were passed by this committee, and letters sent to the county committees to quicken their returns (pp. 56–58).

On 16 March 1648, an order was passed allowing Papists in arms to compound at $\frac{1}{3}$ of the value of their estates, according to the Articles of Oxford, they being a class for whom no previous provision had been made; but this was not to include compositions for any offices of power or trust, nor the fees relating thereto (p. 84).

All debts due to delinquents, unless compounded for, were considered to belong to the State, and payment to the delinquents was forbidden (No. 116, p. 128).

Those persons concerned in the insurrections in Kent, Sussex, Surrey, and Essex were only allowed to compound on payment of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the value of their estates (No. 119, p. 128).

In order to stimulate the local committees to action, fines for compositions and sequestrations were frequently applied in whole or in part to the payment of garrisons and other local objects in the county (pp. 131, 133, &c.). The Essex forces were paid from the fines in that county, and the Dorsetshire officers had their arrears paid from half the sequestrations discovered by them (pp. 126, 142).

On 18 Dec. 1648, 11 new members were added to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, and 15 more on 6 Jan. 1649; and the House passed strong resolutions for the giving in of accounts, and the sequestration of those delinquents who were in arrears with the first or second half of their payments (pp. 135–137).

On 13 March 1649 this committee drew up fresh rules for composition, laying the fines at $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, or $\frac{1}{10}$ of the estate, but Parliament modified the two former rates to $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$ (pp. 139, 141).

There was an attempt made in Nov. 1649 to transfer their sittings to the late House of Lords, which was fitted up for them accordingly; but they could not conveniently remain there, and returned to their old quarters at Goldsmiths' Hall (pp. 161, 164).

Many complex questions arose relating to the fair valuation of delinquents' estates. Some lands were charged with annuities to relatives and others; some with judgments and extents for debt; and the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall was required to take care that the State should not be prejudiced in these matters (p. 142). Therefore all charges of whatever description were to be brought before the Committee for Compounding, and allowed, before they could be honoured by the county committees (pp. 229, 237, 263). This order gave rise to a host of petitions from claimants of several classes:—

Wives and families of delinquents who were allowed $\frac{1}{5}$ of the estate.

Creditors of the delinquents, for debts contracted before the wars.

Holders of rent charges, mortgages, or annuities on the estate.

Ministers or parishes claiming grants from impropriate rectories.

Lessees of sequestered lands, to whom leases had been granted for terms of from one to seven years.

These two latter classes of claimants were in danger of being deprived of their benefit from the estate, when the delinquent compounded for it.

Towards the close of 1649 Parliament became dissatisfied with the proceedings of the Committee for Compounding, because, though compositions were numerous, the money that came in by no means answered the charge made on the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasury, as the money "comes in by driblets, passes through so many hands, and comes in a dilatory way," and enquiries were set on foot whether some more energetic mode of administration could not be adopted (pp. 159, 160), but the committee grappled in vain with the difficult problem of paying all the money charged on them, and thus enabling Parliament to reduce the monthly assessments charged for the Scottish army (p. 161).

On 25 Jan. 1650, their sphere of action was increased by the transfer to them of the sequestration cases still on hand before the late Committee for Sequestrations or Barons of Exchequer on appeal, and all the profits of sequestered estates, even when the delinquents had not compounded, were placed in their hands (p. 167).

The work devolving upon the Committee for Compounding now became so onerous that it was thought advisable to reconstruct it on a different basis. This was done by diminishing the number of the Commissioners to 7, none of whom were to be M.Ps, and giving them each such a salary,—viz., 300*l.* a year (worth at the present rate 1,200*l.* at least),—as should enable them to devote their whole time and energies to the work (pp. 188, 194).

To this committee also was entrusted the business of the late Committee for Advance of Money, and later on, that of the Committee for Indemnity. They sat on different days for their respective business. This arrangement, though practically good, because so many cases came before the Committee for Advance of Money, and were then transferred to the Committee for Compounding, led to occasional confusion as to the distribution of the papers (see preface to the Calendar of the Committee for Advance of Money, pp. 11, 12).

The new committee sat for the first time on 23 April 1650; they began their work by choosing their officers, arranging their routine of business, and issuing additional instructions to the county committees (p. 200).

There was a fresh adjustment of the county committees, who were newly appointed for the several counties (pp. 171–174). Orders were issued to these committees to transmit lists of the estates of all Papists and delinquents, whether they had compounded or not; to enquire into their property, and the state of the leases; to take their deeds and writings into charge, &c., &c., and the instructions of the Committee for Compounding, based on the Act of Parliament of 25 Jan. 1650, were conveyed to them, with request for immediate attention (pp. 167, 170).

The county committees were much embarassed by these instructions, because they felt their powers crippled, *e.g.*—

They could only let estates for one year.

The had no authority to nominate or pay their officers.

They could not allow rent-charges, fifths to delinquents, or augmentations to ministers from sequestered rectories.

They were not authorized to allow $\frac{1}{5}$ to the discoverers of sequestered estates.

They could not compel witnesses to attend and give evidence.

Nor could they punish those who opposed their proceedings.

They had no power to administer oaths.

They had power to seize the estates of Papists, but not to dispose of them, &c., &c. (pp. 175, 180–182, 184).

Indeed, the letters of the county committees, from March to May 1650, abound with similar complaints, and with queries as to fuller explanations of the instructions given. To meet these, further instructions were issued 20 May and June (pp. 229, 230–263) and on 8 Aug. 1650, Parliament passed a series of resolutions relating to compositions which met most of the requests and enquiries (pp. 288, 289).

Another point of difficulty with the county committees was the custody of the records. When the change of county committees took place in Feb. 1650, the displaced commissioners were ordered to give up all their books and records to their successors, but several difficulties occurred in executing this order, *e.g.*—

In some instances the records had been seized, or destroyed, or lost, during the civil wars.

Sometimes they were needed by the late commissioners to make up the accounts demanded of them for the period of their stewardship.

Sometimes they had been kept so roughly and carelessly that they could not pass into other hands unless transcribed, and no allowance was made for the expense of transcription.

Again those committees which were guilty of malversation in their dealings were very reluctant to give up papers which might lead to their detection.

Some of the accounts given in were in such confusion that fresh ones had to be demanded (pp. 234, 238, 240, 274, 275, 314).

In a few places, as Carlisle, Shrewsbury, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthen, Haverfordwest, the plague had broken out and debarred access to records (pp. 285, 287, 319, 392, 571, 600).

These difficulties led to so many delays and refusals that the Committee for Compounding at length, on 23 July 1650, ordered a fine of 20*l.* to be levied on each one of the county commissioners or their agents who refused to deliver up the records, the fines to be augmented unless they were delivered promptly (pp. 296, 313, 470). Stringent letters, insisting on these fines being exacted, were sent to all the counties of England and Wales (p. 313), and produced many replies.

The county committees were generally slow in levying this fine. It was not easy to find out in whose custody the records lay; the late commissioners were generally their friends or neighbours, and some members of the new committees were also on the old, and they were reluctant to enforce a hard measure, which might be carried out against themselves, in case of future changes of commissioners (pp. 331, 339, 354, 357, 374, 393, 550).

On 1 Aug. 1650, an Act passed allowing any person who had a mortgage or extent for debts on any portions of a delinquent's estate to compound for that portion alone, and thus obtain its discharge from sequestration, in order that he might prosecute his legal claim upon it. This led to a large number of applications for these partial compositions (p. 286).

In 1650, on 8 Aug., there being no further hope of delinquents coming in on voluntary composition, a premium of $\frac{1}{6}$ of the entire value of moneys brought in by their means was offered by Parliament to all who discovered concealed delinquents' estates.

On 13 Sept., Parliament settled the salaries that should be paid to the officers of the Committee for Compounding, and also the amount of fees which they should have a right to charge for

their services, complaints having been made that the exorbitance of their fees proved a hindrance to composition business (pp. 311, 312).

On 20 Sept., the Committee for Compounding sent out vigorous letters to the county committees—with a view to the more rapid return of moneys,—divided into 2 classes.

The first, sent to 29 counties, reproved them for paying in for the half year less than half the rents of sequestered estates due from the county. It gives in parallel columns the estimated annual revenue from sequestrations, the half year's rents, and the sums actually paid in.

The second letter, sent to 5 counties in England, and to North and South Wales, complains of non-return of a reply to the order for sending an account of the sequestered estates in the county (pp. 312, 313). These letters led to numerous apologies and explanations, and some remonstrances, but to few compliances (pp. 324 et seq. passim).

On 2 Oct. 1650, several regulations of importance were passed in Parliament. Those who had hopes of estates, not at present their own, but in dispute, or in expectancy, or in reversion, had been allowed to insert "savings" in the particulars of their estates given in, to compound for these additions later, on obtaining possession of them. This was done to prevent informations being entered against them for concealing or undervaluing their estates. For these savings they were now allowed to compound on the same rates as before.

Although the composition rules were stringent, that a delinquent's estate should only be discharged to the amount for which he compounded, concealments and undervaluations were still very frequent. To encourage discovery, another order of the same date was passed that all who discover their own errors may compound if the fine is paid before 24 Nov. 1650, but failing this, if they are informed against—

Compounders at $\frac{1}{10}$ are to pay $\frac{1}{6}$ for undervaluations.
" $\frac{1}{6}$ " $\frac{1}{3}$ "
" $\frac{1}{3}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ " (p. 325).

From Cornwall alone 27 names were returned of persons who had not given in two thirds, others not half, and others not even one third of their estates (p. 336); and from Devonshire one informer returned a list of 22 undervaluations (p. 502).

In the close of 1650 and in 1651, there was great activity in raising the county militia, on account of the threatened, and at length accomplished, invasion of Charles II., which was terminated by the battle of Worcester. The sheriffs of counties followed former militia regulations in raising horses and arms on all the estates in the county, whereas the Committee for Compounding pleaded exemption for sequestered estates as being already in the hands of the State. This led to endless disputes between the authorities whose orders so clashed (pp. 334, 343, 346, 353, 359, 388, 439, 440).

On 12 Dec. 1650, the Committee for Compounding issued stringent orders to all the county committees to send, during January, their accounts up to the end of the year, "that there may be a constant yearly account, which is necessary to orderly proceedings," and this to be brought up by one of the committee or their agent, who shall be able to explain any doubtful points. Further instructions were issued at the same time about the letting of estates (pp. 373, 374).

These letters again brought in numerous replies; the tenor of many of them was a complaint of difficulty in the observance of the orders issued, while others expressed ready acquiescence (pp. 377, et seq).

On 27 Feb. 1651, the Committee for Compounding sent a more clear and accurate set of instructions to the county committees, embracing, or in a few cases modifying, those previously sent, and adding a few more items (pp. 413–415). After receipt of these, the enquiries of the county committees for further directions become much less frequent.

On 21 March 1651, an order passed forbidding the admission of any one to compound who should have been guilty of treason since the execution of the King, that is, since 1 Feb. 1648–49.

Those who were at Pendennis Castle at its surrender were only to be allowed to compound, if M.Ps, on payment of $\frac{2}{3}$, and the rest of $\frac{1}{3}$ the value of their estates (p. 425).

After the battle of Worcester, on 3 Sept. 1651, and the complete dispersion of the royalist party, much correspondence ensued about the treatment of the prisoners of war, and especially about the clothiers of Worcester, many of whom had stocks of cloth in London. This was seized on suspicion that all were favourers of King

Charles' party, but where nothing could be proved against the owners, the goods were liberated (pp. 483, 485, 487, 488, 490, 498, 501).

On 16 December circular letters were issued to all the counties, ordering that all delinquents who had been freed from sequestration otherwise than by Parliament Order, or order of the Committee for Compounding, should produce their discharges in 28 days, as some had been unduly cleared by the Committee for Sequestrations or Barons of Exchequer (p. 518).

The verification of these discharges was now a matter of consequence, because, on the 24th of February 1652, an Act was passed with the view of healing the long discords of the nation, whereby all treasons committed before 3 Sept. 1651 were pardoned, excepting high treasons committed since 30 Jan. 1648–49, and none were to be called in question for acts of hostility during the wars. Any officer making out writs for anything pardoned by this Act was to pay treble damages, and a fine of 10*l*.

From this there were several exceptions. No person was to be allowed the benefit of the Act who had not first taken the engagement of fidelity to the present government. Also all delinquents were excluded whose estates were actually sequestered before 1 Dec. 1651, but not those which had only been seized (p. 547, and Scobel's Acts, 1651, pp. 179–186). This last proviso made it very important to ascertain what estates were in sequestration on that date.

On 19 March 1652, the county committees were ordered to send in alphabetical lists of all the persons not sequestered before 1 Dec., and numerous lists were returned on this order (pp. 559, 565, et seq., passim).

The passing of this Act much perturbed the county committees, who declared that thereby the spirits of the malignants were much raised; and the county committees declared that if the "sons of violence, who have enriched themselves by the spoils of poor sufferers," are to escape, the State would lose thousands of pounds (pp. 543 (2), 549, 555, 557).

Many enquiries also arose as to the working of the Act, and the precise description of offences pardoned thereby (pp. 561–592, passim); and on 13 April, the Committee for Compounding issued definite instructions on the subject (p. 569). On 10 September they offered to Parliament the objections which, after nearly 5 months'

trial, they found to the working of the Act, and the alterations which they proposed (607, 608).

The receipts from the estates of delinquents being thus considerably reduced, an attack was renewed against recusants—viz., those who refused to attend Protestant services; and the county committees were ordered to send in lists of all convicted, to tender the oath of abjuration to all suspected to be Popishly affected, and to sequester those who refused to take it, and report their names (p. 608). The Clerk of the Pipe was also ordered to return to the Committee for Compounding lists of all convicted for recusancy since 1603 (p. 609). This he declares would be a work of such labour that many hands could not do it in 12 months, but he promises to do his best (p. 611).

In spite of all the efforts of sequestrators, informers, and composition committees, there still remained a considerable class of delinquents who absolutely refused to recognize the right of Commonwealth authorities to deal with them, or who failed to pay the fines imposed on them, and their estates were therefore ordered to be seized, surveyed, and sold (pp. 323). Three Acts of Sale were passed.*

The first on July 16, 1651, contained 73 names (p. 464).
The second on Aug. 4, 1652, „ 29 „ (p. 602).
The third on Nov. 18, „ „ 678 „ (p. 617).

This last Act contained the names of all sequestered delinquents who had not compounded, or had not paid the remainder of their fines. All these lands were vested in trustees, who held their sittings in Drury House, and were called Drury House Trustees, or trustees for sale of lands forfeited for treason, or more briefly Treason Trustees. They had power to sell the lands, and on certificate of their having done so, and of the payment of the whole or half the purchase money, the lands were discharged from sequestration by the Committee for Compounding. Most of these orders were entered in the order book G 18, but some occur in G 16 and 17.

As purchasers were by no means to be found for the whole of these estates, the third Act of Sale gave leave to delinquents to compound for their own estates, though on severe terms, they having to pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of the full value. (Scobel, 1652, p. 221.)

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* A valuable and accurate index of these Acts, with the Acts themselves prefixed, was edited for the Index Society, in 1879, by Miss Mabel G. W. Peacock.

These compositions were somewhat numerous. The order book marked G a, in which they were entered, has long been missing, but copies of most of the orders were found among some unsorted bundles of Exchequer papers, and these are entered under their respective cases.

On 16 Aug. 1653, on an order from the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries, the auditor of the Committee for Compounding was required to prepare a list of all those whose estates were sequestered, but had not been put into the Acts for Sale. This points to an intention of preparing a fourth Act for Sale, but the current of events prevented its carrying out (p. 648).

An Act of 21 Oct. 1653, permitting recusants to compound for the sequestered $\frac{2}{3}$ of their estates, at the rate of 4 years' value of their real estate, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of their personal estate, gave a great spring to business. Surveys of the estates were ordered, a large folio order book was set apart for these cases, and in the next few months many recusants presented themselves (pp. 657, 659), but the terms were thought hard. Though they were to contract for their estates at 4 years' value, they were only to be allowed to enjoy them on yearly leases, and the whole money was to be paid within three months (pp. 657, 666); therefore, though the petitions to contract were very numerous, very few of the contracts were completed.

The advent of Cromwell to the Protectorate changed the aspect of government in many departments, and in none more so than in the Committee for Compounding.

An ordinance was passed 10 Feb. 1654, which, though nominally an Act for continuing the powers of the Committee for Compounding, was in reality its death blow. Its office of sequestration was continued, it is true, but was limited to the management of estates already sequestered, or to the judging of cases already pending.

The tremendous weapon of composition, which had been wielded for more than 8 years, with such effect, was now almost deprived of its power. Composition was allowed on the late Act of Sale for delinquents' estates; and any delinquents, who chose to come in before the following 5 March, that is, in about 4 weeks, were permitted to compound on reasonable terms. But after that time the license for composition ceased.

The very title of the committee was changed, and it was now called a committee, not for compounding, but for sequestration.

Also it was enjoined to curtail the heavy expenses which had hitherto attended county operations (p. 663).

The commissioners sent a remonstrance against the reduction of their powers, specifying their difficulty in working under these new regulations, and requesting continuance of several of the powers enjoyed by the late committee, but their paper seems to have elicited no response (p. 670).

On 14 March they wrote to the former county committees, dissolving them entirely; and then to one or two members in each county, devolving upon him or them the business of the county, with the same poundage as before, but cutting off all allowances for travelling and incident charges, and all payments to solicitors, agents, and messengers (p. 672). This stipulation brought frequent requests for extra allowances, which were sometimes granted in special cases (pp. 677, 683, 685, &c.).

A little impulse was given to the committee by the Excise Act of 17 March 1654, which inflicted the penalty of sequestration for non-payment of arrears of excise, and deputed the Committee for Compounding to carry it out, but the cases were not numerous (see p. 716).

Another serious blow fell on the committee when, on 11 Dec. 1654, the Treasury issued orders to all the county commissioners to pay their moneys direct into the Exchequer of Westminster; and Waring and Herring, so long the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers, were also ordered to transfer into the Exchequer all their money, their accounts, and the bonds, leases, and all other documents relating to the finance of sequestered estates (p. 714).

This was followed by the appointment of receivers-general of counties, and the renewal of the powers of sheriffs of counties; and though on 15 May 1655, the powers of the county commissioners were continued for one year notwithstanding, yet they were constantly clashing with the newly constituted authorities (p. 724).

In August to October 1655, on orders to that effect, the county committees sent up lists of all the Papists and delinquents under sequestration (pp. 728–733), and the Treasury Commissioners, on Sept. 14 and 19, demanded from the Committee for Compounding very full and minute particulars of the condition of the estates, &c. (pp. 730, 731). They also required the delivery of all the bonds for payment of money which had been in the hands of the Committee for Compounding's officers (pp. 734, 735).

In March 1656, numerous returns were made into the Exchequer, on orders from the Treasury, relative to all branches of the composition work (pp. 740–742), and these returns practically closed the work of the Committee for Compounding, although a few orders on cases pending appear up to April 1658, when they close altogether.

In 1659, the rising, best known as Sir George Booth's insurrection, once more called into action, brief and spasmodic, the old process of sequestration. In the desire, by speedy and vigorous punishment of all concerned, to nip the mischief in the bud, on 27 Aug. 1659, the Sequestration Committee was revived, consisting of four members of former committees and three new members, with several of the former officers, and with power to appoint county committees; but without any proviso at first for salary, either to commissioners or agents. They were ordered to sequester, first, the estates of the 4 principal delinquents, Sir George Booth, Sir Thos. Middleton, Major Randal Egerton, and Rob. Werden, and then to secure the estates of all others suspected of being engaged in the insurrection, and to sequester them if found guilty.

Of this committee no order book has been preserved, but there is a rough index to an order book missing (G 264, No. 82). There is also a letter book of its correspondence with the county committees (G 59). The only other records of its proceedings are in a number of letters addressed to it by the county committees (G 263, 264).

Commissioners were appointed, chiefly in September, for every county, and instructions issued to them—(p. 745, 768)—but many excused themselves and refused to act, and others were negligent. The general feeling that the times were critical paralyzed proceedings, and in Derbyshire and other places the commissioners were threatened with personal violence. In counties where they did act, the witnesses they summoned often refused to appear or to be sworn, and the persons accused did not always vouchsafe to attempt their defence, but gained time by requesting orders to examine witnesses, &c.; and the rumours of the proceedings of Monk's army, and the breaking up of Parliament, interrupted their action (pp. 745–775).

On 7 Feb. 1660 another Sequestration Act was passed, enlarging the powers of the commissioners, and authorizing the payment of salaries (p. 776); but the time for action was over, the Interregnum was terminated by the restoration of Charles II.

The above remarks contain a brief summary of the leading features of this committee's proceedings, but numerous points of interest are untouched. Among the incidental papers worth naming may be noted—

Particulars of sequestered estates in Wirrall hundred, co. Chester, and also in Gloucestershire, giving the present as compared with the late value of the estates before the wars, often less than half, sometimes only amounting to $\frac{1}{3}$ (pp. 60, 61, 85, 87).

Valuation of the estates of all the delinquents in co. Bucks (pp. 66–68).

Lists with numerous particulars of all the Papists and delinquents in co. Wilts (pp. 76–79).

Lists of sequestered Papists and delinquents in a large number of counties, sent on an order of the House, transmitted to the county committees by the Committee for Compounding, and made out with more or less of detail (pp. 85–124).

List of 175 delinquents who compounded with the county committee in the Essex insurrection, giving the value of their estates and amount of their respective fines (pp. 144, 145).

List of delinquents and Papists in two divisions of co. Devon, with the valuation of their estates (pp. 152, 153).

List of delinquents who compounded with the Northern Committee for Compounding, with an account of their fines. These were confined to the 4 Northern counties (pp. 200–204).

Two lists of compounders with the county committee in the Kent insurrection, and notes of their fines, the latter one much fuller, and giving the place of abode also (pp. 328, 329, 456–462).

Account of the revenues from estates in 28 counties for the year ending March 1651, sequestered from delinquents, Papist delinquents, or Papists (p. 429).

A curious correspondence between Lord Goring, afterwards Earl of Norwich, and his sons, the whole family being ardent Royalists (pp. 597, 598).

Account of the revenues from sequestration in every county in England and North Wales in 1652 (pp. 619, 620).

"Engagement roll," being a list of 56 persons who signed an engagement to be true to the Commonwealth without King or House of Lords. This is on parchment, and all the signatures are original (p. 623).

The present volume will be followed in due time by others containing particulars of the individual cases brought before the Committee for Compounding; and these volumes by another which will contain indexes of names and places, &c., comprising the entire of the composition papers.

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ACCOUNT OF THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR COMPOUNDING.

*** The letters under the numbers in the margin refer to the original lettering of the books.

G 1. Y. Parliament orders and references to the Committee for Compounding, from 28 Sept. 1643—21 Jan. 1652, not arranged chronologically. [*Folio, parchment binding.*]

G 1A. Order of the proceedings of the Goldsmiths' Hall for Scottish affairs, 28th Oct. 1643—25 Dec. 1645. Several of the later orders are duplicates of those in the next volume. [*Large folio, parchment binding,* 104 *written, and many blank pages.*].

G 2, 3. A. B. Order books of the Committee for Compounding, 10 July 1644—28 Nov. 1645, and 6 Dec. 1645—23 Jan. 1647. [2 *vols. folio, bound together.*]

G 4, 5. C. D. Order books, 26 Jan. 1647—11 Sept. 1648, and 8 Sept. 1648—17 April 1649. [2 *vols. folio, bound together.*]

G 6, 7, 8. Ec, Eb, Ea. Order books, 3 April 1649—3 Jan. 1650, and 8 Jan.—25 April 1650, and 23 April—24 July 1650; the first of them, from 3 April to 29 June 1649, pp. 1–133, is merely notes of fines; it then becomes fuller, and at p. 218, 27 Sept. 1649, it becomes a general order book. [*Small folio,* 3 *vols. bound together in parchment.*]

G 9. F. Order book, 16 July 1649—18 April 1650. This contains all the general business of the committee, as well as some orders on cases. [*Thin folio, parchment bound,* 47 *written, and many blank folios.*]

G 10. I. Order book, 26 April 1650—11 Feb. 1651. Some of these are duplicates of the orders in the preceding and following volumes. [*Folio.*]

G 11. H. Order book, 9 July 1650—12 Dec. 1650. [*Small folio.*]

G 12. G. Order book, chiefly on the cases of compounders, in the 2nd series of composition papers, G 174–227, 11 Sept. 1650—15 April 1657. [*Folio.*]

G 13. z. General orders passed by the Committee for Compounding, 22 Nov. 1650—7 Dec. 1654. With alphabetical list prefixed, of cases in which sequestration has been suspended, the date of the suspension, and in some cases, references to the order for it. [*Small folio, parchment bound, 52 written, and many blank leaves.*]

G 14. K. Order book, 12 Feb.—29 Aug. 1651. [*Folio.*]

G 15. L. Do. 30 Aug. 1651—10 Feb. 1652. [*Folio.*]

G 16. Q. Do. 11 Feb.—14 July 1652. [*Folio.*]

G 17. S. Do. 15 July 1652—1 March 1653. [*Folio, pp. 1 to 710 written, 711 to 753 blank.*]

G 18. Sa. Orders relating to the sale of Bishops, Deans and Chapters, and delinquents' lands, and of fee-farm rents. [*Folio, parchment bound, foliation continued from G 17, 754–982 written, and many blank pages.*]

G 19. Sc. Orders on reports of Brereton and Reading in composition cases, 30 Sept. 1652—27 Jan. 1654. [*Folio, parchment bound, foliation continued from G 18, pp. 1031–1163.*]

G 20. Sh. Orders for grants to the wives and families of delinquents and recusants of $\frac{1}{5}$ to the former and $\frac{1}{3}$ to the latter, of their sequestered estates, 29 Sept. 1652—26 June 1655. [*Folio, parchment bound, foliation continued from G 19, pp. 1169–1181 written, and many blank pages.*]

G 21. Si. Orders for discharges on the Act of Pardon, 29 Sept. 1652—7 Sept. 1653. [*Folio, parchment bound, foliation continued from G 20, pp. 1298–1317 written, and many blank pages.*]

G 22. Sp. Orders for payments to plundered ministers of sums granted them on compositions made with delinquents, 6 Oct. 1652—4 Sept. 1655. [*Thin folio, parchment bound, pagination continued from G 21, pp. 1441 to 1496 written, and many blank pages.*]

G 23. Sm. Orders on reports, similar to G 19, 16 Feb. 1654—29 June 1655. [*Folio, parchment bound, pagination continued from G 22, pp. 1578–1693 written, and a few blank pages.*]

G 24. Ge. Orders for discharges on payments of fines, 14 Oct. 1652—24 July 1655. [*Folio, parchment bound, foliation continued from a volume missing that was marked G a, pp. 1071 to 1183 written, and very many blank.*]

G 25. V. Order book, 1 March 1653—28 March 1654. [*Large folio.*]

G 26 Ra. Orders relating to the estates of recusants, 22 Nov. 1653—6 Sept. 1654, viz.: references to counsel of their petitions to contract, on the Act of 21 Oct. 1653, with the Committee for Compounding, for leases of the $\frac{2}{3}$ of their estates sequestered for recusancy, pp. 1–10; orders granting the contracts requested, pp. 43, 44; notes of contracts and the fines set thereon, p. 120; and orders for discharge from sequestration of the estates thus contracted for, pp. 180–182. [*Large folio, parchment bound, very many blank leaves.*]

G 27. Va. Order book, 28 March 1654—29 June 1655. [*Large folio.*]

G 28. Ce. Order book, 3 July 1655—14 May 1656. [*Folio, parchment bound, 28 written and many blank pages.*]

G 29. Ba. Order book, 3 July 1655—24 April 1658. [*Folio, 110 written and many blank pages.*]

G 30. X. Book of letters written by the Committee for Compounding to the county committees, arranged alphabetically as to counties, 14 Oct. 1650—23 March 1656, chiefly directions on cases. [*Large folio, parchment bound, 503 pp., some pages between the counties, and also at the end blank.*]

G 31. W. Like letters on general business, 12 Aug. 1652—8 July 1653. [*Folio, parchment bound; foliation continued from a volume missing, pp. 755–806 written, and many blank pages.*]

G 32. T. Registrar's certificates of the results of searches on cases made by him in the composition papers. 20 March 1652—8 July 1653. With a few general orders prefixed. [*Small folio, parchment bound, pp. 1–265.*]

G 33. T. Continuation of the preceding, 21 June 1653—17 May 1655. [*Small folio, parchment bound, pp. 265–443.*]

G 34. Ta. Like certificates, 18 May 1655—3 Feb. 1664. [*Large folio, parchment bound, 131 written, and very many blank pages.*]

G 35. Sl. Book containing a list of 281 deeds for augmentation of livings from estates of delinquents, handed over by the Sequestration Commissioners to a committee for Encouragement of the Ministry. [75 pp.] To this have been added many separate orders by Edw. Rich, counsellor for augmentations, of similar augmentations. [*pp. 76–203. Small folio, parchment cover.*]

G 36. Minute books of the proceedings of the Committee for Compounding, 20 Nov.—14 Jan. 1651; 16 Jan. 1651—22 July 1651; again, 16 Jan. 1651—29 July 1651, not a duplicate of the preceding; and 31 July 1651—23 April 1652. [*Folio, parchment bound, in one vol.*]

G 37. Like minute books, 6 May 1652—4 May 1653; 6 May 1653—6 Sept 1654. [*Small folio, parchment bound in one vol.*]

G 38. Like minute book, 7 Sept. 1654—20 Nov. 1655. [*Small folio, parchment bound.*]

G 39. Alphabetical list of persons fined on composition, giving the name, the date of settlement of the fine—1645–1650—and the amount of the fine. [*Folio, parchment bound.*]

G 40. Return of compositions made in the several counties which are alphabetically arranged, giving the name, address, sum, and date, from 1647 to 1651. [*Small folio, parchment bound.*]

G 41. Book marked, "Receipts for depositions, 1650, 1651," arranged for entries in counties, but the entries are very few. [*Thin oblong folio, parchment bound.*]

G 42. "Reports of fines and compositions," giving the date and names, and noting which are passed, respited, or to be heard, and fines to be set—1647–1652. [*Small folio, parchment cover, 37 written, and many blank pages.*]

G 43. Book of accounts sent in by Michael Herring, treasurer at Goldsmiths' Hall, of receipts from the estates of delinquents, from 17 Aug. 1645 to 31 Aug. 1652, with a few later entries. The names of the delinquents are alphabetically arranged. "In this booke is written a breviate of accompts kept by us, Rich. Waring and Michael Herring, treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, with delinquents, for their compositions or fines sett by the commissioners appointed by Parliament for compounding, &c." The first column contains the name, the second the fine, the third and fourth the dates of the first and second payments, the fifth notes what still remains unpaid, the entries being very few. [*Large thin quarto, parchment bound, 105 written and 12 blank pages. Referred to occasionally in the Bayly Index (G 268, 269) as Tr. (Treasurers' book) and in the papers, as well as Vol. 45, which is paginated in sequence with it. This volume was printed by Thos. Dring, a London bookseller, in 1655, in a small 12mo. book, a copy of which is in the British Museum, and reprinted in 1763. Of this reprint a copy is in the library of W. Douglas Hamilton, Esq., of the Public Record Office.*]

G 44. Partial transcript of the 2 first columns of G 43. [*Thick folio, parchment bound.*]

G 45. Treasurers' ledger of the daily receipts for compositions at Goldsmiths' Hall, from 23 Jan. 1650–51 to 12 Jan. 1655. [*pp.* 106–133.] Compositions according to the directions

of the Act for Sale, dated 18 Nov. 1652, from 22 Feb. 1653 to 20 Oct. 1654. [*pp.* 146–154.]

Fines for compositions upon the Act for two third parts of recusants' estates, Jan.–Sept. 1654. [*p.* 164. *Small folio, parchment bound, foliated in sequence with G* 43.]

G 46. Entries, arranged in counties, of the names of County Commissioners and their agents, and the dates of their commissions, from 1 Feb. 1650 to 19 Jan. 1654–55, with frequent references to the order books recording their commissions to act. [*Small folio, parchment cover, written at both ends.*]

G 47. Table of allowances out of delinquents' estates, as thirds, fifths, leases, jointures, annuities, debts, mortgages, rent-charges, &c., giving in columns to whom allowed, what allowed, out of whose estate, the county, whether delinquent or recusant, date of the order, 12 July 1650 to 6 Sept. 1655, and references to the old lettering of the order books where the orders are entered. [*Imp. folio, parchment cover.*]

Also similar table, being the draft of the former part of the above. [24 *sheets, unbound.*]

G 48. Notes of delinquents upon whom fines have been set, but whose compositions are unpaid, 18 Sept. 1655, giving the name of county, date, and amount of the fine, the reasons for non-payment, &c. With references to the order books given by their original lettering, and also to the original papers relating to the case, those of the first series of composition papers referred to as Pa, and the second series as Co. [*Large folio, parchment wrapper.*]

G 49. Series of returns sent into the Treasury, in obedience to an order of 14 Sept. 1655. Particulars given in p. 741 of this volume. [4*to., rough modern binding.*]

G 50. Alphabetical lists of the earlier compounders, giving first the number of the case as it stands in the second series of the Royalist Composition Papers, then the name of the petitioner, then the date of the petition, and lastly, the date of the setting of the fine, ranging from 1645 to 1648. [*Large thin folio.*]

G 51. Alphabetical lists of the earlier compounders, with the sums they have paid; and, in a few cases, the sums which they still owe; alphabetized as to the first and second letters.

This is followed by an index to some of the names in the (third) Act of Sale, and this again by a brief index of recusants' contracts. [*Large folio.*]

G 52. Notes of letters sent in 1648 into divers counties, which are arranged alphabetically, ordering the sequestration of estates for non-payment of composition fines. [*Thin small folio, parchment binding, entries few, and many pages blank.*]

G 53, 54. Fair transcripts of the reports made in the earlier composition cases, 1645 to 1647, indexed at the end of the second volume, pagination consecutive [*pp.* 1047. *Large thick folios, modern binding.*]

G 55, 56. Fair transcripts of the particulars of estates given in by many of the earlier compounders in 1645 and 1646 [*Large thick folios, modern binding.*]

G 57. Index to the two preceding volumes. The other end is an index to two vols. not identified.

G 58, 58A. Entries of surveys of estates (in the third Act for Sale) made in 1653 to 1655, foliation consecutive. With index at the beginning of each volume, except for pp. 1–7, and from 524 to the end. [555 *folios, folio, parchment binding.*]

G 59. Letters sent by the Committee for Sequestrations to the county committees, arranged in alphabetical order in 1659–60, upon Sir George Booth's rebellion. [*Folio, parchment binding.*]

G 60. Two books, the contents of which are curiously intermixed. The smaller contains a list, Nos. 1 to 2,999, of the cases in the first series of composition papers, marked Pa, giving the name and the number only. The list is continued in the early part of the larger book, from 3,000 to 5,468, but up to 5,454 no name is given, the county only occasionally. At 5,455 the smaller book takes up the list, and carries it down as before, with names and numbers, to 5,491. The larger book copies this up to 5,491, and then carries it on from 6,000 to the end, 7,300, but giving, as before, only the county. Between Nos. 5,468 and 5,469 is inserted an alphabetical index to the earlier part of the first series of composition papers. [*The larger vol. is folio, bound; the smaller is paper only, small folio.*]

G 61–173 are a series long known and extensively consulted as Royalist Composition Papers, 1st series. To this there is a modern index of names in three vols., and of places in two vols.; but these indexes, though generally accurate as to their entries, omit many names, and they make no distinction between entries of importance and the merest casual notice; also they give no cross references to names spelled several different ways.

This series contains in vols. 61–135 the cases of claimants on the estates of those delinquents whose compositions occur in the second series. The vols. G 135–145 are miscellaneous cases. The vols. 146 to 172 contain the letters and depositions returned by the county committees on the orders in cases of the Committee for Compounding; they are arranged in counties. The first number given in the succeeding list is that marked on the volume, and to which references are made in the index described above. The second is the present number of the volume. The third column headed Pa (contraction for Papers)* refers to the numbers of the cases in each volume, to which references are made in Bayly's Index (G 268, 269). The fourth gives the initials labelled on the volume, but they are often inaccurate, and the alphabetical arrangement attempted has not been perfectly carried out.

Old No.	New No.	Pa.	Lettering.
1	G 61	1–20	Ab—al
2	62	21–51A	Al—ar
3	63	51B–69	Arr—as
4	64	70–94	As—au
5	65	95–126	Au—Ba
6	66	127–144	Ba
7	67	145–182	Ba—Be
8	68	183–218	Be—Bi
9	69	219–250	Bi—Bo
10	70	251–275	Bo—Br
11	71	276–300	Br—Bu
12	72	301–330	Br—Bu—Ca
13	73	331–362	Ca—Ch
14	74	363–395	Ce—Cl
15	75	396–440	Cl—Co
16	76	441–476	Co
17	77	477–499	Co—Cr
18	78	500–521	Cr—Cu
19	79	522–544	Cu—Da
20	80	545–590	Da—Do
21	81	591–632	Do—Du
22	82	633–653	Du

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* A considerable number of these Pa. papers, nearly one third, have been destroyed by damp; the missing numbers are as follows:—

3217, 3310, 3338, 3339, 3389
3720, 3901–3940
4120–4260
4341–4412
4464, 4561–4580
4584–4600, 4723
4741–4785
4901–4920
5093–99
5161–5240
5260–5280
5296–98
5301–5420
5431–5440
5460–5480
5508–7120
7161–7260
7289

Old No.	New No.	Pa.	Lettering.
23	G 83	654–699	Ea—El*
24	84	700–724	El—Ew
25	85	725–770	Fa—Fl
26	86	771–799	Fa—Fu
27	87	800–830	F—G
28	88	831–884	Go—Gr
29	89	885–920	Gr—Ha
30	90	921–958	Ha—
31	91	959–1019	Ha—Ho
32	92	990–1020	Ho—Hu
33	93	1021–1046	Ho—Hu
34	94	1047–1093	H
35	95	1094–1130	I—J
36	96	1131–1157	Ka—Ka
37	97	1158–1183	Ki—Kn—L
38	98	1184–1198	L
39	99	1199–1233	L
40	100	1239–1265	L, M
41	101	1266–1300	M
42	102	1301–1329	M
43	103	1330–1350	M
44	104	1351–1370	M
45	105	1371–1380	M
46	106	1381–1429	M, N
47	107	1430–1448	N
48	108	1449–1497	N—O—P
49	109	1498–1527	P
50	110	1528–1564	P
51	111	1565–1596	P
52	112	1597–1652	P, Ra
53	113	1653–1697	Ra—Ri
54	114	1698–1740	Ri—Ru
55	115	1741–1774	Ru—Sa
56	116	1775–1816	Sa—Sh
57	117	1817–1860	Sh—Sm
58	118	1860–1890	Sm—Sp
59	119	1891–1924	Sp—St
60	120	1925–1966	St—Su
61	121	1967–1998	Su—Sw—Ta—Te
62	122	1999–2018	Te—Th
63	123	2019–2040	Th—To
64	124	2040–2073	To—Tr
65	125	2074–2108	Tr—Tw—Va
66	126	2109–2129	Va—Vi
67	127	2130–2159	Vy—Wa
68	128	2160–2180	Wa—Wh
69	129	2181–2210	We
70	130	2211–2236	Wh—Wi

* There are several cases in this volume whose initial letter is B.

Old No.	New No.	Pa.	Lettering.
71	G 131	2237–2261	Wi
72	132	2262–2279	Wi—Wo
73	133	2280–2294	Wi—Wo
74	134	2295–2306	Wo—Wr
75	135	2307–2330	Y
76	136	2331–2357	Miscellaneous.
77	137	2368–2388	,,
78	138	2389–2445	,,
79	139	2446–2500	,,
80	140	2501–2542	,,
81	141	2543–2595	,,
82	142	2596–2718	,,
83	143	2719–2791	,,
84	144	2792–2933	,,
85	145	2934–3059	,,
86	146	3060–3120	Bedford, Berks, Bucks.
87	147	3121–3170	Cambridge, Cheshire.
88	148	3171–3209	Cheshire.
89	149	3210–3253	Cheshire, Cornwall.
90	150	3254–3314	Cornwall, Cumberland, Derby.
91	151	3315–3356	Derby, Devon.
92	152	3357–3469	Devon, Dorset.
93	153	3470–3500	Durham.
94	154	3501–3570	Durham.
95	155	3571–3626	Durham, Essex.
96	156	3627–3700	Essex, Gloucester.
97	157	3701–3782	Gloucester, Herts, Hereford, Huntingdon, Kent.
98	158	3783–3880	Kent, Lancaster.
99	159	3881–3980	Lancaster.
100	160	3981–4060	Lancaster.
101	161	4061–4283	Lancaster, Leicester.
102	162	4284–4460	Leicester, Lincoln, London, Middlesex.
103	163	4461–4546	Middlesex, Monmouth, Northampton, Norfolk.
104	164	4547–4649	Norfolk, Nottingham, North Wales.
105	165	4650–4730	North Wales, Oxford, Rutland, Salop.
106	166	4731–4824	Salop, Somerset.
107	167	4825–4880	Somerset, Southampton (or Hampshire), South Wales.
108	168	4881–4967	South Wales, Stafford, Suffolk.

Old No.	New No.	Pa.	Lettering.
109	G 169	4968–5056	Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex.
110	170	5057–5120	Sussex, Warwick, Westmoreland.
111	171	5121–5160	Westmoreland, Wilts, Worcester.
112	172	5161–5491	Northumberland, Yorkshire.
113	173	5492–7300	Miscellaneous.

G 174–227 form the second series of royalist composition cases. They are in chronological order, for the most part, according to the date of the report on the case. They give usually report, petition, particulars of estate, and sometimes of debts, signed by the delinquent, certificates of his having taken the National Covenant and Negative Oath, and other papers. Many cases begin and end in this series, but where there are undervaluations or claims of any kind upon an estate, the papers are generally under the initial of the petitioner in the first series. These papers are referred to in many of the records as Co. (contraction for composition).* There is a modern index to these papers, similar to that of the first series, the names occupy one volume; places, five volumes.

Old No	New No.	Co.	From	To
1	G 174	1–47	20 Dec. 1645	6 Jan. 1646
2	175	48–98	8 Jan. 1646	10 Feb. 1646
3	176	99–145	10 Feb. 1646	5 March 1646
4	177	146–199	5 March 1646	10 March 1646
5	178	200–258	26 March 1646	1 April 1646
6	179	259–311	25 April 1646	14 May 1646
7	180	312–363	1 April 1646	16 May 1646
8	181	364–419	2 June 1646	20 June 1646
9	182	420–477	23 June 1646	9 July 1646
10	183	478–538	7 July 1646	2 March 1647
11	184	539–586	22 July 1646	30 July 1646
12	185	587–655	16 May 1646	28 July 1646
13	186	656–719	18 Aug. 1646	1 Sept. 1646
14	187	720–779	25 Aug. 1646	18 Sept. 1646
15	188	780–823	18 Sept. 1646	19 July 1649
16	189	824–875	18 Sept. 1646	24 Oct. 1646
17	190	876–933	6 Oct. 1646.	10 Nov. 1646
18	191	934–983	10 Nov. 1646	19 Nov. 1646
19	192	984–1043	24 Nov. 1646	5 Dec. 1646
20	193	1044–1100	21 Nov. 1646	12 Dec. 1646
21	194	1101–1159	Oct. 1646	Dec. 1646

* Of these papers, Nos. 1120–1129 are destroyed by damp.

Old No.	New No.	Co.	From	To
22	G 195	1160–1217	1646	1647
23	196	1218–1271	1646	1647
24	197	1272–1320	1646	1647
25	198	1321–1367	1647	1648
26	199	1368–1413	1646	1647
27	200	1414–1463	1646	1647
28	201	1464–1478	1646	1647
29	202	1479–1577	1647	
30	203	1578–1643	1646	1647
31	204	1644–1704	1646	1649
32	205	1705–1772	1646	1649
33	206	1772–1853	1646	1648
34	207	1854–1896	1847	1649
35	208	1897–1961	1646	1649
36	209	1962–2039	1646	1649
37	210	2040–2127	1646	1650
38	211	2128–2193	1649	
39	212	2194–2279	1647	1649
40	213	2280–2375	1649	1650
41	214	2376–2461	1649	
42	215	2462–2548	1649	1650
43	216	2549–2647	1649	
44	217	2648–2715	1646	1649
45	218	2716–2805	1649	1650
46	219	2806–2915	1650	
47	220	2916–3140	1650	1651
48	221	3033–3141	Jan.–May 1651	1651
49	222	3142–3232	1651	
50	223	3233–3339	1645	1652
51	224	3340–3409	1651	1653
52	225	3410–3494	1652	1653
53	226	3496–3570	1653	1653
54	227	3571–3634		

Vols. 228–243 consist of papers relating to composition cases found in bundles, which are now chronologically arranged according to the date of the opening of the case. They are as follows:—

New No.	Date.	New No.	Date.
G 228	1643 to Sep. 1645.	G 236	1649 May to Dec.
229	1645 Oct. to Dec.	237	1650 Jan. to July.
230	1646 Jan. to Apr. 22.	238	1650 Aug. to Dec.
231	1646 Apr. 23 to June.	239	1651 Jan. to May.
232	1646 July to Sept.	240	1651 June to Dec.
233	1646 Oct. to Dec.	241	1652
234	1647	242	1653
235	1648, 1649 Jan. to Apr.	243	1654 to 1659.

Vols. 244 to 264 consist of papers found in bundles, relating to the general proceedings of the Composition Committee, all calendared in the present volume, and chronologically arranged as follows :—

New No.	Date.	New No.	Date.
G 244	1643 to May 1646.	G 256	1651 Oct. to Dec.
245	1646 June to Dec.	257	1652 Jan. to March.
246	1647	258	1652 April to Dec.
247	1648	259	1653 to Aug. 1655.
248	1649	260	1655 Sept. to March 1656.
249	1650 Jan. to March.		
250	1650 April.	261	1656 March.
251	1650 May to June.	262	1656 March.
252	1650 July to Sept.	263	1656 April to Oct. 1659.
253	1650 Oct. to Dec.		
254	1651 Jan. to March.	284	1659 Nov. 1659 to March 1660.
255	1651 April to Sept.		

G 265. Warrants by, or to the Committee for Compounding or its officers, for payment of money, 1643–1646.

G 266. Like warrants, 1647–1654.

G 267. Index to a volume relating to compositions, references very numerous, but the volume to which they relate not identified. [*Large folio.*]

G 268, 269. Index by [Thos.] Bayly to the first 35 books of the Composition Papers. The references are to the original lettering of the books. This index also contains references to the papers of the first series of composition papers, marked Pa, the numbers of which, in each volume respectively, are recorded in the preceding list. Vol. 268 contains the letters A to H, 269 I—Y.

COMMITTEE FOR COMPOUNDING WITH DELINQUENTS.

GENERAL PROCEEDINGS.

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1643.

Sept. 28. Order of the House of Commons, that the following persons be appointed to move the Lord Mayor and Common Council of London, to appoint a committee to meet a Committee of the House for raising money for the Scots, and to agree upon such security as shall satisfy them for the money that shall be lent, viz.: [*G* 1, *p.* 1.]

[John] Ashe.	[Thos.] Hatcher.
[Dennis] Bond.	[Corn.] Holland.
John Browne.	Sir Ant. Irby.
Sir John Clotworthy.	[Rob.] Reynolds.
Wm. Ellis.	Sir Thos. Soame.
Sir Gilb. Gerard.	Mr. Solicitor [Oliver St. John.]
Rob. Goodwin.	[Wm.] Spurstowe.
[John] Gurdon.	[John] Trenchard.
Sir Art. Hesilrigge.	Sir Hen. Vane, jun.

Oct. 2. Order of the House of Commons that Mr. Solicitor open to the Common Council the business concerning the Scots, and offer the several propositions for the security of such as shall come in upon the joint credit of the two kingdoms, out of the coals of delinquents in the northern counties. [*G* 1, *p.* 2.]

Oct. 2. **1.** Copy of the above and of other duplicate orders on the same business, calendared under their respective dates. [4 *pages.*]

Oct. 3. Order of the House of Commons that the committee appointed yesterday by the Common Council be divided into two committees, one to treat with the committee appointed to consider of raising money for the Scots, and the other to treat with the committee appointed to consider as to raising money for the Lord General's army, and Sir Wm. Waller's forces. Mr. Recorder [Serj. John Glynn] to acquaint the Common Council herewith. [*G* 1, *p.* 2.]

Oct. 9. Order in Parliament—on consideration of the faithful service of Sir Wm. Brooke, of Cooling, Kent, in which he lost his life, leaving divers daughters, and Penelope, his wife, great with child; also that for want of heirs male, his lands are to come to Sir John Brooke, of Hackington, co. Lincoln, a great delinquent;—that the rents be sequestered to Francis, Lord Dacre of Hurstmonceaux, Sussex, Mr. Glynn, recorder of London, and 4 others, for the use of the lady and children; and if, after the birth of her child, the lands come to Sir John Brooke, the sequestrators still hold the rents, which the tenants are enjoined to pay to them for the lady and children. [*G* 3, *p.* 337].

Oct. 12. Order of the House of Commons, that the committee appointed to raise money for the Scots shall have power to send for parties, papers, and records, and consider of and do all other matters that may conduce to that service; also from time to time, as any considerable sum shall come into their hands, to return it to the committee in Scotland, either by bills of exchange or in specie.

Like Order that the committee appointed for raising money for the Scots shall have power to present the names of such persons as they shall think able to lend money for that service, in London and Westminster, and parishes within the bills of mortality; also an Ordinance for borrowing such sums of money of them as shall be thought fit to be assessed upon them by Ordinances of both houses, and to give an account thereof on Monday next.

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Like Order that 40,000*l.* be assigned to the Scots out of the sequestration moneys, provided that this assignment do not prejudice any former assignation out of those moneys, or any order formerly charged upon them. [*G* 1, *p.* 3.]

Oct. 16. Order of the House of Commons, that the ordinance now read, for repayment of all sums sent by any persons for the speedy bringing in of our brethren of Scotland into this realm for our assistance in the present war, be sent to the Lords for their concurrence by Mr. Reynolds. [*G* 1, *p.* 4.]

Oct. 19. Order of the House of Commons, that Robert Goodwin and [Wm.] Ellis be added to the Committee for Scotland. [*G* 1, *p.* 4.]

Oct. 27. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that Rich. Waring and Mich. Herring, treasurers, receive of Mr. Futter, goldsmith, 3,000*l.* in pieces of 8, at 4*s.* 4*d.* each, and repay it in 4 or 6 weeks; and the same with any others holding pieces of 8, so that the sum do not exceed 10,000*l.* [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 3.]

Nov. 2. Order of the House of Commons, that Sir Hen. Vane, jun., and [Corn.] Holland be added to the Committee for Scotland. [*G* 1, *p.* 4.]

Nov. 2. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs to Waring and Herring, "treasurers of the money to be raised for our brethren of Scotland," by virtue of an order of the House of Commons, to send aboard the John and Blessing, now in the Thames, 40 chests of silver, being 40,000*l.*, to be carried to the English Commissioners residing in Scotland, in part of the sum agreed to be paid to the brethren there for assistance in this war. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 4.]

Nov. 3. **2.** Note that 500*l.* sent the commissioners for their expenses is included in the above order. [¼ *page.*]

Nov. 8. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall do meet constantly, and diligently pursue the raising of money to be sent to the Scots' army in Ireland, and that Alderman [Isaac] Pennington, [John] Gurdon, Edw. Ashe, Sir John Young, and Sir Nathaniel Barnardiston be added to that committee. [*G* 1, *p.* 4].

Nov. 16. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that the two clerks attending this committee have 20*s.* a week for the time they have attended the service.
Also that each sub-committee have a clerk at 2*s.* 6*d.* a day, and messengers at fit wages. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 6.]

Nov. 21. **3.** Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that the treasurers, Waring and Herring, satisfy the bill of exchange for 500*l.* drawn on Sir Gilb. Gerard by Pat. Nicoll, merchant of Edinburgh, and charged on him by the English Commissioners there, and as the moneys coming in on [Thos.] Marsham's oils, from which it was to have been paid, are not ready, it is to be paid from cash in hand, and repaid from the oil money when it comes in. [1 *page; also* *G* 1*a*, *pp.* 7, 8.]

Nov. 22. Order of the House of Commons, that William Thompson, of Bucklersbury, be added to the Committee for Scottish Affairs sitting at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 1, *p.* 5.]

Dec. 23. Order of the House of Commons, that [Thos.] Hoyle and [John] Blakiston be added to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 1, *p.* 5.]

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1643-4. Jan. 23. **4, 5.** Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs to Waring and Herring to pay to Wm. Ford and Wm. Mills, who gave information of Mr. Marsham's goods, 12*d.* in the pound, and to the collectors 3*d.*, according to Parliament ordinances of 11 April and 29 August, for moneys brought or to be brought in thereon. Receipted, and with certificate of payment 1 Sept. 1651, by John Carpenter. [*Also G* 1*a*, *p.* 12.]

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Feb. 2. Order of the House of Commons, that all the goods and estate of Capt. Ashfield, Papist in arms, concealed in London or elsewhere, and now discovered, be disposed of by the County Commissioners of Gloucester towards raising horse under Capt. Aileworth. [*G* 64, *p.* 56.]

Feb. 27. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs that the treasurers receive whatever money is brought in, whether in part of, or in full satisfaction of assessment tickets, and return the tickets to this committee, that notice may be taken thereof. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 16.]

Feb. 29. Note that Sir Edw. Hales, Bart., sent his servant to render his readiness to take the covenant.

Also that John Goodwin, of Barnet, Herts, clerk, took the covenant on 23rd February, as appeared by a certificate from the minister and churchwardens of the parish. [*G* 70, *p.* 281.]

March 7. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall take care and speed away the constant provisions for the Scotch army. [*G* 1, *p.* 5].

March 12. Order of the House of Commons, that the said committee meet this afternoon to make provision of all necessaries to be sent to the Scottish Army in the North. [*G* 1, *p.* 5.]

March 15. Order of the House of Commons, upon the question, that they allow the 7,060*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* due to Thomas Cunningham, for arms delivered at Leinster, by agreement of both kingdoms, for the Scots' Army in Ireland, to be paid out of the 200,000*l.* assigned to the Scots, and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall take care that the same is paid accordingly. [*G* 1, *p.* 5.]

1644. March 26. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, for payment, by virtue of the preceding ordinance, and with consent of the Scottish Commissioners, of 7,360*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* (*sic*) due to Thomas Cunningham for the remainder of 10,000 arms for the Scottish forces in Ireland, in 4 instalments, the last on 13 July next; Mr. Cunningham being content to dispose of the money for arms and ammunition, on direction from the Commissioners of both Kingdoms residing with the Scottish army. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 17.]

April 2. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall bring in an ordinance for imposing a penalty upon such assessors as refuse to assess the moneys within the City and Suburbs, upon the ordinance for raising 66,666*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* for the Scots. [*G* 1, *p.* 6.]

April 5. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that the treasurers repay with interest sums lent last December by well-affected persons, to make up 4,000*l.* towards providing 10,000 suits of clothes for the Scottish army in Ireland, on promise of repayment in 3 months out of sums so raised by the ordinance of 27 February last for Scottish affairs. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 18.]

April 5. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers accept and pay sums charged on them by letters of credit, or bills of exchange, from Sir Wm. Armyne, Thos. Hatcher, Rob. Goodwin, Hen. Darley, Rob. Fenwick, and Rich. Barwis, Commissioners from the Parliament of England to Scotland, during their continuance with the Scots' army, not exceeding in all 25,000*l.* [*G* 2, *p.* 76.]

April 8. Order of the House of Commons that, to enable the speedy raising of a considerable sum for the Scots' Army in England and Ireland, an ordinance be passed by both Houses, to the same effect as formerly, to levy by way of assessment 66,666*l* 6*s.* 8*d.*, being another third part of the 200,000*l.* appointed by both Houses for the purposes aforesaid to our brethren of Scotland, and for which the public faith of both kingdoms is engaged.

That out of the ways and means above mentioned, or otherwise, or by the credit thereof, 30,000*l.* be shipped from hence to Carrickfergus, by the 15 May next, and upon which the said army may depend; and that the remainder of the 60,000*l.* be shipped away by the last of June next. The Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to consider of the means of raising these moneys, and to offer to the House the probable way of bringing them in, and to take care with the Treasurers of the Sequestrations, that the Sequestration money may not be diverted to any other use, upon any pretence whatever. [*G* 1, *p.* 6; *repeated* 11 *April*, *pp.* 8, 9.]

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April 11. Order of the House of Commons, upon the question, that effectual course be taken for speedy collection of the Sequestrations appointed by both Houses for the 60,000*l.* to the Scots' Army in Ireland, and that this be recommended especially to the Committee for taking the Accounts of all the Kingdom.

That as another means for raising money for the affairs of Ireland, the bill presented by both Houses to his Majesty, for compelling the adventurers to pay the money due by their subscriptions, upon the Acts of Parliament for the purpose, be turned into an ordinance of Parliament. [*G* 1, *pp.* 7, 8.]

April 13. **6.** Order of the House of Commons, that [Miles] Corbett be added to the Committee where [Peregrine] Pelham has the chair, concerning those that come in upon the Declaration of both Kingdoms. [⅓ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 9.]

April 16. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that the treasurers provide 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.* in dollars, to be repaid from receipts for Scottish affairs, and send it speedily to the Scottish army, with other moneys procured for its present supply by the sub-committee appointed therefor. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 19.]

April 17. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs that, as by order of Parliament of 11 April 1644, 30,000*l.* is to be provided and shipped for Carrickfergus, in Ireland, for the Scottish army there, the treasurers take up dollars, or any other money they can well raise, and pay the money to engage the said army to stay and go on in the war. What they take up on credit is to be repaid with interest in 3 months. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 20.]

April 26. **7.** Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that Phil. Darell, auditor of Recusants' revenues, employed by this committee to make up books relating to the revenues in cos. Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Durham, York, and Notts, and of arrears due thereon from 1 Charles, having brought in 4 of the said books, have 10*l.* imprest, and further recompense when he has brought in the other two. [1 *page; also G* 1*a*, *pp.* 21, 22.]

May 2. Order of the House of Commons, that 20,000*l.* be presently sent to the Scottish army in the north, and that the Committee of Goldsmiths' Hall take care that it is sent, and consider of some expedient means for raising and procuring this sum within the time limited; also, that the committee appointed to consider of those that come in upon the Declaration of both Kingdoms meet to-morrow with the committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to consider of raising money by such as come in upon the said Declaration. [*G* 1, *pp.* 9, 10.]

May 3. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall use their endeavours for getting in the moneys that are behind of the 100,000*l.* promised to be lent by the companies, at a Common Hall, on Friday, 3 June 1642, for preservation of Ireland, and such arrears as shall be brought in by the industry of the said committee shall be employed for the relief of the Scottish army. [*G* 1, *p.* 10.]

May 3. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs that the first 6,000*l.* that comes in on the ordinance of the 200,000*l.* shall be employed, over and above the 10,000*l.* in cash, to make up the 20,000*l.* to be sent to the Scottish army in the north, or to reimburse the like sum to be lent by this committee therefor.

That as the Countess Dowager of Home has 7,300*l.* in the hands of persons of quality in Scotland, which she is willing to lend for the Scottish army in Ireland on security; and as the Commissioners for Scotland here will thereon give acquittances for it, as so much received in part of the first 30,000*l.* ordered 11 April last by Parliament, her offer be accepted, and Sir Hen. Vane and 6 other members of the committee be the security desired; and that the said sum be repaid her in 2 instalments with interest. [*G* 1*a*, *pp.* 23, 24.]

May 12. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs to the treasurers, on an order of the House of Commons, to send aboard the ship John, in the Thames, 20 chests of silver, containing 20,000*l.*, to be carried to Hull, and there delivered to the commissary general of the Scottish army in England, or Hen. Darley, to be paid to the "brethren of Scotland" as agreed, for assistance in this war. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 26.]

May 13. Order of the House of Commons, that 30,000*l.*, part of the arrears due to the Scottish army in Ireland, be paid out of the money to be raised by the ordinance for sequestration. [*G* 1, *p.* 10.]

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May 14. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs and the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers give credit to Nich. West, Lord Manchester's agent, for 500*l.* worth of arms, sent his lordship by this committee on order of the House of Commons, to be paid in 3 months, in satisfaction of the like sum disbursed by his lordship for butter, meal, and barley sent from Yarmouth to Sunderland for the Scottish army. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 24; *G* 2, *p.* 77.]

May 31. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs that as, on 11 April, Parliament ordered 30,000*l.* out of sequestration to be shipped to Carrickfergus, in part of the arrears of the Scottish army in Ireland, of which 7,280*l.* is to be paid in Scotland of Lady Home's money, and 10,000*l.* delivered in dollars at Rotterdam, from the Merchant Adventurers, on credit of the said sequestration moneys, and 12,000*l.* is already paid in by the sequestration treasurers; the balance of 720*l.* be advanced on loan, and that Waring and Herring lay on board the eighth Whelp, now in the Thames, 13 chests of silver, containing 12,720*l.*, to be carried to Carrickfergus and delivered to the commissary general of the army. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 28.]

June 9. Goldsmiths' Hall. **8, 9.** Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs on the petition of Wm. Stewart, merchant, for payment to him, by Waring and Herring, of 250*l.* for victuals delivered at Londonderry for the army, the said treasurers to repay themselves from the first moneys received from counties in arrear of their payments to the Scots' army. Receipted 14 June, and noted with authorization of the payment by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*Also G* 1*a*, *p.* 31.]

June 12. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that as there will be brought into the treasury from co. Middlesex enough and more (beside the sum charged thereon) than will pay the charges for raising the said moneys, Mr. Wilcox, a commissioner for the county, be allowed 67*l.* for payment of the officers, deducting 8*l.* formerly paid. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 30.]

June 18. **10.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for payment of 30*l.* to Wm. Trotter. Receipted. [*Also G* 2, *p.* 79.] *Prefixing,*

I. *Sir Wm. Armyne, Thos. Hatcher, and Rich. Barwis, to Sir Hen. Vane, jun. The bearer, William Trotter, master of the William of Dover, was taken by Capt. Lawson, near Scarborough, as a malignant; this not clearly appearing, we left him and Lawson to their trial before the Navy Committee, but have reserved* 30*l. of his stock till he clear himself. If he do so, it should be paid him in London. You have his bark, with* 17 *chaldrons of coals, Sunderland measure, and a weigh of salt, as a pawn for his malignancy. April* 12, 1644, *Sunderland.* [*G* 2, *p.* 78.]

10. II. *Petition of Wm. Trotter to the Navy Committee. Begs discharge and return of his money; when taken, going from Dover with malt, believing the ship to be one of the King's, and fearing loss of liberty and goods, pretended to be of the King's party, and bound for Sunderland, though going for Berwick. Was taken prisoner to Sunderland, his malt sold, and* 30*l. of the proceeds detained by order of Sir Wm. Armyne. With order thereon that he swear to his petition and deposition.* 30 *April* 1644. [*G* 2, *pp.* 78, 79.]

10. III. *Order by the Navy Committee, on certificate of Sir Edw. Boys, lieutenant of Dover Castle, the minister, and others of Dover, to the good affection of petitioner, that his ship be discharged and he paid the* 30*l.* 20 *May* 1644. [*G* 2, *p.* 79.]

July 5. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs,—on a reference from the House of Commons, relating to corn, pretended to be Rob. Allen's, and seized at Yarmouth last January, and sent to Sunderland for the Scottish army—that the treasurers pay to Jas. Wild, merchant of Lowestoft, 72*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* for 6 lasts of barley, and 3 of malt, with customs thereon, being the prices paid at Yarmouth at the time of seizure; but that no payment be made for the part of the corn appearing to belong to Allen till further order.

Order on reference from the House of Commons of the claim of Rob. Allen for corn seized on the Thomas and James of Lowestoft, and sent to Sunderland, that as much as belongs to Jas. Wild, a well-affected man, be paid for at the rates then paid for barley and malt at Yarmouth. [*G* 1*a*, *pp.* 32, 33.]

July 8. **11.** Order of the House of Commons, that no moneys arising from the sequestrations shall be diverted, upon any pretence whatsoever, until the 30,000*l.* assigned

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to the Scots be paid in; upon all motions to the prejudice of this order Mr. Speaker is to put the House in mind of it, and recommend it to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 1, *p.* 11; 173 *p.* 31.]

July 9. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that the bill of exchange drawn upon the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall by the Commissioners of the Scottish army, for payment of 4,000*l.* to Mr. Johnston, be accepted and paid accordingly. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 34.]

July 10. **12.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider as to raising a month's pay for the Scottish army out of delinquents' estates, either by sale or otherwise, and bring in a list of delinquents' estates fit to be sold, and at how many years' purchase, with all the circumstances conducible to raising moneys by their sale. [*Also*, *G* 1, *p.* 11; 2, *p.* 1.]

July 10. **13.** Note of the above and other duplicate orders thereon, calendared under their respective dates. [¾ *page.*]

July 12. Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on the above order, that the Commissioners inform themselves of estates to the value of 31,000*l.* to be sold, land not to be under 8 years' purchase and houses at 6 years', of the value before these troubles; also that those who have lent money on Public Faith, if they will lay down as much more, may have it allowed in part of purchase money of these estates. [*G* 2, *p.* 1.]

July 17. **14.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee for raising money for Lord Fairfax, joining with the City and the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, meet and confer, and bring in ordinances for raising money by sale of lands, and state what lands they think fit to be sold, and what persons are fit to be authorised to sell the same, and by what rules and instructions they are to proceed. With other duplicate orders, calendared under their respective dates. [2¾ *pages; also G* 1, *pp.* 11, 12.]

July 19. Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to write to quicken the county sequestration treasurers in getting in moneys, and to require an account of what has been paid to the Earl of Manchester, or others, and to urge them to pay in the remainder. Also to request the earl to write to them to the same effect.

To request the Commissioners constantly sitting at Goldsmiths' Hall to inform them of the value of such estates of delinquents as they think fit to be sold, their value before the wars, &c.

That Mr. Ashe postpone a day his report to the House about compositions of delinquents.

That the persons to whom this business was referred by order of this committee of the 2nd instant make further report, and how the arrears of such estates, especially that of Sir Rich. Halford, co. Leicester, should be disposed of. Also their opinions concerning the votes wherein the names of such persons, and the sums set upon them for compositions are stated. [*G* 2, *pp.* 2, 3.]

July 23. Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Ashe report to the House that they have treated with divers persons who are willing to buy lands, &c., at the rates named, and to request that surveys and valuation of such may be made, when they will proceed to sell. [*G* 2, *p.* 3.]

July 24. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall make provision of clothes and shoes for the Scotch army, to be deducted out of the moneys due to that army, and that they consider of some means of raising money on credit for the discharge thereof. [*G* 1, *p.* 12.]

15, 16. Like order that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall have power to contract with persons for the sale of lands and houses of delinquents, according to the order of the 10th inst., at 8 years' purchase at the rates they were let at before the war began.

That the committee of the several Associations consider of four persons in their several counties, to set a true value upon such lands and houses belonging to delinquents as shall be thought fit to be sold, and that the Knights and Burgesses that serve for London consider of 20 fit persons to be employed as aforesaid, for lands and houses within the lines of communication. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 44; 2, *p.* 7.]

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July 26. Order of the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, that an ordinance of Parliament be passed for sale of delinquents' estates, value 46,000*l.*, viz., 31,000*l.* for the Scots, and 15,000*l.* for Lord Fairfax's army.

That the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee. with Sir Thos. Witherington, Sir Wm. Strickland, and Sir Hen. Mildmay, contract for the said sales.

That surveyors be nominated and sworn in to ascertain their value.

That a list of the estates contracted [for] be presented to the Houses, and their approval shall be a warrant to the Commissioners of the Great Seal to seal the purchases.

Any sums lent on Public Faith to be allowed in part payment, provided they do not exceed ½ the contract. [*G* 2, *p.* 4.]

July 27. Order of the House of Commons, on report from Goldsmiths' Hall, that 13 delinquents named (Sir Edw. Dering being acquitted), pay the fines respectively assigned to them.*

That all their arrears due at the time of composition be paid to Parliament.

That all their goods, chattels, cattle, and timber, not yet sold or preserved to stock their lands, be sold to the use of Parliament, and all their rents taken till they have paid their fines.

That in case of refusal, the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider what course should be taken for speedy levying of the said sums. [*G* 2, *pp.* 5, 6.]

July 29. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall call before them the parties whose compositions were reported to-day, and agree with them, according to the votes of the House; and in case of their refusal, consider what course may be taken for the speedy levying of the said sums, and present their opinions. [*G* 1, *p.* 12.]

Like order that the said committee consider of all prisoners whose estates are sequestered, and require a list of them from the several persons that have the custody of them, and consider of raising money for the Scotch army and Lord Fairfax's army by compounding with them, and present their opinions to the House. [*G* 1, *pp.* 48; 2, *p.* 7; 110, *p.* 723.]

Like order that the said committee provide clothes and shoes for the Scots' army, to be deducted out of the moneys due to that army, and consider some means of raising money for their discharge. [*G* 2, *p.* 7; 173, *p.* 3.]

July 30. Order of the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, that the 13 persons named in the list given on 27 July appear on Friday about their compositions.

That on the order of 29 July, the keepers of the following prisons report the names of the persons of quality under their custody, whose estates are sequestered, viz.:—

1. Tower.
2. King's Bench.
3. Marshalsea.
4. White Lion.
5. Clink.
6. Fleet.
7. Counter, Southwark.
8. St. Katharine's.
9. Newgate.
10. Ludgate.
11. Counter, Poultry.
12. Counter, Wood Street.
13. Maiden Lane.
14. Peter House.
15. London House.
16. Lambeth House.
17. Gatehouse.
18. Winchester House.
19. Ely House.
20. New Prison, Clerkenwell.
21. Finsbury.

[*G* 2, *p.* 6; 110, 725.]

Aug. 1. Petition of Rob. Carr, mariner, to the Committee for Scottish Affairs, for primage, and average, and compensation for loss of a cable, worth 40*l.*, through storms when sent to Sunderland last March, with butter and cheese to the Scottish army, which was in danger of perishing for lack of victuals; also for the board of Mr. Vanlas and of Mr. Blades, the Dean of Durham's steward, prisoners sent up on board his ship. With order thereon allowing him 20*l.* [*G* 1*a*, *pp.* 35–37.]

Aug. 6. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs—on the petition of Rob. Allen, merchant of Lowestoft, for payment for corn seized and sent to Sunderland last January by order of the bailiff of Yarmouth, on suspicion that it belonged to Allen's son, now in arms against Parliament;—that the treasurers pay for

* The particulars of the fines are given under the respective cases.

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the same at the usual rates, it belonging to Rob. Allen, who is well affected. With marginal note of the price, 83*l.*, of receipt for it 9 Aug. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 37; 2, *p.* 9.]

Aug. 6. Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the gentlemen who were to consider the terms to be set on those who have come in on the declaration for compositions, for taking off the sequestrations of their estates, peruse the certificates from the prisons in and about London, and report on the conditions and delinquencies of the parties named.

Like order approving articles propounded by Sir Adam Hepburn, commissary-general to the Scots' army, to the Committee at Goldsmith's Hall, viz.:—

That the order of the House for the 15,000*l* to be employed for clothes, shoes, &c., for that army be performed, in purchase of 10,000 pairs of shoes and suits of clothes; 3,000*l.* given for cloth bought in Yorkshire; 2,000*l.* repaid which the Earl of Manchester has lent therefor, and that the surplus sent in money to the soldiers to buy shirts: and 31,000*l.* to be sent in money to the army to be raised with expedition. [*G* 2, *pp.* 9–11.]

Aug. 9. Order of the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, that John Ashe report to the House that divers gentlemen desiring to compound, having refused to propose any time or means for payment of their fines, the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee think the sum should be raised, in case of refusal, by sale of their lands at 8 years' purchase, or of their houses at 6 years' purchase, at their value before the wars.

That the resident Committee consider and answer all petitions not relating to sale of lands or compositions. [*G* 2, *p.* 11.]

Aug. 14. **17.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee for the sale of delinquents' estates consider how the Lord General [Earl of Essex] may be paid the arrears of the 10,000*l.* a year formerly granted. Mr. Recorder, and Mr. Solicitor to take care of this business. [*G* 1, *p.* 13; *also* 2, *p.* 11.]

Aug. 14. Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Sir David Watkins, and Messrs. [Jerome] Alexander, [Rich.] Shute, [Wm.] Thompson, and [Sam.] Moyer examine and report on the estates and delinquencies of those who offer to compound. [*G* 2, *p.* 11.]

Aug. 15. **18.** Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, on the petition of Capt. Hum. Blunt, referred to them with consent of the Scottish Commissioners, that he be paid 25*l.*, the freight agreed upon by the sub-committee at Turners' Hall, and 45*l.* damages for keeping his freight 5 weeks on board after his arrival at Sunderland. Receipted and payment confirmed, 17 Aug. [*Also G* 1*a*, *p.* 38.]

Aug. 16. Order of the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, granting the request of Sir Adam Hepburn, treasurer of the Scotch army, that as the Commissioners in the North (not knowing what passed here) have contracted for clothes, shoes, &c., value 20,000*l.*, the 5,000*l.* above the 15,000*l.* already ordered be paid out of the 31,000*l.* to be raised from malignants (the letter of credit for 3,000*l.* sent to Mr. Wallace at Hull being returned unused). [*G* 2, *p.* 15.]

Aug. 20. Order of the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, that Mr. Ashe report to the House that 10,000*l.* should be raised out of Wm. Waller's estate towards payment of the debts due to the Scots' army, leaving his further punishment to the House.

That he also report that the ordinance for the sale of lands be forthwith passed, or this Committee allowed to bring in a new one, for the sale of such lands as they have already contracted for.

That Mr. Ashe take a copy for this Committee of the acquittance from the Parliament of Scotland for 30,000*l.* paid to the Scots' army in Ireland, and present it next meeting.

That an order should pass both Houses, for discharge of the sequestrations of such compounders as have paid their fines, and particularly [Rich.] Williams.

That Mr. Ashe report all these things to-morrow.

That the Committee thereto appointed report on the estate and delinquencies of persons returned by the keepers of prisons. [*G* 2, *pp.* 13, 14; 110, *p.* 727.]

Aug. 23. Order in the House of Commons that the letter of 20 August, from the Committee of both Kingdoms, from Sunderland, concerning provisions to be made for the Scots' army in the North, be referred to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 1, *p.* 13.]

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Aug. 23. **19.** Petition of George Dawes, master of the Daniel of London, to the Committee for Scottish Affairs, for allowance for freight, and loss of 50*l.* because, being employed to carry provisions for the Northern armies from London to Sunderland, he was ordered by the Commissioners to carry it back again to Hull and unload there, and the weather was very tempestuous. With order, allowing him 20*l.* in addition to 20*l.* paid him for freight to Sunderland, and his receipt. [*Also G* 1*a*, *p.* 42].

Aug. 23. **20–22.** Petition of Rob. Hudson, commander of the Unity of London, to the Committee for Scottish Affairs at Goldsmiths' Hall, for 120*l.*, compensation for the loss of 6 weeks, because, being freighted with provisions for Sunderland, Sir Wm. Armyne sent them on their arrival to carry two Lords and their followers to Holy Island, and then the Earl of Calendar and Lord Loudoun ordered them to deliver the provisions at Berwick. With reference thereon to Sir Wm. Armyne, as to what will be allowed by the Scotch lords; his report 22 Dec.; second reference to Waring and Herring 29 April 1645; their report that Hudson should receive 40*l.* 2 May; order accordingly, 2 May, and receipt by Hudson 5 May. [2¼ *pages*; *G* 1*a*, *pp.* 83–86.]

[Aug. 24.] Particulars of 62 delinquents' lands and estates in London desired to be purchased, presented to Parliament by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 2, *pp.* 17, 18].*

Aug. 24. **23.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall prepare an ordinance for selling as much thereof as stands with rules formerly given. [*Also G* 2, *p.* 19.]

Aug. 27. Order of the House of Commons, that the Speaker have power to grant passes to such as desire to come in, with limitation of 10 days, and that the guards bring the persons to Mr. Speaker, on their coming to the ports or forts, and he send them forthwith to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, keeping duplicates of the passes that he grants. [*G* 1, *p.* 60; 2, *p.* 28.]

Aug. 27. Order of the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, that a sub-committee consider what lands of the Earl of Thanet or others can be sold for payment of their fines, and report thereon.

That the sub-committee appointed for the estates of prisoners be this committee, with power to write to the county commissioners for information, and that they report thereon speedily.

That this sub-committee reconsider and report on the delinquents in prison speedily, especially considering the most able and wealthy persons, and the fines that should be set on them.

That Mr. Ashe obtain from the members for counties the names of fit surveyors for delinquents' estates to be sold.

That the treasurers speedily procure 12,000*l.* for 3 months for the Scotch army in the North, to be repaid with 8 per cent. interest to the lenders. Rix dollars to be taken up at 4*s.* 6*d.*; cross dollars and pieces of 8 at 4*s.* 4*d.*; duckatoons at 5*s.* 6*d.* [*G* 2, *pp.* 16, 17; 110, 729.]

Aug. 30. **24.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall dispatch the matters committed to them, for raising a month's pay for Lord Fairfax's army. [*G* 1, *p.* 14; *also* 2, *p.* 20.]

Aug. Note of 13 persons under restraint, on whom fines have been set by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons, and of the refusal of several of them to pay. Also note that if they were duly sequestered and severely imprisoned, they would be willing to pay. [*G* 173, *pp.* 163, 164.]

Aug. Like note of 21 delinquents, being the same as in the preceding list, with additions. All these cases are entered in the Composition Cases, Aug. 1644. [*G* 173, *pp.* 179–182.]

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* All these names appear amongst the delinquents in the Composition Cases except the following:—

Capt. Raydon, the estate being	Houses and lands by the Custom House and at Hogsdon.
Sir John Ramsey	Tenements in Leadenhall Street.
— Bisby	Houses in Newgate Street.
Nich. Harman	Interest in a house in Lime Street.
— Farnabye	Lands in Sevenoaks, Kent.
— Sariott	Lands in Essex.
Sir Robt. Heath	Lands in Braystead, Kent.
Thos. Playters	House in Lombard Street.

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Sept. 4. **25.** Petition of John Hodgson to the Committee for Scottish Affairs, for allowance for freight and loss, being sent with provisions to Sunderland, but unable to unlade them, and forced back to Hull to unlade, losing 2 cables and a boat, value 40*l.* With order allowing him 40*l.*, and his receipt, 5 Sept. [*Also G* 1*a*, *pp.* 44, 45.]

Sept. 8. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the propositions presented by the sequestration treasurer be debated on Friday.

Also the interest due to Lady Home, for money lent to the Commissioners. [*G* 2, *p.* 21.]

Sept. 10. Order of the House of Commons, that [Sir Walter Earle,] Lieutenant of Ordnance provide 200 barrels of powder, with match and bullet, to be sent for the Scots' Army to Newcastle, and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall peruse the treaty, and consider upon what conditions they are to be furnished with ammunition, whether by the State or no, and represent to the House how the same may be paid for. [*G* 1, *p.* 14; 2, *p.* 24; 173, *p.* 31.]

Sept. 10. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Messrs. Waring, Herring, and Johnston, contract with Capt. Carr for transporting clothes to the Scots' army. Waring and Herring to provide money to be sent to the Scots' army before the going away of the ship, above the 12,000*l.* already borrowed. [*G* 2, *pp.* 21, 22.]

Sept. 11. Order of the House of Commons, that the Lieutenant of Ordnance provide and send away the powder and ammunition for the Scots' Army, and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall provide money for paying for the same. [*G* 1, *p.* 15.]

Sept. 13. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall have power to compound with delinquents for their estates, in order to the raising of 15,000*l.* with all speed, for a month's pay for Lord Fairfax's army; [Wm.] White, agent to Lord Fairfax, to attend the committee concerning it. [*G* 1, *p.* 15; 2, *p.* 25.]

Sept. 13. Edinburgh. Declaration by the Estates of Parliament of Scotland of the receipt, by their commissaries in London, Rob. Barclay and John Campbell, from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, of the balance in full of 30,000*l.* arrears due to the Scots' army in Ireland, 7,280*l.* being paid by Sir John Ruthven, as due from him to the Countess of Hume, in respect of surety given by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to her for that sum, and the rest sent by ships in chests. [*G* 2, *p.* 23.]

Sept. 13. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Sir Walter Earle, Lieutenant of Ordnance, tell Mr. Alexander, Mr. Shute, and Mr. Johnston, and the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers, what he has done on the Order of the House of Commons of 10 Sept., the names of those who will furnish the provisions, and the prices, that they may be sent away, and the treasurers pay according to contract. [*G* 2, *p.* 24.]

Sept. 17. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Avery, one of the sequestration treasurers, state the business of the 1,500*l.* in the hands of Sir Thos. Soame, and the 500*l.* in those of Mrs. [Anne] Parker, with the obstruction in their collection, and report to Mr. Ashe, who will report to the House. [*G* 2, *p.* 24.]

Sept. 20. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that all persons fined by the House who have not appeared before this committee, or paid or put in security for payment, appear next Tuesday, or in default their lands will be sold.

That Mr. Ashe report to the House the Committee's engagements, and that they can proceed no further till the ordinance be passed for sale of lands, and to enable them to raise moneys; and to press some speedy course to uphold the credit of this Committee, or the business must fall, and no money will be raised either for one army or the other.

That the treasurers have the same power for raising 5,000*l.* for Lord Fairfax's army as for a present supply for the Scots, and are desired to provide.

That the sequestration treasurers prepare 4,000*l.* against Tuesday, to satisfy the debt to the Countess of Home. [*G* 2, *p.* 25.]

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Sept. 24. Order of the House of Commons, that [Roger] Hill be added to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 1, *p.* 15.]

Sept. 24. Warrant by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to their treasurers to send on board the Samuel Justina, Rob. Carr, master, 82 packs of clothes, 28 of linen, 100 barrels of powder, shot, match, &c., for the army at Sunderland.

Pass for Thos. Bedell, of the Hector, carrying 15,000*l.* to the Scots' army near Sunderland.

Pass for Capt. Rob. Carr, carrying provisions to the said army.

Warrant to the treasurers of Goldsmiths' Hall to send on board the Hector 15 chests of silver, containing the 15,000*l.* [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 46; 2, *pp.* 26, 27.]

Order of the said Committee, referring the note of Col. Covert, Thos. Dunstall, and Mr. Maynard to the sub-committee at Guildhall, according to the order of the House of Commons of 27 August, relating to passes. [*G* 2, *p.* 28.]

Oct. 1. **26.** Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs to the treasurers to pay to Capt. Wm. Iles, of the Dorcas of London, 18*l.* freightage of provisions to the Scotch army in Sunderland last March, but his claim for demurrage respited till it be known whether the cheese and biscuit had miscarried by his default. Receipted. [*Also G* 1*a*, *p.* 48.]

Oct. 4. Order of the House of Commons, that the ordinance for melting down and converting into coin all the gilt and silver plate in the Tower belonging to the King, and for employing the proceeds thereof to the use of cos. Berks, Bucks, and Oxon, and for compounding with delinquents, be referred to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, and Sir Hen. Mildmay added to that committee as to this business. [*G* 1, *p.* 16.]

Like order, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall do forthwith advance a month's pay on account to Sir John Savile, a captain of horse and dragoons, and a colonel of foot, out of the money raised there, and designed for Lord Fairfax's army. [*G* 1, *p.* 16; 2, *p.* 27.]

Oct. 4. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Ashe report to the House the Earl of Manchester's dealing in sequestrations in the Associated counties, and the stop made by him of moneys to be employed for payment of the Scots.

Order that the order of the House of Commons for advance of money to Sir John Savile be referred to Mr. White, to pay it out of the 8,000*l.* lately paid him for that army; or if that be sent away, to procure it on the credit of this committee, who will repay it from the first receipts assigned by the House for that purpose.

Order that the treasurers pay no money to the merchants of Leeds, on their contract for clothes for the Scots' army, without further order, and till the agreement be performed on their part. No bills of exchange from the North to be answered without special order.

Order that letters be written to the sequestration committees of the several counties where gentlemen live who have been fined by the House of Commons for delinquency, to send particulars of the value of their estates, and whether any in the county desired to purchase them, that the fines may be speedily levied. [*G* 2, *pp.* 29, 30.]

Oct. 5. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committees of cos. Berks, Bucks, and Oxon be joined to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, as to the ordinance concerning the plate in the Tower, and compounding with delinquents in those counties; and that such members of this House as are of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, and the committee of those three counties, meet this afternoon in the Exchequer Chamber, upon the ordinance, and report the same next Wednesday. [*G* 1, *p.* 16.]

Oct. 7. Note of the said order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 173, *p.* 31.]

Oct. 16. Warrant by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the treasurers, on Order in the House of Commons, 12 Oct. 1643, to advance 10,000*l.* by bills of exchange, above the 40,000*l.* ordered to be sent in specie, to be paid in Edinburgh to the English Commissioners, for the use of our brethren of Scotland. [*G* 2, *p.* 75.]

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Oct. 18. Order of the House of Commons, referring to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall propositions presented by Sir. Wm. Masham from the standing committee in Essex, on Mr. Speaker's invitation of 5 July 1644, towards satisfaction of the great charge of the county, lately disbursed by Order of Parliament. [*G* 2, *p.* 30.]

Oct. 18. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers pay sums charged on them by letters of credit or bills of exchange by Sir Adam Hepburne, commissary of the Scots' army, or his agents, John Aikman and Wm. Thomson, during the army's being in England, but not to exceed 20,000*l.* without the committee's special order. [*G* 2, *p.* 83.]

Oct. 23. Hunts. **27.** Abraham Burrell to John Ashe, M.P. I enclose the answer of our county sequestrators to yours concerning the Scots' moneys. The instructions said to be enclosed in yours were doubtless forgotten by your clerk. Our papers are so disordered that I cannot yet find that concerning the Scots; I hope shortly to give you and the other gentlemen full satisfaction therein. Your favours during my last long stay in London shall be ever thankfully acknowledged. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 25. Order of the House of Commons, that 3,000*l.* of the Earl of Thanet's fine of 5,000*l.* be lent by Goldsmiths' Hall for payment of Abingdon garrison, and of other forces under Major-Gen. Thos. Browne, on security of 3,000*l.* worth of the King's plate, which is to be delivered them by Sir Hen. Mildmay, and to be melted in 3 months if the money is not repaid. [*G* 1, *p.* 61; 2, *p.* 30.]

Oct. 26. Note of presentation in the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee by [Thos.] Knight of orders of the House of Commons, 23 and 25 Oct.

Order that this committee meet constantly in the afternoons, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and not else without extraordinary summons. [*G* 2, *pp.* 30, 31.]

Oct. 28. **28.** Report of the Scotch Commissioners to the Committee of both Kingdoms. We desire you further to represent to Parliament the great wants and extreme necessities of the Scots' army in Ireland, occasioned through the non-payment of the 30,000*l.*, which is but a small part of the arrears due to that army, and often promised to them by Parliament, and more particularly by their votes of 11 April last, that the same should be shipped away by the last of June; in performance whereof the Houses have passed several orders, prohibiting the sequestration moneys to be diverted to any other use, upon any pretence whatsoever. Notwithstanding this, great sums have come in upon the sequestrations to the under collectors, which have been employed other ways, and have never come into the hands of the treasurers of sequestrations, to whom the orders of the Houses are directed, and so the intent thereof is wholly frustrated. We therefore entreat the House to take this into their serious consideration, and to think upon some effectual means for speedy payment of the said 30,000*l.*, upon which that army, which has endured so much hardship, and is now ready to perish, may have cause to depend. Noted as extracted out of the papers delivered in by the above committee to the Committee of both Kingdoms, and reported to the House. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 17, 18, 62; 2, *p.* 33.]

Oct. 29. **29.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider and report a fit answer to the particulars of the paper from the Scotch Commissioners touching the 30,000*l.* for the Scotch army in Ireland, and the obstructions to bringing in of the money upon the sequestrations. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 19, 62; 2, *p.* 33; 173, *p.* 31.]

30. Like order, that the part of the letter from the Committee of Arundel Castle of Oct. 1622, concerning the compounding with the principal delinquents of that county (Sussex), be referred to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 20, 61; 2, *p.* 32.] *Annexing,*

30. 1. *Committee for Arundel Castle to Parliament. We gratefully acknowledge your favour in granting us our sequestered rents, to maintain our garrisons; but such are the deadness of the times and the malignity of the people, that much land lies waste, and none will use any but at very low rates, so that these rents do not rise to the value that is supposed. We hear that some of*

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our chief malevolents are to be admitted to a fine, and enjoy their estates again; but we stand more in need than ever of their revenues, and if these should be so lightly discharged, upon the approaches of the enemy "we cannot expect to have any ill-affected continue under the notions of neuters or malignants;" it would create great discontents and disheartenings in the best-affected party. The names of the chief are the Earl of Thanet, Sir Edw. Bishop, Sir Edw. Ford, and Col. Jno. Apsley, Oct. 22. [*G* 1, *pp.* 19, 61; 2, *p.* 33.]

Oct. 31. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs,—on reference from the joint committee sitting at Goldsmiths' Hall, of the case of John Irish, of Rotherham, who shipped 10,000 dollars sent by Capt. Ellison for Ireland,—that he be paid 40*l.*, viz., 13*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for freightage, and 25*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for special service in preserving the money from an arrest, endeavoured by Baynam and other ill-affected persons there. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 50.]

Nov. 4. **31.** Order of the House of Commons, that Mr. Strode, Ashe, and Bond be added to Mr. Solicitor and Recorder, to take care of the bringing in and paying the money assigned to the Lord General. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 20.]

Nov. 8. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the sequestration treasurers do their utmost to speed out of the several counties returns of obstructions in collecting sequestrations, and present them on Monday next. [*G* 2, *p.* 34.]

Nov. 16. **32.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall fortwith melt down the King's plate delivered to them out of the Tower upon order, and pay the 1,000*l.*, residue of the 3,000*l.* assigned to cos. Oxon, Bucks, and Berks, to the committee for those counties, out of the proceeds thereof. [*G* 1, *p.* 21; *also* 2, *p.* 35.]

Nov. 18. **32a.** Order by the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee on the above order, that [Thos.] Noel, the goldsmith, receive by weight from the treasurers, and [Alex.] Jackson, the keeper of this house, the plate belonging to the King, delivered out of the Tower, to be melted, and that he give an account thereof accordingly. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 22. **33.** Order by the Committee for Scottish Affairs that, as by order of the House of Commons of 16 Nov. 1644, the King's plate delivered to them from the Tower is to be melted down, and from the proceeds the 1,000*l.* residue of 3,000*l.* assigned to counties Oxon, Berks, and Bucks to be paid to the county committees, the treasurers take care to fulfil the said order. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 22. **34.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, allowing the payments to Thomas Knight, treasurer at Westminster for the said 3 counties, of 2,000*l.*, 25 Oct., and 500*l.*, 22 November 1644, in part of 3,000*l.* which the said counties lent, on an order of the House of Commons of 15 October 1644, in failure of the Earl of Thanet to lend it, for relief of Major-General Browne at Abingdon, to be repaid in a month, and for which the King's plate was to be melted down. Receipted. [1 *page; also G* 2, *p.* 83.]

Nov. 24. **35.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons prefixed, of 22 November,—for payment of 1,000*l.* residue of the 3,000*l.* to be raised on the King's plate to [Gualter] Frost, to be disposed of by the Committee for both Kingdoms, and then reimbursed for the service formerly assigned;—that 500*l.* be paid to Frost, 2,500*l.* having been paid away by former orders. Receipted 27 November. [1¼ *pages.*]

Nov. 24. **36.** Note of the several orders passed in Parliament, October and November 1644, relative to the melting down of the King's plate, and the payments to be made therefrom. [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 28. Order of the House of Commons, that the consideration of the fine set upon Sir Richard Halford for delinquency be remitted to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to receive further information. [*G* 1, *p.* 21.]

Nov. 29. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that Sir Robert Harley cause all moneys ready coined by order of this committee to be paid to the treasurers, Waring and Herring.

That [Alex.] Jackson, assay master to the Goldsmiths' Company, assay the ingots sent to the Tower, by order of this committee, and be permitted to cut off necessary quantities, weighing the same.

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Order by virtue of an order of the House of Commons, that Sir Ant. Irby and Thomas Toll, aldermen of Lynn, summon the sequestration treasurers, solicitors, &c., for counties Lincoln, Norfolk, Cambridge, and Isle of Ely, and require a perfect account of their receipts and payments to the Guildhall treasury and to the Earl of Manchester, and the balance in hand or still uncollected, and require them to collect and pay in the same, and inform against any officers negligent in discharge of their duty, that Parliament may take order thereon. [*G* 2, *p.* 37].

Nov. 30. **37.** Order of the House of Commons, that Sir Thos. Allen's fine of 1,000*l.* be accepted in discharge of his sequestration, and be paid to the treasurers at war for the poor waggoners employed in the Parliamentary service, according to a list returned by Mr. Scawen. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 3. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, referring to Waring and Herring, Moyer and Johnson, the request of Captain Carr for consideration of his pains and losses, and allowance of primage and average. [*G* 2, *p.* 38.]

Dec. 4. Information of Thomas Andrew against William Waters, treasurer for advance of money in county Northampton for the brethren of Scotland.

Though the ordinance of Parliament allows those that collect money 2*s.* in in the pound, he will not employ men to collect it unless they give him 1*s.* in the pound, though the collectors are at all the charges for horses and men.

He has signed tickets, putting divers commissioners' names to them without their knowledge.

On Friday, 29 November, I asked an account of his receipts, that I might give it to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. He told me I might tell the committee what I pleased, but he had disbursed some of it by the appointment of a lord, and some he should keep for his pains.

He has given Mathews, his co-treasurer, 5*l.* to leave the place wholly to him, and with leave to put his name to acquittances, that Mathews may not see what he does. [*G* 127, *p.* 587.]

[Dec. 4.] [Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Committee of Sequestrations for county Northampton.] It is very strange that after so long a time there should be so much of the sum uncollected which is expected from that county, on the ordinances of Parliament for advance of the Scottish loan. Tell us the obstructions and we will seek a remedy. We want the particulars with which Mr. Waters, one of your treasurers, is charged. If they are as stated, they must not be suffered or connived at.

It is said that he will not suffer our messenger to distrain for money assessed, although the messenger gave him 1*s.* in the pound, and was at the charge of horse and men. Particulars of the charge as above.

We have summoned him, but he has sent no reply. We therefore desire you to require him to attend us, with an exact account of moneys paid or unpaid, or we shall be obliged to report his neglect to the House, and send a serjeant-at-arms for him. See that the collectors be paid according to the ordinances, and if he refuse it, take means to compel him.

We have not met with such actions in any other county, and they should be speedily redressed. Take care to raise the remainder of the moneys expected. [*G* 127, *pp.* 536, 583.]

Dec. 13. Note that the House of Commons, according to former order, proceeded to further consideration of the papers presented from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall and of both Kingdoms, concerning the present payment of 31,000*l.* to the Scotch army. [*G* 1, *p.* 23.]

Dec. 13. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers demand from the sequestration treasurers their moneys in hand, toward payment of the Scots' army in Ireland for the last 30,000*l.* due to them. [*G.* 2, *p.* 39.]

Dec. 13. **38.** Writ of assessment by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on Wm. Turney and partners of Gregory Paul's Parish, for payment within six days of 30*l.* for our brethren of Scotland. [*Printed form filled up.*]

Dec. 16. **39.** Order of the House of Commons, on the petition of divers officers of Lord Fairfax's regiment, summoned to attend the trial of Sir John Hotham and his son, for a month's pay to bear their charges to their country,—granting them

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14 days' pay, according to the establishment of Lord General Essex's army, out of Goldsmiths' Hall, to be received by Mr. White, Lord Fairfax's treasurer. [*G* 1, *p.* 23; *also* 2, *p.* 40.]

Dec. 19. **40.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to pay to Thos. Noel, refiner, 91*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* for charges as endorsed, in melting down the plate engaged to this committee for money lent for Bucks and Berks, and to Alex. Jackson 5*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* for his pains in seeing it melted, coined, and brought into money. Receipted 19 and 20 December. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

40. I. *List by John Johnson, servant to Sir Hen. Mildmay, of the* 15 *pieces of plate delivèred from the Tower to the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers, by order of the House of Commons,* 17 *October* 1644, *viz.:—*6 *flagons,* 2 *cups,* 1 *font, and* 6 *candlesticks, with their weight.* 18 *October* 1644. [1¼ *pages.*]

40. II. *Account of the weight and value of* 17 *ingots made from the above plate, and delivered to the Mint.* 25 *November and* 2 *December* 1644. [1 *page.*]

40. III. *Similar account, with note of part of the order of* 19 *December.* [1 *page.*]

40. IV. V. *Two memoranda relating thereto.* [*Scraps.*]

Dec. 26. **41.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee of the House formerly appointed to meet the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for payment of the arrears of the 10,000*l.* a year granted to the Lord General, meet the committee, and provide the money according to the orders of 14 August and 4 November last, and in pursuance of the ordinance whereby the same was first charged on the sequestrations. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 24; 2, *p.* 42.]

Dec. 27. **42.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider as to the speedy raising and providing 31,000*l.* as a month's pay for the Scots' army. [*G* 1, *p.* 25; *also* 2, *p.* 41.]

Dec. 28. **43.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall be authorised to send 10,000*l.* to Carrickfergus for the Scotch army there, in a ship in the Parliament service, appointed either by the Committee of both Kingdoms or the Earl of Warwick, and that the captain and commander of such ship ordered to carry the same accordingly. [*G* 1, *p.* 25; 2, *p.* 41.]

Dec. 28. Order in the Committee for Scottish Affairs to pay 10*s.* a week to Job Howes, appointed by this committee clerk to the assessors, from 10th August last, and 20*s.* a week in future, for his great labour in preparing things ready for the assessors. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 57.]

Dec. 28. Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, as by Order in the House of Commons, 30,000*l.* was to be paid from sequestrations towards the arrears of the Scots' army in Ireland, and then 10,000*l.* a year to the Earl of Essex, and then 60,000*l.* towards arrears of the said army, 40,000*l.* of which is paid to the Earl, considering that in order of time, he should be next paid, and has moved the House of Commons, who have referred the case to this committee—that 2,000*l.* be paid to the Earl, and then he and the Scots' army be paid in proportion. [*G* 2, *pp.* 42, 43.]

Dec. 30. Holborn. Earl of Warwick to Capt. Peter Whitty, of the Sampson. You are to receive moneys delivered by the Committee of the West for Plymouth, and also to receive from the Committee for Scottish Affairs at Goldsmiths' Hall moneys to be sent to Carrickfergus, for the Scots' army in Ireland. You are to repair to the Committee of the West, to know what ships they will send under your convoy to Plymouth, and having received them and the money, not waiting more than 3 days for the ships, you are to sail to Stokes Bay, deliver to Capt. Penn, of the Fellowship, the money received from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, and any letter and instructions for carrying it to Carrickfergus. Then you are without delay to sail to Plymouth with the ships, taking any others at Portsmouth or Stokes Bay bound for Weymouth, Lyme, or Plymouth, with provisions for the garrisons; deliver the money to persons appointed by the Committee of the West, and then return to the Downs. [*G* 2, *pp.* 43, 44.]

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Jan. 3. **44.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall take care that the business of the coals is managed with consideration to the well-affected inhabitants of Newcastle, and the good of the corporation there; also consider the debts and engagements incurred upon the ordinance of 5 June 1643, which provides for the repayment of moneys lent for raising forces by sea and land for reducing Newcastle; also that they have a care of the pressing debts due to mariners. With 3 duplicate orders calendared under their respective dates. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 26; 2, *p.* 45.]

Jan. 9. Order of the House of Commons, that the petition of the Merchants of the Intercourse, for exemption from taxes and assessments, which was sent down from the Lords this day by message, desiring the concurrence of this House, be referred to the Committees at Goldsmiths' and Haberdashers' Halls, who are to forbear all proceedings against the petitioners touching any tax or assessment, until a report is made of the business, and further order taken. [*G* 1, *p.* 27; 2, *p.* 70.]

Jan. 10. **45.** Order of the House of Commons, that 2,500*l.* of Sir John Hewitt's fine of 3,000*l.* for delinquency be paid to the Treasurers at War, and issued for relief of widows, officers, and wagoners, and 500*l.* to Mr. Trenchard, for the wagoners of Sir Wm. Waller's army. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 14. Warrant of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the keeper of Peter House, Aldersgate St., to take into custody Thos. Hall, sen., of St. Antholine's parish, for conveying away his son Thomas, when summoned before this committee by an order of the House of Commons. [*G* 2, *p.* 45.]

Jan. 18. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall do not issue any order for payment of money upon bills of exchange or otherwise, until the 30,000*l.* to be sent to the Scotch army has been raised and discharged. [*G* 1, *p.* 27; 2, *p.* 46.]

Feb. 4. **46.** Order of the House of Commons, that 11,000 yards of broad cloth be forthwith provided upon account, for supply of the cloth formerly furnished and sent down towards clothing the soldiers of the army under the Earl of Leven; and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall provide and furnish those cloths accordingly.

47. Also that 1,000 backs, breasts, and potts, and 1,000 pairs of pistols be provided, towards arming the Scotch army under the Earl of Leven, and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall furnish them. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 28, 29; 2, *pp.* 48, 49.]

Feb. 7. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that, as Sir David Watkins and others, appointed a sub-committee to provide arms, clothes, victuals, &c., for the Parliament forces in England and Ireland, have made sundry contracts for payments, part in hand and part at times specified—the treasurers be authorized to pay the sums so contracted for, on warrant of any 3 of the said sub-committee. [*G* 2, *p.* 49.]

Like Order that Sir David Watkins and 4 others, being the sub-committee for providing necessaries for the Scottish armies, provide the arms and cloth ordered by the House of Commons 4 Feb., and contract for them by quarterly payments. Mr. Johnston and Hublon to aid them if needful.

Contract made with Arthur Due and Edw. Harris, drapers, for the cloth accordingly. [*G* 2, *p.* 49.]

Feb. 18. **48.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall supply the Scotch army with 7,000 muskets and 30 cwt. of powder, with match and ball proportionable, according to the desire of the Scotch Commissioners.

49. That they also provide the 30,000*l.* formerly assigned to the Scotch army, to enable them to march, upon the credit of the moneys that are to come out of the several counties, and which are suddenly expected to come in.

50. That they further consider the demand they have made of money to be advanced by the Commissioners of Excise for the Scots; and that Sir Anthony Irby acquaint the said committee with the sense of the House in this business. [*G* 1, *pp.* 29, 30; 2, *pp.* 50, 51.]

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Feb. 21. **51.** Order of the House of Commons, that it be recommitted to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to supply the Scottish army with 7,000 muskets and 30 cwt. of powder, with match and ball, and that they consider of and tender to the House some propositions for the giving them further credit, to advance money for carrying on this and other services. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 30; 2, *p.* 51.]

Feb. 27. **52.** Order of the House of Commons, upon Lieut.-Gen. Cromwell's report on behalf of the Committee of both Kingdoms, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall forthwith provide 30,000*l.* for the present advance of the Scotch army southward, and advise with the Commissioners of Scotland concerning payment of the same.

Also that they make a report next Saturday, of the money, arms, and provisions recommended to them to provide for the Scots' army. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 31; 2, *p.* 53.]

Feb. 28. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that Waring and Herring take up with all speed, for 3 or 6 months, moneys towards the 30,000*l.* to be sent to the Scottish army, to be repaid with interest at 8 per cent., out of the fines or sales of delinquents' estates or other moneys. Rix dollars to be taken up at 4*s.* 6*d.*, cross dollars and ryals at 4*s.* 4*d.* [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 61; 2, *p.* 53.]

Like order, that Waring and Herring reimburse themselves of all moneys paid, or to be paid, as salaries to the under clerks, officers, messengers, and watchmen attending the committee, viz., the under-clerks 15*s.* a week, officers and messengers 12*s.*, and watchmen that watch by day or night in the Treasury 12*d.* a piece for a day or night. Also for stationery, wax, fire, candles, and other necessaries for the committee. [*G* 2, *p.* 20.]

Like order, that Waring and Herring, having taken great pains with engagements of their credit, to raise money for the Scots' armies in England and Ireland, pay themselves the 1*d.* in the pound on all receipts of the committee ordered them, as well for moneys taken up on loan or interest as otherwise. [*G* 2, *p.* 52.]

Feb. ? Complaint of the treasurers for sequestrations at Guildhall to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.

That for many months, very little money has been brought in, and they fear that sequestration moneys are either not duly collected, or converted to other use.

That unless some speedy course be taken for removing obstructions and remedying abuses amongst the sequestration commissioners and officers, that great revenue, which could well bear the whole charge of the war, will soon come to nothing. Instance, "Lord Capel's estate, which is let to his uncle Wm. Capel, that he may preserve the houses, woods, &c.," so tender are we to preserve the estates of the most desperate delinquents; but he has paid no rent for 2 quarters, and says he knows not how the tenants have disposed of the rents, "by which it is easily conceived which way the rents are gone, and how converted."

Lord Capel and his wife and family live in the West country, where they have a fair estate, but have left 2 or 3 children, who ought to be sent to their father, at his house in Hertfordshire, for whose maintenance $\frac{1}{5}$ of that estate has to be let out.

There are hundreds of such cases, showing how the State is abused, and delinquents encouraged to stand out against Parliament. [*G* 1, *p.* 65; 2, *p.* 56; 173, *p.* 159.]

March 3. Report of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the House of Commons, on the order of 21 Feb., that they can suggest no better expedient to raise moneys than those which the House has already ordered, viz., composition with delinquents who come in on the declaration by the Speaker's pass, and sale of the lands of such as refuse to pay their fines, or have not submitted to Parliament; for this they long since presented the draft of an ordinance to the House, which has been committed, and which they desire may pass.—Approved.

They present the names of those fined, who neglect or refuse to pay their fines, and beg leave to present those whose fines have been set, but are not confirmed by the House.

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They also present an information from the treasurers of sequestrations at Guildhall, of obstructions to the bringing in of moneys on delinquents' estates, with remedies therefor. [*G* 1, *p.* 64; 2, *p.* 55.]

March 6. Report continued. That it would conduce much to raise moneys if the Committee of Accounts in London had power to receive all moneys due to the State for sequestration of delinquents' estates, and then pay them to this committee, who should be entrusted to assist therein. Granted, and an ordinance to be prepared accordingly.

That this committee, being hitherto only allowed to consider cases recommended by particular orders, should have power to compound with any delinquents who tender to them direct for composition, the committee presenting the fines for approval to the House before anything be concluded. Granted. [*G* 1, *pp.* 64, 65; 2 *pp.* 55, 56]. *Annexing,*

I. *List of 7 delinquents* who neglect or refuse payment of their fines, with particulars of their cases.* [*G* 1, *pp.* 66, 67; 2 *pp.* 57, 58.]

II. *List of* 13 *prisoners* upon whom fines have been set by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, according to order in the House of Commons of August* 1644, *and who would be willing to pay their fines if sequestered and severely imprisoned.* [*G* 110, *p.* 733; 1, *pp.* 68, 69; 2, *pp.* 58, 59.]

March 7. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, referring to the sub-committee at Turners' Hall the providing the 7,000 muskets and ammunition ordered by the House of Commons; mode of payment one third in hand, and two thirds half yearly, or else nothing in hand, and the whole in 2 quarterly payments. [*G* 2, *p.* 54.]

March 11. **53.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall provide books of the ordinance of the weekly assessments for the Scotch army, and send them to the several counties, cities, and places charged with payments by the said ordinance, by the messengers employed to deliver the ordinances for Sir Thos. Fairfax's army.

54. That they send the 10,000*l.* prepared for the Earl of Calendar's army, and so much as they shall make ready of the 30,000*l.* assigned to the Earl of Leven's army, and the clothes, ammunition, and provisions for the Scottish army, by such ships as the Lord Admiral shall appoint, to be paid and delivered out to such persons as the Scotch Commissioners shall appoint.

55. That they assure the Scotch Commissioners that the arrears of the 30,000*l.* assigned to Lord Leven's army will be ready on 1 April next. [*Also* 1, *pp.* 31, 32; 2, *p.* 60.]

March 13. **56.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall make provision forthwith for payment of the remainder of the 60,000*l.* assigned to the Scots' army in Ireland. [*Also* G 1, *p.* 33; 2, *p.* 60.]

March 17. Warrant of the Earl of Warwick to Capt. Rob. Zachary of the John, to receive money and provisions for Lord Leven and the Earl of Calendar's armies in the North, and convoy the Samuel Justina, also carrying provisions. [*G* 2, *p.* 61.]

March 17. **57.** Order of the House of Commons,—upon [Rob.] Wallop's report from the Committee of both Kingdoms, that if the 15,000*l.* now designed for the Scots' army may be made 20,000*l.*, there is a convenience for sending it away,—that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall make up the latter sum, and the Committee of both Kingdoms to consider as to providing the remainder of the 15,000*l.* assigned to Lord Fairfax's army. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 33.]

March 18. Petition of Mary Parker, widow, to the House of Commons, for consideration of her case as stated in a petition annexed, of 6 Feb. 1645, and certified by the county commissioners, that she may have the composition of Daniel Wigmore, Archdeacon of Ely, for delinquency in being in Lynn when it was taken by the Earl of Manchester. Her inn and six other houses, worth 750*l.*, being near the garrison of Lincoln, were pulled down and fired by command of Lord Willoughby, commander-in-chief. They were all her estate. [*G* 223, *pp.* 894, 896.]

* All these names occur in the Composition Cases.

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March 18. Reference thereon by the House of Commons to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 1, *p.* 70; 2, *p.* 70; 223, *p.* 892.]

March 18. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Sir Ant. Irby and [Rob.] Jenner report to the House the opinions of this committee as to the fines to be set on certain delinquents who desire to compound.

Also that they request an order of the House of Commons that no man once fined by this committee and presented to the House, if he do not pay his fine, shall be discharged on any pretence by any other committee whatsoever, on composition with them or otherwise. [*G* 2, *pp.* 61, 62.]

March 20. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers lade on board the John of London, Rob. Zachary captain, 30,000*l.*, of which 10,000*l.* was received from the Commissioners of Excise. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 63; 2, *p.* 66.]

March 21. Order of the House of Commons, that the report from the Committee of both Kingdoms about the advance of the Scottish army southward be considered on Monday. Meantime the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall are to certify the House what money, arms, ammunition, and clothes have been delivered for the Scottish army in the North, and the British forces in Ireland. [*G* 1, *p.* 34; 1*a*, *p.* 63.]

March 21. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that [Edw.] Husbands print 5,000 of the ordinances for raising 21,000*l.* a month for the Scottish army, one to be sent to every parish in this city, or the country charged for the service. [*G* 2, *p.* 66.]

March 22. Order of the House of Commons, that the fine of 1,500*l.* be accepted from Sir Rich. Stow for delinquency, and that 1,000*l.* thereof be paid on account to Sir Gilb. Gerard, treasurer at war; 500*l.* being towards payment of widows; 500*l.* towards pay of wagoners; and 500*l.* to Mr. Trenchard for pay of wagoners. [*G* 1, *p.* 46.]

March 28. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers bring in an account of all moneys received on fines of delinquents, and how paid, in order that Lord Fairfax may receive his proportion, according to the orders of the House. [*G* 2, *p.* 66.]

April 4. **58.** Order of the House of Commons, that the several ordinances for discharging delinquents' estates, upon their compositions with the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, be peremptorily read, and be the first business on Monday. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 48.]

59. Like order that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall use their best diligence in expediting the 10,000*l.*, being the remains of the 40,000*l.* formerly assigned to the Earl of Leven and the Earl of Calendar's armies, and for arms and ammunition for them; and that they take care to send the ordinances abroad for raising the 20,000*l.* monthly for the Earl of Leven's army. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 34; 2, *p.* 67.]

April 9. **60, 61.** Order of the House of Commons, that 10,000*l.*, the arrears of the 40,000*l.* formerly assigned to the Scottish army, be provided within ten days.

That it be recommended to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to advance the 10,000*l.* upon their own personal credit, to be secured and paid out of the arrears of the Scots' money in the several counties; Sir Anth. Irby and Mr. Jenner to acquaint the committee with this order, and to advantage the advance of this money within the time, by the best means they can.

That all the money in arrear upon the ordinance for the Scottish loans in cos. Essex, Sussex, Kent, Cambridge, Suffolk, Hunts, Northampton, Herts, Bedford, and Norfolk, be brought up and paid into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall on Wednesday next; the gentlemen of the several counties to take notice of this order, and employ their best endeavours that the money may be brought in accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 35, 36; 2, *pp.* 67, 68.]

April 11. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Sir Ant. Irby or Mr. Jenner report to the House of Commons the fines thought fit to be set on Sir Fras. Williamson, Edw. Andrews, and Thos. Wragg, for delinquency. [*G* 2, *p.* 68.]

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April 15. Warrant of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the keepers of prisons in and about London, to send in the names of all delinquents and malignants in their custody, with date and cause of commitment, &c. [*G* 2, *p.* 69.]

April 15. John Ashe to———. Whatever moneys you pay to [Sir Adam Hepburne] Lord [or Laird of] Humby, treasurer of the Scottish army at Newcastle, and bring to the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee Lord Humby's receipt, as part of the 20,000*l.* yet unpaid of the 30,000*l.* ordered by Parliament to be paid by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, shall be repaid you by the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers, in ten days. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 64.]

April 15. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that after the 10,000*l.*, part of the 30,000*l.* sent to the Scots' army at Newcastle, no bills of exchange be accepted till the moneys taken up for the 30,000*l.* be repaid, and all persons paid whose credits are engaged for arms, clothes, &c., for the Scots' army. Notice of this to be given to the English and Scottish Commissioners at Newcastle, and also to the members of this committee, to prevent the drawing of any further charge on the committee till their great engagements are met. [*G* 2, *p.* 69.]

April 18. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Sir Ant. Irby move the House that the ordinance lying in the clerk's hands, and sent in by the order of the House of Commons, for regulating sequestrations and removing obstructions, may be read, and passed, and that great prejudice accrues to the State by its delay. [*G* 2, *p.* 70.]

May 2. Warrant of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the keepers of Peter House to allow Sir John Butler to go abroad with a keeper, when his occasions require it. [*G* 2, *p.* 71.]

May 6. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on request of [Rob.] Bartlett [or Barclay], one of the Scotch Commissioners resident in London, for advance of 1,000*l.*, that the treasurers pay it him as soon as they possibly may, and repay themselves out of moneys to be received from the counties, or any other way, to the use of that army. [*G* 2, *p.* 71.]

May 13. **62.** Order of the House of Commons,—upon the report by [John] Lisle from the committee appointed to consider the several papers presented by the Scotch Commissioners, and requiring an answer concerning the money to be raised upon the ordinance for payment of the Scotch army, and the adjusting the arrears of the Scotch officers laid aside by the new constitution of the English army,—that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to whom it is referred to see the execution of that ordinance, give an account to the House to-morrow what money is levied by virtue thereof, and what further power they want for the speedy bringing in of the money to be thereby raised, that the House may supply them therewith. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 36; 2, *p.* 73.]

May 16. **63.** Order of the House of Commons,—upon the paper presented by Mr. Wallop from the Committee of both Kingdoms, and delivered by the Scotch Commissioners for presentation to the House, desiring an answer touching the money to be raised for the army; also recommending the Scotch officers laid aside by the new constitution, to have their arrears adjusted; also touching the ships to be sent to attend the coast of Scotland according to the treaty;—that with regard to the money to be raised for the Scotch army, the House has ordered the committee to whom it is referred to give an account concerning it, and to let the House know what further power they desire for the better bringing in the money to be raised by the said ordinance, which they will be ready to supply.

Also the House have required the knights and burgesses of the respective counties to give an account by a certain day of what is collected by virtue of the said ordinance, and what are the obstructions why the same are not brought in, when they will take such course as may prove effectual.

To the paper desiring that the accounts of the Scotch officers may be audited, and a course taken for payment thereof, the same has already been referred to the committee where Mr. Scawen has the chair, and speedy course shall be taken for payment of some of such arrears. [1 *page; also G* 1, *pp.* 37, 38; 2, *p.* 73.]

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May 16. Order in the Committee for Compounding, that Sir Rich. Halford clear himself of a charge by the Committee for Sequestrations of Leicester, that he refused to discover on oath his knowledge of the estates, real and personal, of Sir Lewis and Sir Edw. Watson, delinquents, and he is to appear before the Camden House Committee, to answer on oath all questions propounded, which will be brought in by the Committee of co. Leicester. [*G* 2, *p.* 74.]

May 26. **64.** Order in the House of Commons,—upon the report by [Denzil] Hollis from the Scotch Commissioners, of their desire that a treasurer and muster master may be appointed for the Scotch army;—that it be referred to the members of the House who are of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to prepare instructions to be sent to the members of Parliament in the North that are of the Committee of both Kingdoms, to consider of a treasurer and a muster master; and the members of the House that are of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall are to give their attendance at the same committee. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 39.]

June 7. **65.** Order of the House of Commons, that when this unnatural war is ended, the town of Lancaster shall receive 8,000*l.* from the estates of Papists and delinquents of the county who were at the burning of the town, to be equally divided amongst the inhabitants, being no delinquents. With list of those who were at the burning, viz.:—

James, Earl of Derby.
Richard, Lord Molineux.
Sir John Caufield.
Sir John Girlington.
Sir Geo. Middleton.
Rich. Kirby.
Thos. Kitson.
Thos. Carus.
John Bradshaw.
John Calvert.
Thos. Dalton.
Sir Gilbert Houghton.
Sir Thos. Tildesley.
John Westby.
Mr. Hesketh, of Mains.
Thos. Singleton.
Rich. Greene.
Rob. White.
Mr. Butler, of Kirkland.
Edw. Chisnall.
Mr. Standish, of Standish.
Mr. Anderton, of Euxton.
Wm. Houghton, of Parkhall.
Rich. Latham, of Parbold.
Two sons of [James] Anderton, of Clayton.
Sir Wm. Gerard.
Mr. Blundell, of Crosby.

[1 *page; also G* 1, *p.* 49; 100, *p.* 341.]

June 13. **66.** Note in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Blakiston affirmed that, since the taking of Newcastle, the malignant delinquents there have sold, or have in their hands to sell, 40,000*l.* worth of coals.

Order that Mr. Harvey have till this day month to pay another 100*l.* of his fine, and that he be not troubled on his assessment without further order from this committee.

Note of sundry persons and places to whom warrants and instructions were sent about the 21,000*l.* per month. [1 *page.*]

June 17. Goldsmiths' Hall. **67.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the County Commissioners at Leicester. We sent you 210 of the ordinances of 20 February, in which the House of Commons, having no account of moneys collected by you, though the 4 months are almost expired, refer the case to us. We send the bearer with warrant and instructions, to aid you in prosecuting the ordinance. You must weigh the necessity of that army's march, and the impossibility of moving without supplies, and use all means for the advance thereof, and redeem past time, which you will best do by charging the whole 4 months at one assessment. [1 *page.*]

June 30. Order in the Committee of both Kingdoms at Derby House, that the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers appoint some one whom they trust to go with the money to be sent to the Scottish army, the charge to be paid by the State. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 71.]

July 1. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that Waring and Herring lade into wagons appointed by the Committee of both Kingdoms 20,000*l.*, to be sent to Northampton for the Scottish army, in part of 31,000*l.* to be advanced on the credit of the ordinance of 20 February 1645, for raising 21,000*l.* a month for 4 months. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 71.]

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July 2. **68.** Receipt by Hum. Greene and two others, of 10*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* for carriage of the above silver. [*Scrap.*]

July 8. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for a letter to the Commissioners of Norfolk, in answer to Mr. Sampson's, for allowance of —— Cory to be treasurer of the moneys to be collected on the ordinance of 20 February last, for the 4 months' assessment for the Scots. [*G* 2, *p.* 86.]

July 8. Aulcester. Entry in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall of a power of attorney by Sir Adam Hepburne of Humby, treasurer of the Scottish army, to John Aikman to receive the moneys at Northampton appointed by the Parliament of England for that army. With receipt, dated Northampton, 9 July, by Aikman, from Thos. Vincent, officer of Goldsmiths' Hall, of 20 chests of money, wherein is said to be 20,000*l.* on the said amount. [*G* 2, *p.* 87.]

July 15. Order that Mr. Crooke appear on Tuesday before the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, to answer questions propounded to him. [*G* 2, *p.* 88.]

July 19. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee of both Kingdoms settle the garrison at Manchester.

Also that 1,000*l.* for its relief be charged on the ordinance to be passed for sale of delinquents' estates, after the payments already charged thereon be satisfied. [*G* 106, *p.* 245.]

July 21. **69.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Commissioners of Parliament who are to reside in the Scotch army, shall have credit for 500*l.* on account, if their occasions shall require the same, to be charged upon the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, who are hereby required to pay the same, upon bills under the hands of any three of the said commissioners. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 40.]

July 23. **70.** Order of the House of Commons, that—as in these times of distraction, the inhabitants of Derby have expressed great fidelity to Parliament, by assistance and contributions to the defence of religion, laws, and liberty, invaded and endangered by a Popish and malignant party; and as the labours of the ministers there have been the chief means of upholding the people's affections, and yet their maintenance is very small—the rents of the lands of the Dean and Chapter of Leicester, now in lease to John Bullock, delinquent, in St. Alkmund's and Allhallows parishes, exceeding 100*l.*, be settled on the corporation of Derby, for maintenance of ministers. [1¼ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 49.]

July 23. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, with consent of Rob. Barclay, Commissioner for Scotland, that the treasurers send to Northampton, for the Scottish army, 9,500*l.* by persons appointed by the Scotch Commissioners to carry it, in full of the 31,000*l.* to be advanced on credit of the ordinance of 20 February for raising 21,000*l.* a month for 4 months.

Order that Thos. Vincent, officer attending this committee, go along with the 9½ chests containing the 9,500*l.* to Northampton, receiving convoy appointed by and directions from the Committee of both Kingdoms, and delivering it to the commissary of the army, as ordered by General the Earl of Leven, bringing back his receipt. With writ of assistance. [*G* 2, *pp.* 89–91.]

The order for Mr. Wye to pay Mr. Jackson 10*l.* or be committed revoked, on Major Cuthbert's undertaking that Jackson shall be satisfied.

July 23. Derby House. **71.** The Earl of Northumberland and Sir Arch. Johnston, for the Committee of both Kingdoms, to the Militia of London. The provisions to be sent to Northampton for the Scots' army will be ready on Friday. Let 40 dragoons be ready to go as convoy as far as Hatfield. The service is of great consequence, therefore have the convoy ready, that the money may not be retarded. With note by Col. Randal Mainwaring to the Committee for Scotch Affairs, 29 July, certifying performance of the service, and sending in a bill which he requests may be paid as was the last, viz.:—a lieutenant at 6*s.* a day, 2 serjeants 3*s.* each, and 40 soldiers 1*s.* 6*d.* each, for 3 days, total 10*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* With receipt thereof by Lieut. John Waighte. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

71. 1. *Request from Mainwaring to Col. Ralph Harrison to provide a like convoy, 2 July, and receipt by Lieut. Chas. Adams, for* 10*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, *for convoy of 2 wagons to Hatfield, 4 July* 1645. [1 *page.*]

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July 25. Order of the Committee for Scotch Affairs, that according to the allowance attested by the Commissioners of Suffolk for advance of Scottish loans, there be allowed as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
John Clarke, treasurer of the moneys - - - -	187	10	0
,, advanced to Mr. Selling as clerk - -	99	0	0
Mr. Weekes, deputy to the serjeant-at-arms, for labour and charge in collecting by distraint - - - -	20	0	0
	306	10	0

Mr. Clarke to pay over the balance to the committee treasurers, who are to give Clarke a discharge for the 306*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*

Like order that the 50*l.* paid by Sir Arthur Jenney, of co. Suffolk, as an inhabitant of Westminster, towards the Scottish loans, be allowed in part of 15,000*l.* charged on Suffolk. [*G* 1*a*, *pp.* 78, 79; 2, *p.* 91.]

July 26. Order of the House of Commons that Mr. Salway, minister, be desired to go with the Commissioners of Parliament appointed to reside with the Scotch army, and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall pay him 50*l.* imprest for provision of horses and other necessaries for his journey. [*G* 1, *p.* 39.]

July. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that Mr. Jenner report to the House the fines imposed by this committee on delinquents for composition, both those which Mr. Ashe had in charge, and others made since. [*G* 173, *p.* 116.]

July? **72.** Sub-committee of Accounts for co. Worcester [to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall]. Being ordered on 26 June 1645, to enquire into the fraudulent discharging, under-selling, and under-letting of sequestrations, we report that most of the estates of Papists and delinquents in this county are leased by the county commissioners here to their agents or the owners, at extreme undervalues, and few of the commissioners have taken the required oath. The State is greatly prejudiced, because those who hold their estates on such low terms do not care to compound. Many delinquents are unsequestered, and some sequestered estates are unleased. If you require it, we will discover particulars, but we should require a solicitor, with a salary; and then we expect to haste up delinquents to compound, and to discover whether those that have compounded have done so at full value. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 12? Statement [by Sir David Watkins, counsel-at-law,] of the obstructions that he finds in the proceedings of the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee—

1. That the county commissioners will not discharge sequestrations when ordered, but still receive the rents, and sell the goods of compounders at their pleasure.
2. That those who now come in to compound are fined ½ or ⅔ of their estates, and as they are mostly ⅓ of it in debt, they have little or nothing left.
3. That when their fines are set and secured at Goldsmiths' Hall, they are sent for to Haberdashers' Hall to pay their ⅕ and $\frac{1}{20}$, to their utter ruin, and this makes them forbear to compound.
4. That their taking themselves, or others taking for them, their lands from the Commissioners for Sequestrations, keeps them back.
5. Also the allowing them their fifth.
6. Also their hopes of accord with the King, and settlement of a peace, when they would have better conditions.
7. Also the difficulty in getting their ordinances and pardons passed.
8. There is yet no certain rule for clearing those not worth 10*l.* in land, and 200*l.* in goods.
9. There are no clear rules about their surrendering to the county committees or governors of towns, to distinguish the time of their coming in, and concerning the taking of the oath and covenant.
10. The want of a new time to be prefixed, with a moderation of the fines.
11. The committee have no power to make a difference between those who acted on compulsion, and those who were violent, and plunderers; and blood shedders.

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12. No latitude is given to examine on oath matters arising on compositions, setting fines, &c.

13. There is no rule for moderating the fines of infants compounding for their fathers' delinquency, nor whether to reckon the time from the death of the ancestor, or from the giving in of the petition.

14. There is no rule for those who have appealed to the Commissioners for Sequestrations for discharge of sequestration, but rather than dispute the question, would compound, if they could do it on moderate terms.

15. The committee have no power to send for delinquents, nor order anything about their estates, which lie obscured, and which they enjoy as innocent.

16. They have no power to compel the bringing in of the fines, and thus many, whose reports are drawn, absent themselves and decline to be heard; others who have paid part of their fines do not bring in the rest, and some that have brought in particulars decline to prosecute their compositions.

17. The committee have not settled the work among their clerks, nor appointed their salaries for a work requiring so much care. [*G* 108, *pp.* 159–161.]

Aug. 12. **73–75.** Order in the House of Commons—on the report of Mr. Jenner from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, of the several votes of that committee for imposing fines upon delinquents for discharge of their respective delinquencies and sequestrations,—that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall shall compound with none at less than two years' value, according to the true value of his estate before the troubles began.

That the party desiring to compound shall bring a certificate from the commissioners of the county where his estate lies, and be restored to no more than the value of the estate he brings a certificate for. [*G* 1, *p.* 51; 2, *p.* 98.]

Aug. 12. **76.** Note of the above order, and of its being vacated 6 Dec. 1645. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 16. Order of the House of Commons that the fines of Sir John Cotton and Stephen Soame be paid by order of the Army Committee, for poor widows and soldiers. [*G* 1, *p.* 55; 2, *p.* 102.]

Aug. 19. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to write to tell Mr. Beverley, co. Bedford, that the money owing to the hundred for billeting soldiers cannot be set off on the monthly tax for the Scots, and to desire him to send the same speedily, as well as the moneys behind on the ordinances of 16 and 27 Oct. 1643.

The committee to attend on Thursday at 7 p.m.

The treasurers to consider the Earl of Essex's papers remaining with Mr. Isum. [*G* 2, *p.* 95.]

Aug. 21. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that the letter from the commissioners at Lincoln be reported to the House. [*G* 2, *p.* 96.]

Aug. 21. Warrant of the said committee to the Lieutenant of the Tower, for Sir John Hewitt to appear on Tuesday before them. [*G* 2, *p.* 95.]

Aug. 29. Order of the said committee to the treasurers for sequestrations at Guildhall, to attend to an ordinance for payment to the Earl of Essex of 2,000*l.*, after the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall have received 1,500*l.* towards payment of the Scots' army. [*G* 2, *p.* 96.]

Aug. 29. **77.** Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs to the treasurers, according to orders of the Committee of both Kingdoms of 31 July and 18 Aug, appended, to pay Thomas Richardson, wagon-master, 62*l.* towards the carriage of ammunition to the Scots' army at Hereford; but he is not to expect any other like payments, till he procures a power from Parliament to enable the committee and treasurers to be allowed on account both what they have paid and shall pay on such occasions. Receipted. [1⅓ *pages; also G* 1*a*, *pp.* 86–88; 2, *pp.* 96, 97.]

Sept. 2. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that [Susanna] Faldoe be discharged of her assessment, she having had no notice thereof, and that the 5*l.* be repaid to the treasurers, and by them to the officers. [*G* 2, *p.* 97.]

Sept. 9. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that the treasurers pay to [Wm.] White the just proportion allotted to Lord Fairfax, according to the orders of the House, of moneys received from compositions set on delinquents, for taking off the sequestrations of their estates. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 90; 2, *p.* 102.]

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Sept. 10. **78.** Order of the House of Commons, on petition of Thomasine, Tabitha, and Hannah, daughters of the late Capt. Rob. Turpin, that 500*l.* each be paid them out of the first moneys raised on the sale of the estate of Sir John Banks, late Lord Chief Justice of Common Pleas; and that they have meantime 100*l.* a year allowed out of the profits of such of their estates as lie in the Parliament quarters. [¾ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 56.]

Sept. 15? Chelmsford. **79.** County Commissioners for Essex to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. Thanks for your acceptance of our endeavours in this county to raise money for our brethren in Scotland. We have not meddled with the overplus of the 15,000*l.*, knowing it disposable by your allowance, but as the men employed must be paid, and their accounts should be examined, we ask 3*d.* in the pound for receivers, ticket-carriers, clerks, &c.; this comes to 187*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, and when we have paid all just demands, we will return you the remainder. We have allowed Thos. Rookes, your solicitor, 30*s.* a week, up to the 7th instant. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 20. Parliament order that Sir Greg. Norton, Bart., have 1,000*l.* out of such Papists' and delinquents' estates as he shall discover, that he enjoy the sequestered house of Sir Roger Palmer at Charing Cross, and that the Committee for Sequestrations in Westminster pay the landlord the yearly rent of 25*l.* for it. [*G* 106, *p.* 725.]

Sept. 26. Aylesford. Certificate from the Commissioners of co. Kent, to the Committee for Scottish Affairs at Goldsmiths' Hall, that John Philpott, Somerset herald, was sequestered for being in the King's quarters without leave, and that he is worth 52*l.* 19*s.* a year. [*G* 110, 299.]

Sept. 26. Warrant of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Lieutenant of the Tower, for Sir John Butler to appear on Tuesday; also Mr. Highlord, Hobson, Gardner, Wardall, and Deputy Clerke, or their tenants. [*G* 2, *p.* 105.]

Oct. 3. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that Deputy Clerke pay the officers of the distress for his assessment 5*l.*, and deliver up their receipts for 50*l.*, taking a receipt from the treasurers, or be distrained for the fees.

Order—on presentation of a bill by the Commissioners of Estates of Scotland, for payment from the 30,000*l.* for the Scots' army of 8,945*l.*, balance of 10,000*l.* due to Jas. Hamilton, of Boigis, and Jas. Stewart, merchant of Edinburgh, for 10,734 bolls of oatmeal, sent to the Scottish army in Ireland,—that the treasurers pay it only out of money that comes in from sequestrations, after the former engagement to Lady Hume, but be not otherwise liable for it; and that they then pay to Stewart only 8,800*l.*, and 47*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Jas. Nisbet, for interest on his bill of 500*l.* [*G* 2, *pp.* 107, 108.]

Oct. 4. **80.** Order in the House of Commons that the rules by which the committee shall proceed with such as come in to compound for their delinquencies shall be according to the propositions set down in the propositions of both Kingdoms, formerly sent to his Majesty, for a safe and well-grounded peace. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 56.]

Oct. 4. **81.** Note of the above. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 9. **82.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall execute all powers given them for bringing in assessments for payment of the Scots' army, and send for and demand account of any committee or member thereof, or officer that obstructs the same; and if any member of the House diverts or obstructs, the name is to be certified and he proceeded against by the House. Also that the powers given them for bringing in the first 4 months' assessments be effectual for the last 4 months, and bringing in arrears on the loan of 200,000*l.* for the Scots' advance into this Kingdom. [1 *page; also G* 1, *pp.* 40, 41.]

Oct. 9. **83.** Order of the House of Commons, that next Tuesday the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall report the compositions with delinquents, and the House allow such ordinances thereon as they present. [½ *page.*]

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Oct. 18. **84.** Order of the House of Commons, that the compositions for discharge of delinquencies and for taking off sequestrations shall be made with the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, and that no other committee compound with any delinquent, without the official directions of this House. [*G* 1, *p.* 51.]

85. Note of the above. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

86. Like order that 1,000*l.* be appointed for relief of the officers and soldiers' wives and widows appointed to receive money by the ordinance of 9 December 1644, out of the first fines made at Haberdashers' Hall, upon such delinquents as come thither on warrant of the Speakers of the House of Lords or House of Commons, or Sir Thos. Fairfax, they having received 3 parts of the same; and that 100*l.* more shall be paid therefrom to Frances Backhouse, widow, and her children, whose husband was serjeant-major to Col. [Edw.] Massey's regiment of horse, and slain in service of Parliament. [1 *page; also G* 1, *p.* 57.]

Oct. 21. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that henceforth the committee shall meet on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons.

Order that the treasurers repay to Susanna Faldoe 4*l.*, illegally levied on her by distress by the officers, repaying themselves from moneys due to the officers on distress.

The petition of [Thos.] Squire, late officer of this committee, referred to the treasurers. [*G* 2, *p.* 115.]

Oct. 22. **87.** Order of the House of Commons, that the paper from the Scotch Commissioners, as to providing clothes for their army, be referred to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to confer with the said commissioners about the proportion of the clothes to be provided; presented to the committee by Sir Charles Erskine. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page; also G* 2, *p.* 119.]

Oct. 24. **88.** Order of the House of Commons, on presentation by Sir Rob. Harley of the jewel, value 800*l.*, to be presented to Sir Thos. Fairfax, that the House approves it; that John Ashe is to present it, and that the 800*l.* be paid to Fras. Allen out of the fine of the first delinquent not disposed of. Presented to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall by Fras. Allen, 13 November. [1 *page; also G* 1, *p.* 57; 2, *p.* 126.]

Oct. 24. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that if any citizen within the lines of communication come to compound, there shall be no proceeding till he bring in his certificate of discharge from the Committee of Arrears.

Order that no counsel be allowed to speak in this committee on behalf of any delinquent in matter of fact.

That Mr. Vincent order all the collectors in London to bring in their accounts next Tuesday, and their money meantime. [*G* 2, *p.* 117.]

Oct. 27. Order of the House of Commons, on petition of Susan Abercromby, widow, that she have 100*l.* out of the fine of the first delinquent she propounds to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, who on credit thereof are to advance her 20*l.* for maintenance; and the Committee of Accounts are to state the arrears of pay due to her late husband. [*G* 1, *p.* 59; 2, *p.* 124.]

89. Like order that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall take care to pay to the Earl of Rutland, for his present subsistence, 1,500*l.* a year from Viscount Campden's estate, till 5,000*l.* be levied therefrom for the Earl. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 165.] *Annexing,*

89. 1. *Account of the Earl's receipts from the said estate, viz.:*—325*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.*, *leaving* 4,674*l.* 13*s.* 1*d. balance due.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Oct. 28. Stafford. J. Swynfen, and 5 other county commissioners, to the Committee for Compounding. The King, who has three strongholds in this county—Lichfield, Dudley, and Tutbury,—when quartered with his whole army for ten days last spring near Stafford, wasted Pirehill Hundred, the freest part of our county on which our forces are maintained, inflicting a loss of 20,000*l.* If the profits of delinquents' estates be taken from us by Parliament, our weekly contribution by the enemy, and our county ransacked by the extraordinary force from the King, the forces necessary for its protection and reduction must be disbanded.

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We desire you to grant us [Thos.] Broughton's composition; if you cannot, please to report this our sad condition to Parliament, before his composition be determined and disposed of. [*G* 174, *p.* 615.]

Oct. 28. **90.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall,—on an order of the House of Commons of 28 October, upon the ordinance of the 18th inst., directing that 1,000*l.* be paid for relief of officers' and soldiers' wives and widows appointed to receive money in an ordinance of 9 December 1644, that the tenor of such ordinance shall extend as well to Goldsmiths' as Haberdashers' Hall, anything therein contained notwithstanding,—for payment accordingly. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 58; 2, *pp.* 118, 119.]

Nov. 3. **91.** Order of the House of Commons that no ordinances for compositions be brought in but from Goldsmiths' Hall, and that all particulars of lands and estates compounded for be kept in a book at Goldsmiths' Hall, and the compounders to subscribe the particulars therein. [½ *page; also G* 3, *p.* 2.]

Nov. 3. **92.** Note of the above. [¼ *page.*]

Nov. 4. **93.** Order of the House of Commons, that where the fines for compositions with delinquents shall not exceed 100*l.* each, any three so compounding shall be inserted into one ordinance, and one pardon for discharge of treason, delinquencies, and sequestrations, and shall jointly pay the usual fees in other cases due for one ordinance and for one pardon; and the Commissioners of the Great Seal are required, upon the acceptance of the fines of delinquents, and the passing of an ordinance for certifying of such fine or composition by both Houses of Parliament, to give a warrant to the Solicitor General for preparing and signing a pardon to the person so compounding, according to the form of a pardon passed by both Houses, and to pass the same under the Great Seal; provided that if the said pardon be not sued for within one month after composition, then the composition to be void. With note of request for the Lords' concurrence. [⅔ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 130.]

Nov. 6. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on production by Sir Chas. Egerton of divers ordinances granting him 300*l.* from such delinquents' estates as he shall propound, that the sum be paid him from the fine of Sir Wm. Ford, of Harting, co. Sussex, now on composition. [*G* 2, *pp.* 122, 123.]

Nov. 7. **94.** Order of the House of Commons, that 3,000*l.* be charged on the Excise, to be paid in course for Abingdon garrison, with interest at 8 per cent., and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall be desired to advance it to Mr. Billingsley, treasurer of the garrison, to be reimbursed from compositions with delinquents in cos. Oxon, Bucks, and Berks; Mr. Scott and 3 others to endeavour the receiving thereof. With other duplicates calendared under their dates. [1¼ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 130.]

Nov. 8. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers meet with [John] Stephens and [Rob] Jenner, and confer with the commissioners of the three counties about the order in the House of Commons for advance of 3,000*l.* for Abingdon. [*G* 2, *p.* 124.]

Nov. 10. Order of the House of Commons, that 3,000*l.* of Sir John Borlase's fine be employed for Abingdon garrison.

That the proceeds of the Earl of Down's delinquency, and 5,000*l.* besides the compositions already granted, be provided out of delinquents' compositions for that garrison. Noted "this 5,000*l.* will be very long in bringing in, if not hastened." [*G* 1, *p.* 131; 3, *p.* 24.]

Nov. 11. **95.** Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that the committee engage themselves to see the treasurers reimbursed out of the first fines for delinquents, for such moneys as they advance by order of the House, for 3,000*l.* for Abingdon. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 100; 2, *p.* 125.]

Nov. 12. **96.** Rich. Drover to Herring and Waring. Pray speed the payments for Abingdon. The least delay may extremely prejudice that garrison and the Association. I stay in town on purpose. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 12. Gilbert Millington, clerk to the Committee for Plundered Ministers, to the Committee for Compounding. The House of Commons having appointed the Committee for Plundered Ministers to increase the maintenance of

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small benefices, they have made several allowances from delinquents' impropriations; but fearing their pains may be frustrated when the delinquents compound, they order me to send you a list thereof, and to request their preservation when the delinquents compound, as being a means to establish a faithful ministry. [*G* 144, *p.* 319.] *Annexing,*

I. *Order of the House of Commons requiring the Committee for Plundered Ministers to consider how poor vicarages and cures may be raised to a competent maintenance out of Dean and Chapter lands, and impropriate parsonages.* 7 *October* 1644. *Also,*

II. *Like order that they consider all petitions for settling a good ministry in all places that desire it.* 7 *July* 1645.

III. *List of* 22 *impropriate rectories sequestered from delinquents named, out of which the Committee for Plundered Ministers have granted allowances to* 38 *rectories.* [*G* 144, *pp.* 311–317.]

Nov. 15. **97.** Order of the House of Commons, that half the proceeds of compositions with delinquents be employed for service of the army, till 200,000*l.* granted it from delinquents' estates be paid; this order to begin after the moneys already assigned on delinquents' estates are satisfied. With other duplicates calendared under their dates. [1½ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 72.]

98. Like order for passing of pardons under the Great Seal to 10 delinqnents whose fines have been accepted. The cases are all calendared. [3 *pages; also G* 1, *pp.* 70–72.]

Nov. 15. Bishop's Auckland. **99.** Sir Hen. Vane and 12 others of the Northern Committee to John Ashe, chairman, and the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. Hen. Lambton and Ralph and Thos. Davison have asked our certificates to enable them to compound. Do not let them suffer by our delay, whilst we enquire into the value of their estates. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 17. **100, 101.** Order of the House of Commons, that the debt of 1,000*l.* with interest, for which Sir Phil. Stapleton, Sir Art. Hesilrigge, Sir Rob. Harley, and Sir Rob. Cooke are engaged, by command of the House, be paid out of delinquents' estates in cos. Leicester, Hereford, and York, and that Stapleton bring in an ordinance accordingly.

That the fine of Hen. Hildyard, or any other of Yorkshire, be employed in payment.

102. Like order, that Sir Wm. Lister, in concurrence with the Northern Committee, have for his present maintenance 1,500*l.* out of the composition to be made with Sir Hum. Tracy. Mr. Ashurst to bring in the ordinance.

103. Like order, that the interest on the 1,000*l.* lent by Sir John Dryden, [John] Crew, and Sir Chris. Hatton, be paid out of the sequestered estate of Sir C. Hatton, and the principal out of the compositions of Northamptonshire delinquents. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 73; 3, *p.* 60.]

Nov. 20. Note in the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee of presentation of a paper from the Committee of the Prince Elector. *Annexing,*

I. *Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax, Sir Ben. Rudyard, Sir Wm. Strickland, Edw. Baynton, and John Trenchard, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. By a clause in the Prince Elector's ordinance, before the estates of William, Lord Petre, and* 12 *others, on which his annuity of* 6,000*l. is settled, be sold or otherwise disposed of, so that it cannot be paid, it is to be provided for. We understand that some of them are coming to compound, and, being a committee to survey and govern these estates, we wish to have notice before composition, that we may inform you of their true value, and supply their place. Westminster,* 18 *November* 1645.

Note that several orders from the Committee for Plundered Ministers about impropriations were delivered and ordered to be entered. [*G* 2, *pp.* 130, 131.]

Nov. 22. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. The Treasurers to pay to widows and soldiers the remainder of Sir John Cotton's fine, according to several Orders of the House of Commons, and the 100*l.* to Mrs. Backhouse, to be reimbursed from the first moneys of delinquents' fines. [*G* 2, *p.* 133.]

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Nov. 22. Mrs. Abercromy propounds to the Committee for Compounding the names of Lord Lumley and Henry Bull, out of whose fine she may be satisfied according to order of the House. [*G* 2, 133.]

Nov. 24. **104, 105.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the Commissioners of Staffordshire have the moiety of the compositions of Thos. Broughton, Sir Walter Wrottesly, and John Skrimshire of Norbury, and the moiety of such other Staffordshire delinquents as shall not exceed 3,000*l.*, for maintenance of the forces there. The compositions to be made at Goldsmiths' Hall, and not elsewhere. [⅔ *page; also G* 1, *pp.* 72, 73; 3, *p.* 73.]

Nov. 25. **106, 107.** Order of the House of Commons that Lord Robartes be referred to the Committee of Accounts to perfect his accounts.

That the committee to whom the Earl of Essex and other principal army officers were referred, consider his losses and services, and present some way of recompense.

That he be forthwith paid 2,000*l.* on account of arrears from the composition of such delinquents as he shall present to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. With note, 29 November, that he presented Hen. Vernon, Rich. Bennet of Chancery Lane, Sir John Harper, and Marg. Saunders of Henley. [⅔ *page; also G* 1, *pp.* 131, 132.]

Nov. 27. Order of the House of Commons, that Mr. Ashurst bring in an ordinance that the House concurs with the Northern Committee, that Sir Wm. Lister should have 1,500*l.* present maintenance out of Sir Hum. Tracy's composition. [3, *p.* 21.]

Like order, that Sir Phil. Stapleton bring in an ordinance for payment, from the estates of delinquents in cos. Leicester, Hereford, or York, of 1,000*l.* with interest, for which he, Sir Art. Hesilrigge, Sir Rob. Harley, and Sir Rob. Cooke are engaged, by order of the House. [*G* 3, *p.* 4.]

Dec. 2. **108.** Order of the House of Commons, that clothes to the value of 6,000*l.* be provided by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for the Scotch army, and made here, and accounted for as so much pay and entertainment to the Scotch army.

109. Like order on petition of Francis Webb, merchant of London, that 700*l.* be paid him out of the Excise, in part of a debt of 5,128*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*, for arms, &c., for Ireland.

Also that the residue of the debt due to the 27 merchants be paid to them proportionably out of the moiety of compositions of delinquents not yet charged.

110. Like order, on petition of Susan, wife of John Blakiston, M.P., that the fine to be paid on the composition of Mr. Hudson be paid over to Blakiston in satisfaction of his losses, except 500*l.* formerly disposed of. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 74.]

Dec. 6. **111.** Order of the House of Commons, that the order which directs and enjoins the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to compound with such as come in upon particulars of their estates to be certified from the committee where their estates are, is hereby revoked and made void. [⅓ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 74.]

112. Note of the above. [¼ *page.*]

Like order, that the Committee for Northamptonshire have 4,000*l.* out of the half of compositions for delinquents' estates that is not charged for Sir Thos. Fairfax's army, after the assignments already charged thereon. [*G* 1, *p.* 75.]

Dec. 6. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mich. Gardner pay 100*l.* for advance of the Scottish army.

Order agreeing to the order of the House of Commons, that Mr. Blakiston is to have Mr. Hudson's composition, except 500*l.*

A letter to be written to press Col. [Edw.] Rossiter to obtain an exchange for [Thos.] Rookes. [*G* 3, *p.* 1.]

Dec. 8. **113.** Order in the House of Commons, that such delinquents as came to London and Westminster before the 1st inst., to compound for their delinquency, shall compound with the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall before 1st January next.

That those delinquents who rendered themselves before the 1st inst. to any of the committees of Parliament, within the several counties of England or Wales, shall at their perils compound at Goldsmiths' Hall before the 1st of February next.

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That all delinquents who have come within the lines of communication, not having taken the oath prescribed by both Houses 1st of April last, shall be committed according to the said ordinance, and the respective committees are hereby required to commit them accordingly. [1 *page; also* 1, *p.* 75.]

Dec. 8. **114.** Notes of the above order. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 9. **115, 116.** Order of the House of Commons, on petition of Rich. Nethaway, brewer of Bristol, that he have 500*l.* out of the half of compositions at Goldsmiths' Hall not charged for Sir Thos. Fairfax; and that the Bristol Committee provide him a sequestered house fit for his profession, and consider how 500*l.* more may be paid him out of sequestrations in those parts, in recompence of the burning of his houses, and his losses at the taking of Bristol.

117. Like order on petition of Capt. Browning and 6 other Dutch officers, that 500*l.* be paid them out of the half of the compositions at Goldsmiths' Hall not charged for Fairfax's army, in full of all demands due to them from Parliament; the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall are earnestly desired to advance this 500*l.*, and Mr. Jenner will bring in an ordinance for their repayment. [*G* 1, *p.* 76; 3, *p.* 129.]

Dec. 13. **118.** Order of the House of Commons, that if any come in to compound, he shall present the true value of his estate as it was before these troubles began; and for what is concealed or omitted, he shall have no advantage by his composition, but shall pay four times the yearly value of real estate, and forfeit all personal estate. [⅛ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 132.]

119. Note of the above. [¼ *page.*]

120. Like order, that 1,000 pairs of pistols and 3,000 pairs of boots be furnished by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for the Scottish army. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 76.]

Dec. 16. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for a letter to the Committee of the Isle of Ely, to speed the money which is behind for the Scots' advance. [*G* 3, *p.* 3.]

Dec. 18. Order of the House of Commons. Rich. Waring and Mich. Herring, treasurers of the money to be paid into Goldsmiths' Hall, having advanced 6,000*l.* over and above the 31,[000]*l.* formerly assigned for the Scotch army, the said 6,000*l.* shall be repaid to them out of the first money raised out of the assessments appointed by the ordinance of Parliament for the pay of the Scotch army, after the said 31,000*l.* borrowed upon the security of the said ordinance, with interest at 8*l.* per cent. The 6,000*l.* is to be paid to the Scottish forces before Newark, in such manner as the Committee of both Houses of Parliament, or any three of them—whereof one shall be of the House of Peers, and two of the House of Commons, now appointed to go to the forces before Newark—shall think fit, for preventing free quarter and other inconveniences, and for better carrying on the service and reducing the town, after due musters have been had of the Scotch army. [*G* 1, *pp.* 42, 43; 1*a*, *p.* 102.]

Dec. 18. Order in the Committee for Scottish Affairs, that the treasurers lade into wagons appointed by the Committee for both Kingdoms 15,000*l.* to be sent to Newark for the Scottish army, to be advanced on credit of the ordinances of 20 February and 15 Aug. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 102; 3, *p.* 6.]

Dec. 18. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Moyer, Thompson, Shute, and Alexander, be requested to examine the petitions and particulars before the committee, on which no compositions are made, especially those that have county certificates returned, and are ready for composition, and put them in order, giving in a list of them, that the committee may proceed.

That the officers attending the Turners' Hall Sub-Committee see laden into the wagons appointed, 2,100 suits of clothes, 5,000 pairs of shoes, and 2,000 of stockings, and 1,000 shirts, for the Scots' army at Newark.

That Thos. Squire go with the 15 chests containing 15,000*l.* to be sent to Newark, and have convoy appointed and directions given by the Committee of both Kingdoms; deliver the money to the commissary-general of the army, by order of General the Earl of Leven, and return his receipt; with writ of assistance. [*G* 3, *pp.* 5–7.]

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Dec. 21. Order of the Committee for Scottish Affairs,—on the letter of 8 Oct. 1645, from the Committee of Scottish Loans for Suffolk, for allowance to Mr. Selling of 20*l.* surplus raised in the county,—that he have that sum, and any further surplus collected, unless it amounts to such a sum as the committee thinks too much. [*G* 1*a*, *p.* 104.]

Dec. 23. **121.** Order of the House of Commons on the petitions of Joanna, widow of Capt. Peytoe, Sarah, widow of Capt. Hayward, and Mary Hitchcock, widow, that they have 50*l.* each out of the fine of Sir John Hewitt when paid, and the Committee of Accounts to state what was due to their husbands. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 771.]

Dec. 23. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Rookes have his salary now in prison, as when he was a servant of this committee, and that the treasurers pay his wife 10*l.* on account. [*G* 3, *p.* 8.]

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Jan. 5. Chichester. **122.** Wm. Baldwyn to ———. I am surprised the Committee of Accounts charge you with having 30*l.* of Mr. Stewart and 5*l.* of Mr. Smith, of Chilgrove, as I have had the money, paid it in, and got acquittances. I paid in 30*l.* to Wm. Cawley, and accounted for 35*l.* You will be bird-limed if it could be done. [1 *page; see p.* 44 *infra.*]

Jan. 6. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Lord Maitland, now Earl of Lauderdale, be paid the balance of the 7,000*l.* due to Lady Hume, for which divers members of this committee stand engaged, and that the bonds be delivered up. [*G* 3, *p.* 15.]

Jan. 8. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers tender 4,000*l.* to the Earl of Lauderdale in presence of witnesses, and in case he refuse it, that the matter be reported to the House, with this committee's opinion that the members who stand bound should have their bonds delivered up. [*G* 3, *p.* 16.]

Jan. 10. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the 4,000*l.* be tendered to the Earl of Lauderdale, with interest to the day. [*G* 3, *p.* 17.]

Jan. 12. Order of the House of Commons, on the petition of Sir Wm. Anderson and Tobias Norris, merchant, that the moiety of the debt of 3,336*l.* 1*s.* due to them for clothes provided for the despoiled English soldiers in and near Dublin, be paid by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall in course, out of the moiety of compositions there not charged for the pay of Sir Thomas Fairfax's army. [*G* 1, *p.* 77.]

Jan. 15. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the sub-committee appointed to prepare particulars of delinquents' estates, examine the books and the orders for payments charged on this committee. [Chris.] Packe added to them.

Presentation of an House of Commons' order of 17 Nov. 1645, that the interest on 1,000*l.* lent by Sir John Dryden, Mr. Crew, and Sir Chris. Hatton, be paid from Sir Christopher's sequestered estate, and the principal from the estates of compounders in co. Northampton.

Order that the certificates sent into the counties concerning compositions express all the particulars compounded for. [*G* 3, *pp.* 18, 20.]

Order that the sub-committee at Turners' Hall see laden into waggons appointed by the Committee of both Kingdoms 29,000 suits of clothes, 300 pairs of boots, 3,000 pairs of stockings, 4,000 shirts, and 1,000 pairs of pistols and holsters, for the Scottish army at Newark. [*G* 3, *p.* 19.]

Jan. 17. Warrant to the Committee at Shrewsbury, to release John Collis, servant of [Fras.] Newport, imprisoned whilst taking particulars of his master's estate by his order. [*G* 3, *p.* 21.]

Jan. 26. **123.** Note that the proceeds of the Earl of Down's compositions, charged upon Goldsmiths Hall, be for Abingdon garrison; with other notes of payments calendared under their respective dates. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 27. **124.** Petition of Thos. Bedell, commander of the Hector, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, for payment of 8*l.* formerly laid out, and 1*l.* 2*s.* late charges, laid out by order of [Hen.] Darley, M.P., in taking and landing money

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and 29 chests of muskets, with 100 barrels of powder, match, &c., last April at Newcastle, for the Scottish army under the Earl of Leven; with order for payment, receipted 29 Jan. [1¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 27. Report of the Scotch Loan Committee for co. Herts, on an order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall of 30 April 1644, for a bill of charges of the commissioners and others, sending out tickets, paying treasurers, and for clerks' wages in bringing in 3,600*l.*, the proportion for the hundreds of Cashio and Dacorum, of the 9,000*l.* to be raised in the county, that they have raised the same and 95*l.* 3*s.* over, which they beg as allowance for their charges. Request granted. [*G* 3, *pp.* 27–28.]

Jan. 29. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that a letter be written to all the counties to return particulars of estates sequestered by them.

The treasurers to provide a clock to be set up in the committee-room. [*G* 3, *p.* 29.]

Jan. 31. **125.** Order of the House of Commons, on petition of Ralph Weckerlyn, Latin Secretary, that 200*l.* be bestowed on him for faithful services and charged upon Goldsmiths' Hall, on the moiety of compositions not reserved for Fairfax. The Committee of Revenue to pay him his entertainment with arrears, after the present assignment. [*G* 1, *pp.* 83, 95; *also* 3, *p.* 39.]

Jan. **126.** Note of assessments raised in Lexden, Winstree, and Tendring Hundreds, co. Essex, for the army under Gen. Leven, total 675*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, and of the payment of 675*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*, in divers sums, at Goldsmiths' Hall, July 1645, and Jan. 1645–6. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. **127.** Notes of orders in the Order Book, Oct. 1643 to Jan. 1646, relative to loans and payments for the Scottish army. [*Scrap.*]

Jan. **128.** Abstract of orders passed at Goldsmiths' Hall relative to the receipt and payment of moneys, and provisions for the Scots' army. [*Book of* 12 *leaves.*]

Feb. 7. **129.** Order on an order of the House of Commons of 2 Feb. prefixed,—on petition of John Fitz-James of Leweston, co. Dorset, that 1,300*l.* lent by him to Parliament 18 Aug. 1642, for which several members stand engaged, and which should have been repaid, being the portions of his sisters (but only 130*l.* in part of interest has yet been paid), be paid forthwith, with interest at 8 per cent. by the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee out of the unreserved half of composition fines in cos. Dorset and Somerset;—for payment accordingly. [1½ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 96; 3, *p.* 34.]

Feb. 10. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall do peremptorily and in the first place pay the 1,800*l.* formerly appointed to be paid by them for the use of the garrison at Abingdon. [*G* 1, *p.* 132; 3, *p.* 40.]

Feb. 12. Request by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall will lend Sir John Temple 300*l.* of the 600*l.* ordered to be paid him from delinquents' fines. [*G* 3, *p.* 40.]

Feb. 14. **130.** Order of the House of Commons, that the interest and estates in all advowsons and rights of patronage to any churches belonging to delinquents shall, upon their compositions, be reserved to the disposal of Parliament; and the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall are upon all such compositions to except the same. With duplicate orders of 23 March and 1 June, calendared under their dates. [1½ *pages; also G* 1, *pp.* 87, 132; 3, *p.* 41.]

131. Note of the above. [¼ *page.*]

Like order, that the House meet this afternoon to hear the report and ordinances concerning compositions with delinquents from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, and proceed to their dispatch. [*G* 1, *p.* 84.]

Feb. 17. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall be desired, on important occasions of Abingdon garrison, to advance to Major-Gen. Browne therefor 3,000*l.*, the committee proposing compositions out of which they are to be repaid with interest. On this payment, they are to be discharged of the former 1,800*l.* charged on them for Abingdon. [*G* 1, *p.* 87.].

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Feb. 23. **132–134.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall shall have power to suspend the sequestration of such delinquents as shall compound with the said committee, they having paid the moiety of the fine compounded for, and given security to the said committee for the other moiety, and to stand to such further compositions as shall be allowed of or set by the House of Commons; providing that every such person so compounding do sue forth a pardon under the Great Seal, within six weeks after the compositions shall be allowed by both Houses.† [*Also G* 1, *p.* 991; 3 *p.* 45.]

Feb. 24. Order in the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee for allowance to the collectors of the Scottish loan in co. Sussex, of 13,500*l.* out of the 200,000*l.* for advance of the Scots of 348*l.* 15*s.*, expenses of collection.

Order that Thos. Vincent, usher to the committee, administer the negative oath to all delinquents coming in, and give an account when required, taking 1*s.* from each person as a registration fee. [*G* 3, *p.* 40.]

Feb. 24. Chester. **135.** Thos. Brooke, sheriff, Sir Wm. Brereton, and two others, co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. On the surrender of this city, we were compelled to pay the soldiers, who were much behind with pay, 18,000*l.*, to prevent the city from utter ruin by plunder. We hoped to raise most of it from delinquents' estates, but many of the most notorious are coming to compound, because some have compounded under a year's purchase; some of their estates also are in the enemy's power. Thus we shall forfeit our engagements, and the county will be subject to the invasion of the soldiers, whereof there is a sad precedent in Lancashire, of which we have informed the House of Commons. We beg you not to let any of this county compound till this matter is settled. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 28. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the committee proceed on compositions in the order in which they are drawn up by the sub-committee.

That letters be written to the county committees to hasten the moneys.

That Mr. Alexander and the rest of the sub-committee examine the power given to the messengers, and the ordinance, and consider what more is to be done for speedy bringing in of the money behind. [*G* 3, *p.* 48.]

March 2. **136.** List presented to Parliament [by Sir Charles Egerton] of 52 persons within the liberties of Ripon, at Ripon and Kirby Mallard, who have estates, and have raised forces against Parliament, headed by the Archbishop of York, Bishop of Derry [Dr. John Bramhall], and Earl of Derby, some noted as being Papists.

The names not in individual composition cases are as follows:—*

*Sir Ralph Blakiston.
Lieut.-Col. Norton.
Thomas Norton.
Wm. Stanley.
Leonard Besson.
Wm. Marchinfield.
*Capt. Stevenson.
*Capt. Messinger.
*Capt. Berney.
*Capt. Singleton.
*Peter Ingilby.
Capt. Thos. Staveley.
Capt. Wise.
Capt. Skeldon.
Capt. Hardcastle.
Capt. Lyster.
Mr. Slingsby.
Lieut. Elsley.
Mr. Newton, of Thorpe.
John Wise.
Capt. Thos. Markinfield.

Ripon Town.

Alderman Holmes.
Wm. Fawcett.
John Mallory.
Cornet Hebdon.
*Peter Snow.
*John Warwick.

Kirby Mallard.

Chas. Elsley.
Wm. Ripley.
Lieut. Duffield.
Lieut. Norton.
Francis Grange.
John Jirman.
George Wood.

[1 *page; also G* 1, *p.* 99.]

March 2. Order of the House of Commons, that Sir Chas. Egerton shall have his 500*l.* out of the fines of any persons set down by him in a paper presented to Parliament whom he shall nominate. [*G* 1, *p.* 100.]

* Those marked thus * are Papists.
† From this date, the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee more frequently took the name of Committee for Compounding. As explained in the preface, the committees are identical.

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March 3. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that every certificate of the sub-committee be signed by two at least, and every cause set down as it is finished by them. Sir David Watkins and [John] Oldfield added to them, and no business to be prepared but at this table. [*G* 3, *p.* 49.]

March 7. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that [John] Stephens ask the House to allow the clerk-doorkeeper fire, and other charges for the [sub-] committee for entering the names of delinquents. [*G* 3, *p.* 52.]

March 10. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the committee meet on Friday about the Scottish loan and monthly tax. [*G* 3, *p.* 54.]

March 14. Note that John Coke entreats a letter to the county commissioners at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, to send him up, having long since come from Oxford, and lying about Somerleyton or Legstock [Laystoff?]. [*G* 3, *p.* 55.]

March 19. **137.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldmiths' Hall take care to send forth to the Scots' forces before Newark 5,000*l.*, provide some settled course for furnishing them with 5,000*l.* monthly, and propound some ground of good credit for repayment of the monthly 5,000*l.* [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 101.]

March 21. **138–140.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Lord Mayor be desired to take special care that the moneys in arrear from the City of London, upon the ordinances for the Scotch army, be carefully and speedily brought in; the members that serve for the City to be enjoined to recommend this business to the Lord Mayor, and represent to him the necessity of speeding this service.

The like orders for the several counties, to be directed to the committees, and the knights and burgesses that serve for the said counties earnestly enjoined to recommend this business to the said committees, and represent to them the necessity of speeding this service.

That the county committees take especial care for bringing in the said moneys.

That the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall prepare letters, to be signed by the Speaker, and sent to the respective committees of the several counties from this House, acquainting them with the necessity of the speedy bringing in of the money in arrear upon the ordinances for the maintenance of the Scotch army, and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall take care for the sending of these letters to the several counties, and give the House an account of what is done thereupon.

That the treasurers for sequestrations at Guildhall pay in all such moneys as come to their hands, which are not already charged before the date hereof, into the Treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, to be employed for discharge of moneys charged for the service of Ireland.

That an ordinance be prepared by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for taxing the counties for payment of the Scotch army for four months longer, to commence from the 1st of April next. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 93, 101–103; 3, *pp.* 61–63.]

March 21. Note that Kent is 1,400*l.* behind of the first 4 months' assessment, and that Lambert Godfrey took distaste at the warrants of the Committee for Compounding, and said their committee was no ways inferior to it. That Mr. Hayle said he had as good bring up all Kent as any of the committee, although they obstruct the business. [*G* 3, *p.* 59.]

March 21. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the County Commissioners of Kent. The House of Commons recommended to us the expediting the 4 months' pay to the Scots' army; we sent a solicitor to you on the service, and have frequently intimated the necessities of that army, to supply which we have had to take up money on our personal security and on interest, to the great loss of the State, after being at the charge of an officer to attend the business. You are still 1,479*l.* 4*s.* 5½*d.* in arrear of the first 4 months' pay, the whole last 4 months' assessment, and 500*l.* of the Scottish loan, at which we wonder, considering the prudence and honour with which other affairs are transacted. We would hope the obstruction does not proceed from yourselves. [*G* 3, *pp.* 59, 60.]

March 23. **141–142.** Order of the House of Commons, that the rules for Goldsmiths' Hall to go by upon compositions with delinquents shall be those rules that are set by the House upon the new propositions, for such as came in since 1st Dec. last. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 94, 105; 3, *p.* 62.]

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March 23. **143.** Orders in the House of Commons relating to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall since 31st Jan. 1645–6. [19 *pages, all duplicates of those in G* 1, *pp.* 79–104.]

March 24. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on order in the House of Commons of — March, that 3,000 cassocks and 3,000 pairs of shoes be prepared by the sub-committee at Turners' Hall for Ireland.

To enquire of the Lord Mayor whether the money be assessed on the ordinances of 20 February and 15 August, and if so, to request him to send the names of the collectors of the wards.

That the treasurers pay to Wm. White 3,000*l.* paid in by [Hen.] Nevill in part of his fine, and the other 3,000*l.* when it shall grow due, in further part of 15,000*l.* for Lord Fairfax's army. [*G* 3, *pp.* 65, 66.]

March 26. Plymouth. **144.** Sir Thos. Fairfax to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. I recommend the petition and certificate enclosed, the petitioner [*Laurence Chislett, see* 26 *Nov.* 1646] having ventured his life in Parliamentary service since the army's advance for the relief of Taunton, and exceeding any other in the West of England. Assist him to obtain from Parliament relief out of the delinquent's fine named in his petition, his house being burned down, and he having no place of refuge. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

144. I. *Copy of the above letter.* [½ *page.*]

144. II. *Certificate by Governor Ralph Weldon, on behalf of Laurence Chislett, of Taunton St. James', that two of his sons served under Sir Wm. Waller; that he was scout under Major-Gen. Holbourne, commanded a brigade for relief of Taunton, was faithful and well affected, was twice taken prisoner and was to be carried before Lord Goring as a spy, but escaped, and was very helpful as guide and intelligencer and in obtaining provisions. He has been plundered and ruinated and his house burned, is in a distressed condition, and should be commended to Parliament. Plymouth,* 24 *March* 1646. *With recommendation of his case by four M.Ps. of Devonshire and Cornwall.* [1 *page.*]

March 28. **145.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall direct their treasurers to pay the Commissioners of both Houses residing with the Scotch army before Newark the 5,000*l.* formerly ordered for the Scotch army there, and take care for its speedy sending. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 105; 3, *p.* 64.]

March 31. **146.** Order in the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, that persons petitioning to compound, if they prove that they surrendered to any committee, governor of town, or chief officer in the service, before 1 December last, be allowed to compound on the propositions at ⅛ or $\frac{1}{10}$, provided they receive the national covenant and negative oath, and have lived orderly since; otherwise they are to compound at ½ or ⅙. [1 *page.*]

That the treasurers pay 200*l.* to Fras. West and those employed under him in bringing in moneys for 2 years past, and 5*l.* weekly for so long as they are employed, which 5*l.* is also to pay counsel and clerks employed in drawing up particulars of compositions. [*G* 3, *p.* 70.]

April 1. **147.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the [Lord Mayor of London]. In pursuance of an order of the House of Commons of 21 March, we ask whether the sums charged on the city by the ordinances of 20 February and 15 August 1645, for two 4 months' assessments for the Scottish army be assessed on the several parishes and persons. If so, send us a list of the collectors, that we may proceed further. [½ *page.*]

April 4. Order in the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee that no Papist shall be licensed to abide within the lines of communication during the time limited in the ordinance.

That no officers or soldiers of fortune be so licensed.

That no license be granted under fewer than 5 signatures.

That this committee grant some licenses to stay in town before 7 April.

That no license be granted to any to stay after paying ½ their fine and securing the rest.

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That licenses be granted to such as are in treaty for composition, and to such as must stay to secure their moneys, unless there be cause of suspicion against them.

That those who have petitioned for letters into the counties to certify their estates and delinquencies be dispatched with them.

148. That Waring and Herring send speedily the 5,000*l.* ordered 28 March to the Commissioners of Parliament residing with the Scottish army before Newark by the Nottingham carrier, and pay needful charges in sending it. [*Also G* 3, *pp.* 70, 71.] *Annexing,*

148. 1. *Receipt by Rich. Burrowes of* 6 *chests of money, containing* 6,000*l., to be carried to the English Commissioners at Nottingham, and of* 5*l.* 16*s.* 0*d. for carriage thereof.* 6 *April* 1646. [*Scrap.*]

April 6. Warrant of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the keeper of Peter House, to take into custody Rich. Bennett, who has been in the King's quarters, and refuses the negative oath. [*G* 3, *p.* 72.].

April 9. Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Thos. Walker go to Sir Thos. Liddell, Ralph, Thomas, and Sir Nich. Cole, and Capt. Geo. Cock, to demand satisfaction for fetching them from Newcastle. [*G* 3, *p.* 75.]

April 10. Order in the Committee for Examinations, on an order of the House of Commons prefixed, of 17 September 1645,—that Rich. Bradshaw, merchant, shall have the profits of such estates of delinquents in the City of Chester as he shall present to the said committee, until paid 2,000*l.*, part of a debt of 2,623*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*, and shall have the public faith for the remainder—referring it to the County Sequestration Committee to examine the delinquency of the persons presented by him in a schedule, get in the debts, and pay him 1,360*l.*, the balance due of the 2,000*l.* With note, 23 June, that amongst these debts was one from Mr. Bradshaw to Thos. Weston of 116*l.* [*G* 3, *p.* 148.]

149. Like order that 100 barrels of powder, with match and bullet, and 200 hand grenades, be furnished out of the stores, and speedily sent to the Commissioners of both Houses residing with the Scots' army before Newark, with directions to furnish the said army with what they require. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 106; 3, *p.* 88.]

April 16. Order of the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, that the Turners' Hall sub-committee provide 3,000 shirts and 3,000 pairs of stockings for the Irish service. [*G* 3, *p.* 78.]

April 18. **150.** Order of the House of Commons, that the powder ordered on 10th April be furnished and paid for by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 106; 3, *p.* 89.]

April 18. Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that the treasurers be desired to accommodate the Earl of Denbigh with part of the money ordered him, and he will be content to wait for the rest a time proportioned to the payment of this before it is due. [*G* 3, *p.* 80.]

April 22. Exeter. Order by the County Commissioners of Devon to Capts. John Bragg and Newberry, and Lieut. John Westcott, agents for sequestration, to seize the money, goods, debts, chattels, and personal estates, and also the lands of Lord Petre, Sir John Strangways, Col. Hellyar, Sir Jas. Smith, and Capt. Cooke, inventory and appraise them, and sequestrate them, in presence of the constables and other inhabitants of their parishes, leaving a copy of the inventory with the parties concerned. [*G* 152, *p.* 140.]

April 23. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Jenner have particulars about the 10,000*l.* which, by order of the House of Commons of 20 April, is to be paid to the Queen of Bohemia. [*G* 3, *pp.* 83, 84.]

April 24. **151.** Order of the House of Commons, that 10,000*l.* be charged upon Goldsmiths' Hall for the service of Ireland, to be paid in course upon that part of the money that comes in there that is not charged for the army. [⅓ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 108; 3, *p.* 107.]

April 28. Order of the Army Committee that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall let them see a state of the account of the fines and compositions for delinquents, that they may understand what money to expect to supply the present wants of

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the army, in part of the 200,000*l.* charged on that receipt for the army, and that that committee prepare the said account by next Thursday, when this committee will attend them. Col. [John] Venn to deliver this order to-night. [*G* 1, *p.* 109; 3, *p.* 89; 63, *p.* 818.]

April 28. **152, 153.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on orders in the House of Commons given of 4 November 1645 and 17 April 1646 given, for payment of 500*l.* to Bridget, widow of Lieut.-Col. Constance Farrer, slain in the service. [*G* 3, *p.* 90.] *Annexing,*

153. I. *Certificate by the Committee of Accounts to the House of Commons, that the arrears due to Farrer are* 1,309*l.* 10*s.*, *but that there is a surcharge against him of* 12,319*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*, 12 *January* 1646. [1 *page*].

154. Like order, on an order in the House of Commons of 23 April 1646, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall forthwith provide 15,000*l.*, being one month's pay to be sent to the Scotch army before Newark. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 107; 3, *pp.* 84, 90.]

April 30. **155, 156.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall take care to preserve the moiety of all compositions paid into the said committee for the use of the army, and that the same be not otherwise disposed of, but paid in to the treasurer of the army. [*G* 1, *p.* 109.]

April 30. Henry, Earl of Kent, to the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee. I recommend Jacob Cooke's case. The Committee at Northampton sequestering the estate of George Warner in Thorp Lubenham, to which Cooke was tenant, he paid his rent to them, for which Warner often sent from the King's quarters, threatening to take away his goods; and his nephews, George and Major Wm. Warner, in June last, soon after the taking of Leicester, plundered his house, and took away cattle, sheep, and horses, to his damage of 1,000*l.* They are now coming in to compound; let not their compositions pass without competent satisfaction to Cooke. [*G* 77, *p.* 178. *See Warner's composition in the cases, dated* 14 *August* 1646.]

April 30. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Robert Stepney be bailed, on condition of not going beyond the lines of communication. [*G* 3, *p.* 91.]

May 2. **157.** Order of the House of Commons, that the moneys and allowances already appointed to the several churches and chapels by the Committee for Plundered Ministers, according to the power given them, be paid accordingly by the respective sequestrators, until the House takes other order. [⅓ *page*; *also G* 1, *p.* 148.]

Like order that Col. Ceely, late governor of Lyme, be referred to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to consider his losses, and a reparation and recompense for his services. [*G* 1, *p.* 163; 3, *p.* 94; 199, *p.* 733.]

May 2. **158.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the treasurers pay 6,000*l.* to the treasurers for Sir Thos. Fairfax's army, and that they reserve for that army ½ of all compositions to be paid. With receipts thereon by Aldermen Thos. Andrewes, John Dethick, John Warner, Geo. Witham, and Sir John Wollaston, from 7 May 1646 to 11 August 1649, of sums amounting to 200,000*l.* [4 *pages.*]

159. Like order on an order of the House of Commons of 1 May given,—that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall forthwith provide and send the 15,000*l.* ordered 23 April for the Scots' army to the commissioners before Newark; and if the treasurers borrow it, that 8 per cent. interest be allowed to the lenders;—that the treasurers do their best to borrow and send the money. [½ *page; also G* 3, *p.* 95.] *Annexing,*

159. I. *Receipt by Jarvis Burrowes of* 5 *chests of money containing* 5,000*l. to be carried to Nottingham, and of* 4*l.* 14*s. for the carriage thereof.* 5 *May* 1646. [*Scrap.*]

Like order for a letter to the Sub-Committee of Accounts of co. Northampton, to allow 450*l.* charges to the committee and treasurers for raising the Scottish loan, and 127*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for sending out tickets. [*G* 3, *p.* 96.]

160–162. Like order on an order of the House of Commons of 30 April given,—that 600*l.* be paid from compositions at Goldsmiths' Hall to Col. [Edm.] Temple for pay of Henley garrison; any persons advancing that sum, or part

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of it, to be repaid with interest, and Mr. Jenner to take special care to provide the 600*l.*—that the treasurers try to procure it. Repeated 5 May. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 109; 3, *pp.* 94-96, 98.]

May 4. Order of the House of Commons, that all clubmen who have come in to compound shall be used as other delinquents that have been in arms, according to the propositions and the time of their coming in. [*G* 3, *p.* 234; 172, *p.* 629.]

May 6. **163.** Order of the House of Commons approving the articles between General Sir Thos. Fairfax and Sir John Berkley, governor of Exeter, upon rendition of the city. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 192.]

May 6. **164.** Order of the House of Commons—on [Rich.] Knightley's report about the present support of the Earl of Stamford, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall employ a well-deserving gentleman, who has suffered much in the service, to discover further great sums in the hands of debtors to the Earl of Worcester and Lord Herbert, his son,—to get in the said moneys, and to reward him with one fifth; and that the first 1,500*l.* received out of his discoveries be given to the Earl for present subsistence, on account for arrears of his entertainment.

Also that the proceeds of ⅔ of the estates of Sir Thos. Jermyn, and his son Thomas, county Sussex, not exceeding 1,500*l.* a-year, be paid by the county committee to the said Earl, and the remaining ⅓ be employed to the use of the county. In case these ⅔ do not make up the 1,500*l.*, it is to be settled on some other sequestered estate. [*G* 1, *p.* 111; 3, *p.* 112.]

May 9. **165.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on an order of the House of Commons of 7 May given,—that as Sir Wm. Lister, of Thornton in Craven, county York, has suffered much in these distracted times, had his eldest son slain in Parliament service, his estate of great value plundered, his mansion house at Thornton, which was three years a garrison for Parliament, burnt to the ground, and himself and family driven into the south for protection and relief, and has no sustenance, his estate lying in the power of the enemy, he have 1,500*l.* for present subsistence out of the fine of Sir Hum. Tracy, Bart., of Stanway, co. Gloucester, 800*l.* already received to be paid him by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, and the other 700*l.* by Tracy,—for payment accordingly. [2¼ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 112; 3, *pp.* 105, 107.]

May 13. **166.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider of some expedient how the 10,000*l.*, formerly charged in course upon the moneys that come in there for the present service of Ireland may be speedily paid, lest that service very much suffer.

167. Like order that half of the 1,746*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*, assigned to Col. [Wm.] Jephson, out of the moneys to be raised by the sale of the scaffolds outside Paul's Church, towards payment of his regiment and troopers, be paid from the half of the moneys that come in to Goldsmiths' Hall, not charged for Fairfax's army. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 113; 3, *p.* 110.]

May 14. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, at request of Mr. Barclay and the rest of the Scottish Commissioners, allowing a power of attorney of 20 Aug. 1646, whereby Sir Adam Hepburn, lord of Humby, Scotland, appointed John Johnston, merchant of London, to receive for him moneys, arms, ammunition, &c., sent by order of Parliament from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Scots' army, and approval of the sums paid thereon to Johnston. [*G* 3, *p.* 109.]

May 14. Hague. Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. Hearing that the Houses have ordered speedy payment of 10,000*l.* towards my present support, I beg you to dispatch it, that I may satisfy the clamours of many who are expecting it. [*G* 70, *p.* 300.]

May 16. **168.** List of 13 debts due to estates of Papists and delinquents in co. Hereford, presented to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, by order of the House of Commons of 6 May, the discovery being made before then and allowed, total 22,600*l.*; with note of 12,000*l.* more. Also of other great sums dangerous to meddle withal, because Worcester, Goodrich Castle, Maxfield, and Raglan, are not yet reduced. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 111.]

May 18. **169.** List of 23 pardons for delinquency granted on compositions passed in the House of Commons. [1 *page; also G* 1, *p.* 115.]

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May 21. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that compositions only shall be prosecuted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and that orders for payments of money, petitions, &c., be heard on Monday afternoons. [*G* 3, *p.* 116.]

May 25. John Leech to Aud. Hancock. I have done all the cases you sent me that were not done before. Make fair copies of them, and leave a space for the fine, and send me the other papers you have found, for I want them much. Let me have those and the other blank ordinances to-night. I send you a list of those who have paid into the Treasury, to fill your ordinances by. Some may have paid since. Send me Thos. Jackson's papers and Staunton's report. [*G* 173, *p.* 176.] *Prefixing,*

1. *Reports for Parliament of* 17 *composition cases, all calendared under their respective dates.* [*G* 173, *pp.* 173–176.]

May 28. **170, 171.** Order of the House of Commons that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall have power to send for Sir John Packington, Sir Hugh Pollard, Sir John Stepney, [Rich.] Seaborne, [Thos.] Tompkins, and [Edw.] Seymour, to compound with them, and on submission to their fines, to bail them, and if they see cause, to call in the bail, and remand them to prison. [¾ *page;* *also* *G* 1, *p.* 115; 3, *pp.* 123, 124.]

May 28. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Lord Mayor. The Speaker and we wrote you in April to expedite levying the moneys for the Scottish army, and expecting its speedy payment, we have charged payments thereon. We used our credit in expectation of these moneys, but we fail so much in receipts, especially in the City—13,559*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* of 17,421*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* being still unpaid—that we can neither discharge our debt nor fulfil our promises. The House will require an account of what has been done, therefore we must know your progress, and where the obstructions lie, it being a matter of very urgent importance. [*G* 3, *p.* 122.]

May 30. **172.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall,—on an order in the House of Commons given, of 25 May, to pay 50*l.* out of unreserved moneys to Edw. Walford and Edw. Friend, deputies to the serjeant-at-arms, employed to execute the warrant of the House for apprehending John Ashburnham and others who came with the King to the Scots' army, and who are now employed to Newcastle, for bringing up Mich. Hudson, clerk,—for payment accordingly. [⅔ *page; also* *G* 1, *p.* 114; 3, *pp.* 122, 124.]

Like order that Mr. Stephens enquire whether the House will give this committee power to discharge those who are under the value mentioned in the late propositions. [*G* 3, *p.* 124.]

May 30. Warrant of the said Committee to Sam. Warcop, bailiff of Southwark, to discharge Sir John Stepney and Thos. Tompkins, on an order of the House of Commons of 28 May, they having put in bail. [*G* 3, *p.* 123.]

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June 1. Order of the House of Commons that the Lords' concurrence be desired to the votes of the House of 12 Dec. 1645, concerning the coming in of delinquents, and that 25 March, in the said votes, be enlarged to 1 May, now last past.

1. Like order, that all who have tendered themselves before the 1st of May last, before the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, or any other committee, or to the general or to any governor of any of the Parliament's garrisons, or to any commander-in-chief of any of the Parliament forces, and shall tender themselves to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to take the national league and covenant, and the negative oath, before 31st July, shall be admitted to composition according to the propositions; and all who have any conditions granted to them upon the surrender of any garrison or otherwise shall have the benefit thereof, according to the articles made in their behalf; the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to consider of this, and report to the House.

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If they are not satisfied upon the matter offered, further time is to be devised for the attestation of Cols. [John] Hutchinson, [Alex.] Popham, and others.

Like order that all who were in Newark garrison, and are comprised within the act for its surrender, and shall within two months after the date of the said articles effectually prosecute their compositions, shall be admitted to make their respective compositions as if they had come in before the 1 May last.

2. Like order that a committee be appointed to consider of the speedy raising and providing of the 100,000*l.* for the Scotch army, according to the votes of 19 May last, and that this business be specially referred to the care of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [½ *page; also G* 1, *pp.* 48, 116, 117; 3, *p.* 126.]

June 4. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, for a letter to be written to the committee for co. Chester, threatening to acquaint the House with their partiality in obeying some orders and refusing others.

3. Order on an order of the House of Commons of 6 May, appointing Thos. Saunders of London, their agent in receiving all debts owing to the Earl of Worcester, Lord Herbert his son, and other Papists and delinquents named, and others whom he shall discover, with one gentleman to aid him. With writ of assistance. [1 *page; also G* 3, *p.* 128.]

June 5. **4.** Order in the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall have power to administer the Oath of Abjuration to all who come before them to compound for their delinquencies. [⅛ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 117; 3, *p.* 133.]

June 9. Order in the House of Commons, that all those comprehended within the first clause of the ninth qualification of the 14th, and now the 15th proposition, who have not rendered themselves to Parliament before May 1 last, shall forfeit their whole estates.

That all comprehended within the second clause of the 9th qualification of the 14th, and now 15th proposition, who have not rendered themselves before May 1, shall forfeit their whole estates.

That all comprehended within the third clause, who have not come in as aforesaid, shall forfeit ⅔ of their estates.

That all comprehended within the qualification concerning judges, lawyers, and divines, who have not come in as aforesaid, shall forfeit ⅔ of their estates.

That all comprehended within the qualification touching those persons that are to forfeit ⅙ of their estates, who have not come in before May 1 last, shall forfeit a moiety of their estates.

That these orders be sent to the Lords for their concurrence, and they desired to add them to the propositions and qualifications concerning delinquents' estates. [*G* 1, *p.* 161.]

June 11. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Vincent be sent to the Lord Mayor for an answer to the committee's letter.

That the committee meet on Monday about the assessments.

To write the Leicester Committee, that this committee knows of no power they have to compound, and can answer nothing thereto. [*G* 3, *p.* 135.]

June 11. **5.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order of 23 May given,—for payment of interest on 1,000*l.*, lent to Parliament by Sir John Dryden, Sir Chris. Hatton, and Mr. Crew, as on 17 Nov. 1645,—that payment be made accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 114; 3, *pp.* 129, 141.]

June 15. **6.** Order of the House of Commons, that 8*l.* per cent. be allowed upon the credit of the receipt of Goldsmiths' Hall, to such persons as shall advance 10,000*l.* or any part thereof, formerly charged upon the said receipt, for the service of Ireland; the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall is to pay such 10,000*l.* by 700*l.* per week, with the interest that shall grow due, to any that shall advance the same, and the Irish Committee to employ their endeavours for the due supply and advance of these moneys. [¼ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 118; 3, *p.* 153.]

June 16. **7.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that,—whereas by order of the House of Commons of 13 May, half of 1,746 15*s.* 8*d.*, payable from sale of the scaffold of outside Paul's, was to be paid to Col. Jephson for his officers and troops—it is now to be paid from compositions for estates not charged for

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Sir T. Fairfax's army, and the Colonel is willing to allow 8 per cent. interest to any who will advance him 700*l.* thereof. Receipted for 700*l.* 18 June 1646, and for 173*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* 9 April 1647. [2 *pages; also G* 3, *p.* 139.]

June 19. **8.** Order of the House of Commons, that 1,000*l.* be charged upon the moiety of the receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall not charged for the use of the army, with interest for the same, and employed for the use of the garrison of Portsmouth. [½ *page; also G* 1, *pp.* 118; 3, *p.* 145, 154.]

June 20. **9.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall—on an order of the House of Commons of 4 May given, that a debt of 333*l.* from the Commissioners of cos. Oxon, Bucks, and Berks, to Harrison, a saddler, which was to be paid from compositions of delinquents in those counties, which compositions are transferred to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, be paid out of those compositions by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall,—for payment accordingly. [1 *page; also G* 1, *p.* 133; 3, *pp.* 117, 143.]

June 23, 25. Warrants to the keeper of Peter House to discharge Richd. Bennett. [*G* 3, *p.* 147; 67, *p.* 579.]

June 27. Order in the Committee for advance of the Scottish loan, allowing the account of John Welbore and Sam. Spalding, two commissioners of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely, for expenses of 244*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* in collecting 4,448*l.* part of the 200,000*l.* ordered. With note of 90*l.* collected above the amount, for disposal of which they request orders. [*G* 3, *pp.* 154, 155.]

July 2. **10.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that, as divers delinquents of cos. Somerset and Devon, and the adjacent counties, coming in to compound, conceal their estates, by entrusting moneys to John Porter, steward of Taunton Deane Manor, and other officers of the Exchequer there, the said officers strictly examine their registers for all sums lent on the manor of Taunton Deane, and report. [1 *page; also G* 3, *p.* 161.]

July 4. **11.** Order of the House of Commons, that 10,000*l.* be forthwith advanced for the forces of cos. York, Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmorland, out of compositions at Goldsmiths' Hall, the first 5,000*l.* to be for the said forces, and the other 5,000*l.* for Sir Thos. Fairfax's army. The Committee of the Northern Association to proportion and distribute the money. [¾ *page; also G* 3, *p.* 241.]

July 7. **12.** Notes of orders in the House of Commons relating to compositions passed this day. [1¼ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 134.]

July 8. Order by the House of Commons that all who, having presented their petitions at Goldsmiths' Hall, or agreed to their compositions, shall not come in before 1 Aug. proximo, and prosecute their compositions to effect, shall lose the benefit thereof, and be reputed among those who still stand out. To be printed and published under the care of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 128, *p.* 721.]

July 9. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that this committee sit for compositions and receiving petitions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in future.

That 1,000 copies of the order of the House of Commons of 8 July, requiring delinquents to compound before 1 Aug., be printed, and 6 or more sent into every county. [*G* 3, *p.* 167.]

July 10. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that a warrant be drawn up for sending for Alex. Kingland, on affidavit first made that the warrant signed by him for the taking and securing of Puttum [Putton? co. Dorset] was after the letter from this committee and Sir Thos. Fairfax. [*G* 3, *p.* 169.]

July 10. **13, 14.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Committee of co. Wilts, We send you several of the House of Commons' orders of 8 July, and require you to disperse them speedily through the county, that all who have presented petitions or agreed to compositions may bring them to effect by the time limited. You have not answered us about Rich. Davy, of East Winterslow, and there are several delinquents not yet sequestered. Make speedy returns on former orders. We think the letting their estates to delinquents at an under rate is a cause of delay in their compositions. When their leases expire, let the estates to tenants at full rents. [1½ *pages.*]

July 10. Notes of orders in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [1 *page; also G* 3, *pp.* 169, 170.]

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July 15. **15, 16.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons given of 8 July,—that out of the first moneys paid in to the said Committee by Sir John Mennes, Sir Fras. Anderson, and Ralph Cole, for fines, they pay 6,663*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* to Sir Art. Hesilrigge, Bart., M.P., in full of all sums claimed for service to Parliament, or respited on the public faith, and certified by the Committee of Accounts, 6 May 1646, and allowed this day by the House of Commons; also that if these fines do not reach the sum, it is to be made up out of the fines of such delinquents who have not compounded as Hesilrigge shall present,—giving the names as Sir Chris. Hatton and John Lynn, and ordering payment accordingly. Repeated 20 Aug., but the names of Sir Rowland Berkley, Sir Mich. Wharton, and Sir Edw. Thomas substituted for Hatton and Lynn. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 120; 3 *pp.* 173, 213.]

Like order, that as several persons named in a schedule are treating for their compositions, have submitted to their fines, had them allowed by the House of Commons, and paid half, and given security for the other half, but the time for payment has elapsed, the county commissioners repair to the sureties, and require them to pay the said sums at once according to their bonds, on their perils, and return their answers. [*G* 3, *p.* 173.]

July 16. **17, 18.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons of 8 July given,—that Col. Norton detain in his hands and pay to Portsmouth garrison the 900*l.* which is to be paid in for compositions of Jas. May and Edward Norton, and that ordinances be brought in for their pardon, as though the money had been paid at Goldsmiths' Hall;—ordering payment to Norton, the 900*l.* being already paid into the Treasury. [*G* 1, *p.* 120; 3, *pp.* 175, 176.]

July 17. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Vincent summon the collectors for raising the first 4 months' assessments for the Scots to bring in their money, or answer their contempt on Wednesday. [*G* 3, 177.]

July 22. Order of the House of Commons, that 500*l.* be allowed to the town of Berwick, and paid to Sir Thos. Widdrington and Rob. Scawen, M.P., burgesses for that town, out of the fines of Gilbert Swinhoe and Jas. Ogle, to be employed for repair of the bridge and walls, much ruined by the sea, and by the great fire last winter. [*G* 1, *p.* 123; 136, *p.* 579.]

July 22. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for payment of 40*l.* for charges of clerks, messengers, fire, &c., for a [sub-]committee appointed 13 Nov. 1645 to register the names of delinquents in order to their compositions. [*G* 3, 178.]

July 23. **19.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons of 17 July given, on Mr. Nicholl's report from the Committee of Accounts—that for entertainment from 16 Sept. 1645, 7,337*l.* arrears are due to Sir Wm. Waller, M.P., and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall pay it out of the fines to be paid by Sir Edw. Bishop, Sir Hen. Carey, and Sir Hen. Spiller; and if these do not suffice, from the fines of any other delinquents who have not compounded, named by him;—for payment accordingly. [1½ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 122; 3, *p.* 181.]

July 24. **20.** Committee for Scottish loans at Goldsmiths' Hall [to the Committee for Sequestrations?]. We find by a letter from the Sussex Committee that an overplus of 60*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* beyond the 2,250*l.* ordered, was collected for the Scottish loan, which you commanded the treasurers to pay to you, and have disposed of it to pay clerks, &c. That business was referred to us, and we have to give an account of it, therefore we require (all pretences laid aside) that you cause it to be paid into our treasury, or we shall acquaint the House with your proceedings. Meanwhile tell us by what authority you have disposed of the money. [½ *page; also G* 3, *p.* 183.]

July 30. **21, 22.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons of 24 July,—directing the committee to borrow 3,500*l.* for the arrears of the forces in co. Salop, which cannot else be disbanded;—that the treasurers borrow the said money, allowing 8 per cent. interest, and reimburse themselves from Fras. Newport's composition. Receipted 31 July by John Corbett and Thos. Hunt. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 187.]

23–25. Like order on orders in the House of Commons of 17 and 24 July given,—that the 2,000*l.* appointed for Col. Sandersons's reformadoes be paid

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by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to Mr. Scott, M.P., and that the Committee of both Kingdoms take order for their speedy disbanding or removing—for payment accordingly. The Commissioners of cos. Oxon, Bucks, and Berks, to state their accounts and what remains due. Repeated 13 Aug. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 124; 3, *pp.* 190, 207, 208.]

Like order on an order of the House of Commons of 17 July, that the fines of Sir Edw. Mosely, John Coventry, and Sir John Stowell, be paid John Ashe and others for engagements and disbursements for the State, amounting to 10,920*l.*; any overplus remaining after expenses to be paid Ashe for losses and damages. [*G* 1, *p.* 121; 3, *p.* 188.]

Aug. 4. **26.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on an order of the House of Commons of 31 July given, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall pay to Sir Phil. Stapleton out of the fine of Sir Patricius Curwen, 1,206*l.* in part of 1,492*l.* 10*s.*, and that he have the public faith for the balance of 286*l.* 10*s.*—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 124; 3, *pp.* 192, 193.]

Like order that in every letter written to any committee for the suspension of sequestration of any person who has compounded, there be inserted a proviso that if any part of the estate be let by the county commissioners, the compounder shall receive the year's rent. [*G* 3, *p.* 192.]

Aug. 6. Notes of petitions of divers persons in cos. Cumberland and Westmoreland, for 6 months' respite for their second payment of fines. [*G* 3, *p.* 195.]

Aug. 6. **27–33.** Order of the House of Commons, that the clerk of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall and all other officers there, certify the names of all who have perfected their compositions with the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, and likewise the names of all who have entered or shall enter their names to the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall, that they may be there assessed, and pay their 20th parts. With note of an order accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 126, 127.]

Aug. 6. **34, 35.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on orders in the House of Commons of 11 July and 6 Aug. given,—that 6,000*l.* be allowed to co. Notts out of the compositions of delinquents of that county, towards satisfaction of their debts for maintaining their forces, and the better to enable them to reduce their forces—for payment thereof to John Ireton, mercer of London, to be paid by direction of the county committee. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 123, 126; *also* 3, *pp.* 198, 199.]

Aug. 7. **36.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on an order in the House of Commons of 8 July, and on petition of Col. Owen Roe, that for his long and faithful service, he have 1,000*l.* from the compositions of Robert, Viscount Kells, and William, Lord Brereton, Baron of Leughlin, [Ireland], presented by him; another 1,000*l.* to be allowed on the public faith, and passed in his accounts by the Committee of Accounts. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 120, 121; 3, *p.* 202.]

37. Like order on an order of the House of Commons of 6 August, that as the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall are unable to pay the 100*l.* a week ordered 24 Nov. last for maimed soldiers and widows, the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall pay the same to Wm. Greenhill, and three others, treasurers for maimed soldiers. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 201.]

Aug. 12. **38, 39.** Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on an order in the House of Commons given, of 7 August,—that as by certificate from the Committee of Accounts there is due to Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax, Lord General of the Northern army, at 10*l.* a day 9,450*l.*, also as colonel of a regiment of foot 2,198*l.*; also as colonel of a regiment of horse 1,831*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*, in all 13,480*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*, of which he has received 2,069*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*, leaving due 11,410*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, besides his salary as Governor of Hull, 1½ years; but in consideration of the necessities of the kingdom, he remits his pay as colonel and governor, and desires only that as general, the balance due being therefore 7,380*l.*, this sum be paid him by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall out of the fines of Sir Edw. Hussey, Sir John Mounson, and Spencer Lucy; and in case they do not suffice, out of the fines of any delinquents whom he shall nominate;—for payment accordingly. Repeated 20 August. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 127, 129; 3, *pp.* 203, 204, 214.]

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Aug. 12. Northampton. Commissioners of co. Northampton to the Committee for Compounding. Your orders of 14 July for delinquents to come in and compound were dispersed through the county, and we have sent up all letters and orders thereon except [Charles, Lord] Cockayne's, which we enclose. We have always let Papists and delinquents' estates to the most value and best advantages, and not immediately to the delinquents.

As we cannot get exact particulars, do not rest on our certificates about delinquents' estates. We have always made our annual compositions at the peril of those that gave in particulars and were to compound with us. [*G* 198, *p.* 293.]

Aug. 20. Goldsmiths' Hall. **40, 41.** Committee for Compounding and Committee for Scottish Affairs to the Committee of Accounts sitting at Chichester. We expected to receive the 60*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* balance in the hands of your treasurer, but have only a letter explaining the meaning put by you on the printed Act, which it will not bear, nor enable your treasurer to receive, or you to dispose of that, as there are treasurers appointed for the receipts to be paid in to us. If Mr. Cawley had 35*l.* in his hand a year, that alters not the case. We require you forthwith to send up the moneys, or we shall be forced to give power to the County Committee for Scottish Loans to receive it from your treasurer. [1 *page, copy; also G* 3, *p.* 212.]

Aug. 20. **42.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to ————. By yours of the 12th to Sir Ant. Irby, we find that we have been abused by John Greaves' petition and oath that he was not worth 200*l.* Send him back to us, and we shall impose a proportionable fine, and meantime you can proceed in sequestration. [½*page; also G* 3, *p.* 312.]

Aug. 20. **43.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Commissioners of [co. Lancaster]. We wrote you that all who did not come in before 1 August should lose the benefit of the favour intended by their composition, and thereon you have refused to stay the sequestration of those who have not sued out their pardons. That order was only for those who had paid no money, or neglected their second ½; but such as had paid all or ½ were not to be prejudiced for not taking out their pardons, as many have paid their fines whose ordinances are not yet passed. Therefore conform to our orders of suspension as to John Seddon and others in your county until further notice. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 213.]

Aug. 21. **44.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider how the 100,000*l.* for the Scots' army may be raised within the time, and on what security, and send for the Commissioners of Customs, Merchant Adventurers, East India and Eastland Companies and others, to treat with them for advance of the money. With names of 20 members added to the committee for this business, to meet to-morrow at 8 a.m. and report on Tuesday. [1 *page; also G* 3, *p.* 215.]

Aug. 25. **45.** Order of the House of Commons, that the committee appointed to consider how the first 100,000*l.* for the Scots' army may be raised send again to the Commissioners of Customs, Merchant Adventurers, East India Company, and others, and treat for advance of the moneys, and report; and that the M.Ps who are Merchant Adventurers be present at that court, to satisfy them concerning the security to be given for money lent. [⅔ *page; also G* 3, *p.* 216.]

Aug. 25. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to [several county committees]. It was expected that the late good success of the Kingdom would have provoked endeavours for the public service, but the ordinances of 20 February and 5 August 1645 have long lain in your hands, and little or nothing done. The House requires us to speed the business. Make a present assessment, and hasten the return of it into the Treasury, or appear before us 1 September, to answer your neglect and contempt. [*G* 3, *p.* 220.]

Aug. 27. **46.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers are to pay the moneys charged on them for Col. Sanderson's regiment, and all other moneys charged by this House, any orders of the House of Lords notwithstanding, and that they shall be indemnified for so doing. [⅔ *page; also G* 3, *p.* 219.]

Aug. 28. Order of the House of Commons, on petition of the Commissioners for County Derby, and of the Derbyshire regiments of horse and foot, that the forces of Derbyshire be disbanded, as they now lie quartered, and paid their proportions in

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their quarters, and without being drawn to any rendezvous, and that the officers give a speedy account. Also that 5,000*l.* be allowed to co. Derby out of the compositions of its delinquents, the 1,200*l.* taken up out of those of Sir John Harpur and Sir Hen. Hunlock, to be part thereof, the remainder to be paid to the said forces on their disbanding, and the arrears of the officers audited; the said sums to be paid by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to Sir John Curzon and Sir John Coke for the said uses. Also that the county committee return to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall a certificate of all delinquents of their county sequestered since the beginning of these unhappy wars; this to be done before the said money is paid. [*G* 1, *pp.* 129, 130; 3, *p.* 251.]

Aug. 28. **47.** Warrant by the Committee for Compounding to Edw. Birkhead, serjeant-at-arms, to apprehend Thos. Burton, officer of the Camden House Committee, for distraining the goods of Hugh Forth of London for payment of the rent of Rob. Gardiner's house, which rent, by order of the Committee for Compounding, he paid into their treasury. With Birkhead's appointment of John Furse as his deputy to execute this order. Signed. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 1. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on information that their Treasury was broken open last night and 50*l.* stolen, that the 50*l.* be put to account, and the treasurers discharged therefrom, and that henceforth they appoint one or more watchmen over the Treasury at the committee's expense. [*G* 3, *p.* 224.]

Sept. 3. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall compound with all such delinquents as have come in upon mercy since 1st May last, according to the highest rate in the propositions; and that they state, in their report, the nature of the delinquencies, and the time of the coming in; also that the time given to all such delinquents as are comprised in this order to prosecute their compositions with effect shall be until 3 Oct. next. In default of prosecuting their compositions within that time, their whole estates shall be forfeited and sold; this order to be forthwith printed and published. [*G* 1, *p.* 149; 3, *p.* 230.]

Sept. [4.] Bakewell. **48.** Geo. Gresley, John Wigley, and W. Wigfall, commissioners of co. Derby, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. On an order of the House of Commons, we certify the delinquents sequestered in our county since the beginning of these times; we refused to join in a certificate by others of the committee, because they omit the names of Sir Edw. Coke, Sir Sam. Sleigh, Thos. Munday, Rowland Morewood, and Edw. Pegge, as being sequestered but discharged; we think their discharge was unlawfully contrived, and it was without our approbation. [¾ *page. List missing.*]

Sept. 4 Goldsmiths' Hall, London. **49.** Order of the Committee for Compounding that,—as on an order of the House of Commons of 6 May 1646, Thos. Saunders of London, was chosen, 4 June, as agent to get in debts owing to the Earl of Worcester, Lord Herbert his son, and other delinquents,—all who owe such debts pay them in to the Treasury, and this committee will take care for their indemnity; or if they refuse within 15 days after this notice, Saunders is to certify their names to the committee, who will send a serjeant-at-arms to bring them up in custody for their contempt. [*Draft,* 1 *page.*]

Sept. [4.] **50.** [Sir Ant. Irby] to the [Committee for Advance of Money]. Divers sums due to Papists and delinquents have been discovered to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, for payment of which they employ the bearer [Thos. Saunders], but as some may have been discovered at Haberdashers' Hall, we beg you to impart to him such particulars as have come to your knowledge, with the names of the discoverers. We will return the like on your demand, to prevent all clashing of the committees or their instruments. [½ *page.*]

Sept. 7. **51.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, that as many Papists and delinquents in cos. Hereford, Worcester, Monmouth, &c., desire to compound, but give in false particulars of their debts, the mayors of the respective cities order search into their books of entries, for securities for the said debts, and deliver copies to Thos. Saunders, of London, and George Thorne, solicitor for co. Hereford, to be returned to this committee; the sheriffs of counties to deliver up all bonds, particulars, &c., in their hands. [1½ *pages; damaged draft.*]

52. Order that all clerks of statutes and recognizances permit Saunders to search their books of entries, and assist him therein, to prevent the said abuse. [*Draft,* ¾ *page.*]

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Sept. 7. **53.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the drawing and perfecting of conveyances of rectories, vicarages, tithes, &c., purchased from delinquents by this committee, be referred to Edw. Rich, counsellor-at-law, and that he take care that the estates so granted are not already charged, receive all former grants, and return them with the new grant, and keep books thereof for every county. Also that the sums allowed therefor shall be deducted from their compositions, the assurances to be at their charge. [$\frac{3}{8}$ *page.*]

Like order, that this committee adjourns proceedings as to compositions with delinquents and setting fines till 1 Oct., and meantime the sub-committee is to sit every Tuesday and Thursday to receive petitions and prepare business. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 229.]

Sept. 18. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Sub-Committee of Accounts at Chichester. We have received no answer to ours of 20 Aug. We cannot conceive what pretences or conceit of authority you make to yourselves, but to us it is plain that you have done more than you can justify. We require you peremptorily to pay in the sum then audited, or appear before us to answer your contempt; otherwise we shall resolve on a course that will be nowise pleasing to yourselves. [*G* 3, *p.* 238.]

Oct. 1. Warrant of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the keeper of Peter House, to liberate Rich. Bennett, committed by warrant of 6 April. [*G* 3, *p.* 248.]

Oct. 1. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Committee of Cornwall. We desire you to forbear proceeding against such gentlemen as came in on the Articles of Truro, of the 12th article of which they are, by vote of the Committee of Complaints, to have the benefit, and not to be prejudiced by lapse of time, until the opinion of the House be known, which is not yet resolved by reason of more weighty affairs. [*G* 3, *p.* 247.]

Oct. 6. **54.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons of 3 Oct. given, on petition of the officers and regiment of reformadoes under Col. Sanderson,—that 2,000*l.* be advanced from Goldsmiths' Hall for their arrears and total disbanding, and paid to Thos. Scott, M.P. for co. Bucks, and that the Committee of cos. Oxon, Berks, and Bucks, give them debentures for the remainder of their arrears;—that the said 2,000*l.* be paid to Thos. Scott for the present and total disbanding of the regiment. [*G* 3, *p.* 253.]

55–57. Like order, on an order of the House of Commons of 24 Sept. given,—that 12,000*l.* be allowed to the co. committee of Chester out of the fines of delinquents in the county, for disbanding their forces and discharging their engagements, and that it be paid by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to Jas. Croxton,—for payment accordingly. With power of attorney to Rob. Gregg and Jas. Gartside, and their receipts. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 253.]

58. Like order allowing an exchange of the names of the delinquents out of whose fines Sir A. Hesilrigge was to be paid, from Sir Rowland Berkley, Sir Mich. Wharton, and Sir Hen. Bellingham to Viscount Molineux and Hen. Merry. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 250.]

Oct. 7. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the sub-committee consider whether any salary is due to Ann Rookes, widow, and what should be paid. [*G* 3, *p.* 256.]

Oct. 8. **59.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons of 28 Aug. 1646, on petition of the county committee of Derby and of the Derbyshire regiments of horse and foot,—that the said forces be disbanded, and 5,000*l.* be allowed from the compositions of delinquents in the county, 1,200*l.* from Sir John Harpur and Sir Hen. Hunlock being in part thereof, and the balance to be paid to Sir John Curzon and Sir John Coke,—that the 3,800*l.* be so paid, provided the committee of co. Derby first return a certificate of all debts sequestrated in their county since the beginning of these unhappy wars. Receipted. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 9. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the Earl of Stamford have 50*l.* a week till the remainder of the 1,500*l.* allowed him by order of the House of Commons of 6 May be paid. [*G* 3, *p.* 258.]

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Oct. 17. **60.** Order of the House of Commons, that 21,000*l.* be charged on the ½ of the receipts of Goldsmiths' Hall not charged for the army, to be employed in sending over the forces now raised for the service of Ireland. [½ *page; also G* 3, *p.* 255.]

Oct. 20. **61.** Order of the House of Commons, that Roger Mostyn, late governor of Flint Castle, and the governor and others in Denbigh Castle at its surrender, may compound for delinquency at such rates as if they had come in before 1 Dec. last. This liberty to extend to all but such as are exempted from pardon, being under the first and second exception. [½ *page; also G* 1, *pp.* 150, 165.]

Oct. 20. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on an order of the House of Commons of 2 Dec. 1645, that the treasurers pay 1,000*l.*, or such sum as is due in arrear of 4,428*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*, ordered to be paid to [Fras.] Webb, merchant, "pretended to be attached in their hands by some of the Adventurers for Ireland." [*G* 3, *p.* 265.]

Oct. 23. **62.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths Hall advance 5,000*l.*, part of the sum for the service of Ireland, present payment so much importing the good of that service that without it the immediate relief for Ireland, on which the hopes of recovery of that kingdom depend, will be disappointed. Sir John Temple, [John] Salway, and [Rich.] Knightley are earnestly to press the committee with the absolute necessity of the present payment of the sum. [⅔ *page; also G* 3, *p.* 266.]

Oct. 24. **63, 64.** Order thereon in the Committee for Compounding, that the treasurers use their best endeavours to raise the sum; and if they advance it by themselves or others, the committee will allow them 8 per cent. interest. The money to be paid to Nich. Loftus, deputy to the vice-treasurer of Ireland, on an order of the House of Commons, 24 April 1646. Receipted by Loftus, 26 Oct. [*G* 3, *p.* 268.]

Oct. 24. **65.** Order of the Committee for Scottish loans at Goldsmiths' Hall, on request of the Committee of Bramber Rape, Sussex, for allowance of charges of 83*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* on levying 2,250*l.*, their proportion of the Scottish loan, the sum raised being 2,333*l.* 10*s.* With bill of the above expences, total 83*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* [*Also G* 3, *p.* 268.]

Oct. 24. Warrant of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the serjeant-at-arms, to take Sir Geo. Vaughan into custody for refusing the negative oath. [*G* 3, *p.* 267.]

Oct. 27. **66.** Note by John Ashe, that John Warner, of Wollston, co. Warwick, must not be allowed to compound for an estate sold for payment of the forces before Lichfield, and bought by Sir Peter Wentworth, who has paid most of the money. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 27. **67.** Committee for Compounding to the co. committee for Derby. On an order of the House of Commons for payment of composition money to discharge the soldiers in the county, it was said that you had discharged some sequestered delinquents and favoured the rest, whereon the committee was ordered to send up the names of delinquents, and meanwhile no money was to be paid from hence for the troops. In the list returned we find Sir Edw. Coke, Bart., Sir Sam. Sleigh, Fras. Munday, Rowland Morewood, and Edw. Pegge, discharged without authority, and without appeal to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, which will be of dangerous consequence. Renew the sequestration, and so act with the rest that they may perfect their compositions, and then you can pay your soldiers and avoid a complaint which must else be made to Parliament. [1 *page; also G* 3, *pp.* 270, 271.]

Oct. 29. **68.** Order of the House of Commons, that the House receive reports from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall every Tuesday and Thursday.

That the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall order all sequestration ordinances and obstructions to be executed, removing obstructions, and considering an expeditious way of quickening the compositions of delinquents, for the speedy bringing in of money. [1 *page; also G* 3, *p.* 280.]

69. Like order, that as to the 6,000*l.* formerly charged on the revenue for the late Commissioners of the Great Seal, viz., the Earl of Kent, executors of the Earl of Bolingbroke, Oliver St. John Solicitor-General

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Serjeant [John] Wylde, Sam. Browne, and Edm. Prideaux, the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall pay each of them 1,000*l.* from the fines of delinquents whom they nominate. [1 *page; also G* 3, *p.* 280.]

Oct. 30. **70.** Order in the Committee for Compounding accordingly, for payment on the above order of 1,000*l.* to Sam. Browne, from the fines of Mich. Wharton, Sir Edm. Pooley, and Geo. Kingsley. [1 *page; also G* 3, *p.* 275.]

Oct. 30. **71, 72.** Order of the House of Commons, agreeing with the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, that for safety of Parliament and City, the guards be continued 6 months from 5 October last, and the ordnance drawn off the forts, and disposed where the Militia Committee think fit.

That then 12,000 soldiers, in 12 companies, will suffice.

That Col. Bradley's regiment be completed to that number, and do the service, excusing the trained bands of the Hamlets, Westminster, and Southwark.

That the House approves of the allowance of 12.000*l.* for their maintenance, to be charged on the receipt of Goldsmiths' Hall, and paid to the Militia Committee of London, for maintenance of the city guards. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 278.]

73. Like order that 400 men be sent with provisions and victuals to preserve Guernsey, Alderney, and Sark from danger, and that the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee advance 1,000*l.* therefor to some person commissioned by the Committees of both Kingdoms. With their appointment of Gualter Frost for the purpose, 31 Oct., signed by the Earls of Northumberland and Warwick, Sir W. Pierrepoint, Oliver Cromwell, Sir Hen. Vane [jun.], and John Crew. [1 *page; also G* 3, *p.* 276.]

Oct. 31. **74.** Order of the Committee for Compounding appointing the said payment to be made to Mr. Frost, and his receipt, 16 Feb. 1646–7. [1½ *pages; G* 3, *p.* 277.]

Oct. **75.** Chronological list of persons fined for delinquency from 6 Dec. 1645—6 Oct. 1646, with marginal references to the number of the case in the second series of composition papers, and in some cases to Vols. E. and F., that is 69 and 71 of the records of the Committee for Advance of Money, in which assessments were laid upon the parties concerned. [46 *pages, part of a book; see G* ccxlvi. *No.* 92, *for continuation of the list.*]

Oct. **75***a*. List of fines paid on compositions, from 6 Aug. to 24 Oct. 1646, giving the date, name, county, and sum paid. [*Book of* 20 *pages.*]

Oct. **76.** Particulars of the personal estates of Papists and delinquents, co. Gloucester, and of their disposal by the [county] committee. [22 *pages, damaged.*]

Nov. 1. **77.** Order by the Members of Parliament for co. Wilts,—who by order of the House of Commons, 6 Oct. 1646, were to receive 3,000*l.* out of the fines of Francis, Lord Seymour, Sir Jas. Thynne, and Sir Wm. Button, towards disbanding the forces in co. Wilts—that the money be issued by direction of persons not named. [⅛ *page.*]

Nov. 3. **78.** Order of the House of Commons, that persons coming in to compound on Oxford Articles shall have no oath, covenant, or molestation put on them, provided there be no wilful neglect or delay.

That their rents shall be detained in the tenants' hands from their entering their names as compounders, and if they desire it, letters written to the county commissioners not to intermeddle therewith.

That a time shall be limited for them to bring in their particulars [of estates], those that have already petitioned in 20 days, and the rest within 20 days of their petitions.

Compounders may peruse their evidences, which the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall are to send for accordingly. [2 *pages; also G* 3, *pp.* 293, 294.]

Like order, noting that the custody of William, Lord Boteler, an idiot, with his estates, rents, goods, &c., was granted by the late Court of Wards, 15 Nov. 1637, to Francis, Lord Dunsmore, and Endymion Porter, who have forfeited their trust by taking arms against Parliament. Therefore he is committed to a near relative, Edward, Lord Howard of Escrigg, in whom all confidence may be justly reposed, for government of him, and management of his estate for maintenance of him, his wife, and children, if there be any, the former grant being hereby revoked. [*G* 1, *pp.* 213, 214.]

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Nov. 3. **79, 80.** Certificate by Edw. Rich., counsel for the compounders, to the standing committee of Bristol, that Rich. Long and Wm. Bevan, merchants, Ezechiel Wallis, mercer, and Rich. Grigson, vintner, all of Bristol, have entered their names, and are prosecuting their compositions.

With order in the Committee for Bristol, 26 Oct. 1646, that as several persons have had certificates granted to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to enter their names for compositions, and have not done so, the sequestration ordinance shall be put into execution against them, unless they enter their names in 12 days. [2 *papers; also G* 3, *p.* 279.]

Nov. 5. **81, 82.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the sub-committee consider the pains of Abraham Wray, or Ray, in bringing before them officers and others who took the covenant, that they might be personally known. With certificate by Wm. Barton, minister of John Zachary's, London, of his diligent attendance for ¼ year, when he left off because then so few came in; and report of the sub-committee 3 Dec., that for service during that time he should have 10*s.* a week, total 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [1 *page; also G* 3, *p.* 281.]

Nov. 7. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that whatever petition is filed, expressing the delinquency for adhering to the King "without the addition of "against the Parliament" shall not be proceeded upon, and that the name of the party in the petition is to be entitled as he was before the war, and not as having any title of honour conferred upon him since the war began. [*G* 3, *p.* 282.]

Nov. 9. Dover Castle. **83.** John Boys [Lieutenant of the Castle] to the [Committee for Compounding] I entreat payment to Thos. Trotter, linen draper, of 2,000*l.* lately granted by Parliament towards the arrears due to the garrisons of Dover Castle, Moat's Bulwark, and Archcliff Fort. [⅔ *pages.*]

Nov. 12. **84, 85.** Order on a Parliament Order given of 27 Oct. 1646,—that 2,000*l.* be paid out of ⅔ of the sequestrations of the estates of Sir Wm. Boteler, Bt., and John Carey, or from other compositions if these do not suffice, towards the arrears of Dover Castle garrison, Archcliffe Fort, and Moat's Bulwark, and impresteed to John Boys, lieutenant of the Castle.

Also that as the soldiers of the Castle, Fort, and Bulwark are indebted to divers inhabitants for victuals, &c., Sir Hen. Harman, Bart., and 6 others of Dover see the aforenamed sum proportionately paid to the said inhabitants.

Also that 494*l.* 4*s.* be paid out of the said estates for arrears due to the soldiers of the late garrison at Chatham Docks to Chas. Bowles, who is to see the tradesmen who trusted them paid;—for payment accordingly of the 2,000*l.* to John Boys, lieutenant of the Castle, and of the 494*l.* 4*s.* to Chas. Bowles. Receipted by Boys 23 Nov. 1646, and 17 Feb. 1648, and by Bowles 18 and 23 Nov. 1646, and 17 Feb. 1648. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 286.]

Nov. 12. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on an order prefixed of 3 Nov. of the Committee of Navy and Customs,—to whom by order of the House of Commons of 24 Sept. it was referred to take care of repairing the breaches of Dover Harbour and to provide 1,000*l.* therefor, to be reimbursed from the fine of Sir Wm. Campion, requesting payment thereof to Sir Hen. Vane, jun., Navy Treasurer,—for payment of the said 1,000*l.*, or as much of it as is already paid in. [*G* 3, *pp.* 288, 289.]

Nov. 19. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that in the account from the Army Committee, the treasurers are "to give an acquittance whereas they have received such papers," that if the Scots' Commissioners allow it, they will discount it here, and charge it to the Scots' account.

Like order on the petition of Anne Rookes, widow,—that her husband was a faithful servant to the committee, and was employed from April to September last, when he died, in entering and registering reports, and had no salary, the sub-committee recommending 20*l.* for his wife, who is in distress, and has 2 small children,—for payment accordingly. [*G* 3, *pp.* 297, 299.]

Nov. 20. **86.** Certificate by John Boys and 4 others to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, that no part of the 2,000*l.* named in the Parliament Order of 27 Oct. 1646, towards the arrears of Dover Castle garrison has yet been paid. [¾ *pages.*]

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Nov. 21. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the [Commissioners for Sequestrations?]. We hear from the sub-committee of co. Northampton, that your committee there have demanded from Erasmus Dryden, Thos. Bletsoe, and John Ekins, payment of moneys which we have allowed them for their service in collecting the Scottish loan. It is strange those men assume power to control what we have done, warranted by ordinance. Before we acquaint Parliament thereof, as they are men who serve under you, we acquaint you with their proceedings, that you may give a check to their further meddling, and that those gentlemen who have served well may be freed from further prosecution, and encouraged to future labours, and we eased from further complaints, and the trouble that must inevitably follow. [*G* 3, *p.* 300.]

Nov. 26. **87–90.** Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall—on an order of the House of Commons of 25 June given, that Laurence Chislett, of Taunton St. James's, co. Somerset, who has done good service, and suffered much from the enemy, be allowed 500*l.*, for which Rich. Culme, delinquent, has a mortgage on the lands, to be paid from Culme's fine; and meantime 100*l.* from Mr. Tregonnel's fine, for subsistence;—for payment accordingly. Repeated 21 Jan. 1647. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 133; 3, *p.* 30; 6, 383.] *Annexing,*

90 1. *Order of the Committee for Safety of the Western counties, on testimony of Sir Thos. Fairfax and others, as to Chislett's losses and good affection, that he be allowed the said* 500*l.*, *and meanwhile enjoy his houses and lands mortgaged to Culme, if the House approve.* 21 *April* 1646. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 133; 74, *pp.* 725–729.]

Nov. 30. **91, 92.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, on orders of the House of Commons of 23 Oct. and 21 Nov. 1645—for advance of 5,000*l.*, part of a greater sum charged on compositions for service in Ireland, with 8 per cent. to be allowed to those who advance the same;—that the treasurers take up the 5,000*l.* on their own credit, charging the same as part of the 21,000*l.* charged on the said receipts by order of the House of Commons 27 Oct. 1646 for Ireland, and allow 8 per cent. to any advancing any part of the same. [2 *copies; also G* 3, *p.* 339.]

Dec. 1. Request by Theophilus, Earl of Lincoln, that the 1,700*l.* and upwards ordered him by Parliament from the compositions of any delinquent that he shall name, be paid out of that of the Earl of Southampton, yet undisposed of. Signed. [*G* 100, *p.* 177.]

Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. [Lancaster?]. This lady, your neighbour at Arum, desires us to certify that she has prosecuted her husband's compositions almost to a conclusion, but begs respite till the House can receive a petition preferred by many in his condition, whose rates will be high, unless they obtain some moderation, therefore we have allowed the delay. But she fears prejudice should the estate be let for another year, and desires to be tenant; we join in this request, hearing that the estate is almost ruined by pulling down houses, cutting wood, &c., and she will repair all that, which will be to the public good. [*G* 3, *p.* 314.]

Dec. 5. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that there be a counsellor chosen to draw up conveyances for settling maintenance on ministers of impropriate churches not endowed or not sufficiently endowed, and purchased from delinquents on their compositions, and that Edw. Rich execute and perform the place. [*G* 3, *p.* 317.]

Dec. 7. Confirmation of the said order. Rich to draw up all assurances, conveyances, &c.; to take care what estate the parties have, and what charges there are on it; make a return of all former grants with the new grant, and keep an entry book of the grants; and on his certificate, the sums allowed for settling the rectories shall be deducted from compositions. [*G* 3, *p.* 320.]

Dec. 8. **93.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall and the Committee for Plundered Ministers consider the business of the impropriations in the lands of delinquents, and offer what is fit to be done upon the composition of such delinquents; and [Harbottle] Grimston to take care of this business. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page; Also G* 1, *p.* 200.]

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Like order that all those who have been in arms, left their houses, or resided in the enemy's garrisons, who are liable to sequestration and have not compounded, and are not protected by any articles of war, shall be taken into custody, and their names certified to Goldsmiths' Hall; but all not worth 200*l.* are to be discharged, if they come in the time limited, and take the negative oath and the covenant. [*G* 132, *p.* 395.]

Dec. 8. **94.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on an order in the House of Commons given, of 7 Dec.,—that 200*l.* be paid by them to persons appointed by the Committee for Prisoners, for payment of surgeons and others for curing the sick and wounded soldiers sent up to London after the battle of Naseby;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 318, 324.]

Like order that all sums received from the compositions of John Crane, Sir Thos. Windebank, and Sir James Palmer, be paid to Sir A. Hesilrigge, till the sum ordered him by the House of Commons 8 July last is paid. [*G* 3, *p.* 322.]

95, 96. Like order, on an order of the House of Commons given of 19 June,—for payment to the daughters of Capt. Rob. Turpin, lately executed in co. Devon for service to Parliament, the same as that given on 10 Sept. 1645 [*see p.* 25 *supra*] but the payment ordered from the estates of Justices [Sir Rob.] Heath and [Rob.] Foster, as well as that of Sir John Bankes;—that payment be made accordingly. [*Also G* 3, *pp.* 162, 323.]

Like order that no counsellor or solicitor be admitted to continue at this committee, but those retained on the business in dispute. [*G* 3, *p.* 324].

Dec. 10. Order of the House of Commons, that Col. Purefoy have power to nominate 2 other delinquents for payment of his arrears of 1,561*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, those before nominated proving ineffectual. [*G* 3, *p.* 319.]

Dec. 12. **97.** Order of the House of Commons,—on report by Sir Sam. Luke, of the delinquents named on a former order, for payment to the reduced officers in 3 lists, out of delinquents' estates, to be chosen by them;—that the committee that reported the lists, and Col. Birch's Committee, consider what lands of Papists in arms and delinquents are fit to be sold for raising these and other moneys; and for the more speed, that the estates be settled on trustees who shall have power, if the moneys do not come in, to convey the lands to the creditors of delinquents or soldiers who have moneys due, [Bulstrode] Whitelock and Harb. Grimston being added to the committee.

That the 3 first lists, and a 4th this day presented, be referred to this committee for payment.

That Sir Sam. Luke's committee nominate to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall delinquents whose fines are not disposed of, from which 10,000*l.* may be raised for present subsistence of the officers in the 4 lists, and distributed in proportion to their arrears; and that the officers may not receive money in 2 places, Sir Thos. Dacre's committee is joined to this committee, that they may compare lists. [1 *page.*]

98. Like order on [Zouch] Tate's report of an amendment assented to in an ordinance for settling 300*l.* a year out of Sir Hen. Spiller's estate for three lives on [Elizabeth], widow [of Col. Rob.] Burghill, referring the case to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [½ *page; also G* 3, *p.* 357.]

Dec. 15. **99–101.** Licenses from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, for Lord Baltimore, John Griffith, and Walter Langdon, to stay in London or Westminster, within the lines of communication, their compositions being not yet perfected. [3 *papers,* ½ *page each.*]

Dec. 19. **102–112.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to [the county commissioners?] The House of Commons having taken notice that there are divers evident delinquents in your county not sequestered, and that most of those sequestered have not compounded, because you permit them, or others for them, to rent their estates at undervalues, we send you the orders of the House, and hope you will presently act on them, and give a speedy account thereof. [11 *copies; also G* 3, *p.* 335.]

Dec. 23. **113.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the County Committee for Kent. An order of suspension of sequestrations has been granted to inhabitants of Kent named in a list, who have compounded and paid ½ their fines, and

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given bond for the other half. But as they neglect to pay the last half of their fines, we revoke the order of suspension of sequestration, and unless they pay the remainder in 10 days, you are to proceed as formerly, till they produce a discharge from this committee for the whole money, or you have further orders. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 23. Committee for Compounding to the [committee of co. Hereford.] By authority of an order of the House of Commons, dated 6 May 1646, for employing persons to get in debts due to Papists and delinquents, Thos. Saunders of London, and Geo. Thorne were employed. Thorne has served the order of this Committee on Wm. Dansey of Bomison, charging him with the debt of 560*l.* due to Roger Dansey, of Little Hereford, who now stands charged as an enemy of the State. Wm. Dansey avers that the debt is long since paid. You are strictly to inquire, and if it be paid, to discharge Wm. Dansey, and to certify. [*G* 3, *p.* 341.]

Dec. 26. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons 7 Dec., made on petition of 200 wounded and sick soldiers in Savoy Hospital, and also on petition of Eliz. Starkey, widow, and Sam. Leadbeater, apothecary to the said soldiers, and of parson Green,—for payment of 1,000*l.* from the fines of delinquents to be presented by the treasurers for maimed soldiers—that the same be paid from the fine of Sir Wm. Russell, presented by them. [*G* 3, *p.* 349.]

Dec. 29. **114.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons of 23 Dec. given, on Sir Phil. Stapleton's report from the Committee for Irish Affairs,—vacating a former order of 19 Aug., for payment to Alice, widow of Viscount Moore of Drogheda, 300*l.*, and 200*l.* a year for subsistence, in part of moneys due on her husband's entertainment, from the estate of the Duchess of Buckingham, County Rutland, and ordering her in lieu thereof 1,000*l.* from the fine of Wm. Bromley, of Baggington, County Warwick,—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 3, *pp.* 353, 354.]

Dec. 31. **115, 116.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, on an order of the House of Commons of 23 Dec.,—allowing 8 per cent., to be paid half-yearly, to those who advance the 16,000*l.* charged on the receipts of this committee, for Ireland,—for payment of the said interest accordingly. [2 *papers; also G* 3, *p.* 357.]

117, 118. Like order, on an order of the House of Commons of 23 Dec., for payment of 5,000*l.* to Sir A. Loftus for Ireland, and interest at 8 per cent. to the lenders—for payment of the 5,000*l.*, and interest to any advancing it by way of loan. [*Also G* 3, *pp.* 337, 358.]

Dec. ? Note that John Fletcher, at the Grasshopper, Bride Lane, and Chris. Sweeting, at the Flower de Luse, Watling Street, have both come lately from the King's quarters, and set up their shops, and that their names are not yet entered at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 69, *p.* 824.]

1646 ? Articles of complaint against Wm. Barnes, appointed by the Wiltshire Committee as their solicitor, but not commissioned by the Committee of Lords and Commons for Sequestrations.

That he was at Oxford and Bristol when garrisons for the King.

That living in Marlborough, he left it when it opposed the King, and returned and acted as constable when it was taken, discovering and presenting the friends of Parliament, who were plundered, and forced to hide; that he pressed men into the service; collected fines for the King; neglected the duties of his office as solicitor; and being attorney and town clerk of Marlborough, shows favour to his friends and clients on that side.

Also that he defended from prosecution the son of Sir Miles Button, who was charged with being an intelligencer, and has an estate of 400*l.* a year, and he also got the father's estate freed from sequestration.

That he smothered up the informations against —— Shephard of Kevil, a constable, Mr. Palmer, parson of Little Somerford, and other delinquents; pleaded for abatement and non-payment of rents due to the State, and keeps all informations to himself, only bringing to light such as he pleases. [*G* 66, *pp.* 831–834.]

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119. List of 170 compounders, with the sums [received in part of their respective fines]. [*Book of 5 written and 7 blank pages.*]

120. Notes of the compositions of 5 Kent delinquents, April to Sept. 1646. [½ *column.*]

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Jan. 1. **1.** Order of the House of Commons, on reading of the House of Lords' desires about the Earl of Stamford, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall see the former orders for his allowance complied with; Mr. Gurdon to attend the committee thereon. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 151.]

Jan. 2. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons given of 2 January on petition of Sir Rob. Pye, jun.,—that the money that comes in from the composition of Sir Walter Pye for delinquency be allowed him towards his arrears in service of Parliament,—for payment accordingly. [*G* 1, *p.* 151; 3, *p.* 360; 109, *p.* 485.]

2. Like order, on an order of the House of Commons, given of 25 December 1646,—specially recommending to the Committees at Haberdashers' Hall and Goldsmiths' Hall to pay the sums ordered to Sir Edw. Dodsworth, "in regard his necessities are so extreme and pressing,"—to pay him 286*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* forthwith, according to an order of the House of Commons of 24 November. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 150; 3, *pp.* 302, 360*a.*]

Jan. 5. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that no counsel, solicitor, or other person be allowed to be present in the committee at the hearing of any business, unless they are retained or concerned in it. [*G* 3, *p.* 365.]

Jan. 7. **3–5.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons given of 4 January,—that from the fines of the Duke of Richmond and 13 others named, not disposed of, there be paid 10,000*l.* formerly charged on Goldsmiths' Hall, and 21,000*l.* since charged thereon for Ireland, to be paid to such as have lent any part of the said sums, with interest, until the lenders are repaid;—that the treasurers do their best to borrow the said sums on interest, and pay them to Nich. Loftus, Deputy Treasurer at War. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 152; 3, *p.* 368.]

Jan. 9. **6.** Order of the House of Commons, on a report by Sir Sam. Luke of 14 delinquents' names for raising 10,000*l.* for the reduced officers from their fines agreed on, that if any of them be already disposed of, others may be presented in their room.

That the estates of such as refuse to compound shall be sold for benefit of the said officers.

That 8 per cent. interest shall be allowed to any one advancing any part of the said 10,000*l.* [1¼ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 153.]

Like order that 6,000*l.* be allowed to Sir Benj. Rudyard, in recompense for his office and losses.

That 1,500*l.* be paid out of the arrears of the Court of Wards, 1,500*l.* out of the compositions of such delinquents as he shall nominate, not yet assigned; and for the other 3,000*l.* he shall have 200*l.* a year at 15 years' purchase, from the estates of delinquents excepted from pardon. Mr. Thorpe to bring in an ordinance accordingly. With Sir Benjamin's request that the 1,500*l.* may be paid out of Lord Scudamore's composition. [*G* 1, *p.* 142; 139, *pp.* 237, 239.]

Jan. 9. **7, 8.** Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an Order of the House of Commons of 7 January given,—that 2,500*l.* be advanced to the commissioners appointed to go to Newcastle to receive the person of the King, on account towards defraying their charges, and those of the ministers desired to go with them, to be advanced by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall,—for payment thereof to Fras. Cressitt. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 153; 3, *p.* 369.]

Jan. 14. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that in case any rectory be bought from any person by this committee, no letters issue for taking off the sequestration till the same be settled. [*G* 3, *p.* 376.]

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Jan. 14. **9.** A new list of 13 delinquents presented to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall by the reduced officers in the 4 lists, headed by the Earl of Bath and Lord Mohun. [⅔ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 152.]

Jan. 15. **10.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall—on desire of Col. James Midhope, now going with his regiment to Ireland, being one of the reduced officers to whom the House of Commons assigned 10,000*l.* out of delinquents' fines, in part of arrears,—that if any one advance his share thereof, they shall be repaid with interest out of the first moneys coming in on the fines of those delinquents.

Order that no review be granted to any person, on any pretence, till his first payment be made. [*Also G* 3, *pp.* 379, 380.]

11. Like order, on an order of the House of Commons given of 13 January,—revoking an order of 9 February 1646 for payment of 300*l.* to And. Love, Donald Campbell, and James Marshall, in part of a debt for provisions for Ireland, and for giving public faith for the remainder of the debt; and ordering that in full payment of the debt, 600*l.* be charged in course on moneys coming in at Goldsmiths' Hall, with interest at 8 per cent.: and that it be so paid by the said committee;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G.* 1, *pp.* 143, 144; 3, *p.* 377.]

Jan. 21. **12–14.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on an order of the House of Commons of 11 January given,—on certificate of the Committee of Accounts that 2,033*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* is due to Major-Gen. Rich. Browne, of which there is respited on the public faith, as colonel and captain of foot and colonel and captain of horse, from 8 June 1644 to July 1646, 1,932*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*, leaving 100*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* still due, in which account are included all horse and arms delivered him at his first going forth, and since received as recruits, though many were lost in service or died, yet he still recruited his troop with horse and arms from the enemy; nor has he had any allowance for suppressing the rebellion in Kent in 1643, nor for winter quarters at Petworth, nor for service this spring at Cheriton battle, nor as major-general;—that 2,033*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* be paid him from fines of delinquents nominated by him, viz., Sir Fras. Ottley, Fras. Rockley, Tim. Turner, Sir George Boteler. With his assignation of 1,000*l.* thereof to his son Rich. Browne, 12 January. Receipted in full 18 November 1647. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 155.]

15, 16. Like order that all who have come in on Oxford Articles and delivered their petitions, but have neglected the finishing of their compositions, shall thereby forfeit the benefit of the said articles.

Like order for those who have compounded thereon, unless they pay their fines within 7 days. [*Also G* 3, *p.* 386.]

Jan. 28. **17.** Order of the House of Commons, that the ordinance for the sale of divers Papists' and delinquents' estates, for the use of the Commonwealth, be referred to the same grand committee of the whole House as the Ordinance, Instructions, and Propositions for satisfying the whole soldiery of the kingdom.

That 8,200*l.*, the remainder of the 30,700*l.* voted to be paid to the reduced officers contained in the four lists formerly presented to this House, and allowed, be paid upon account for relief of the said reduced officers, in course by the Committee for Advance of Money at Haberdashers' Hall. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 148.]

Jan. 28. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons of 25 January given, on petition of the officers and soldiers of the regiment of horse raised in co. Hants, for some course to be taken for their arrears,—that 6,000*l.* be paid to Rich. Moore by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall out of the composition of the Earl of Southampton and other delinquents, co. Hants, to be nominated by the County Commissioners, by whose direction it is to be employed in paying the said arrears, and for such further uses as the said committee shall appoint, for payment accordingly. Repeated, with 14 names of delinquents added, 4 February 1647. [*G* 1, *p.* 145; 4, *pp.* 8, 16.]

Jan. 28. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall appointing Monday week for debate of the business concerning impropriations, &c.

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Note that the fine of Wm. Bromley, on which was assigned by order of the House of Commons of 13 Dec. 1646, 1,000*l.* for Lady Alice Moore, only amounts to 424*l.*

18. Order on an order of the House of Commons given of 26 January, that—as a former order to pay to Major Oliver Cromwell 300*l.* from the excise is not complied with,—it be vacated, and 500*l.*, to be deducted from his arrears, be paid him from the compositions of Col. Sam. Sandys and Steph. Anderson.

Also that 500*l.* be paid to Col. Thos. Morgan, now governor of Gloucester, on account of arrears, out of the aforesaid compositions. [*G* 1, *p.* 147; 4, *pp.* 8, 9.]

Jan. 29. Chichester. **19.** County Committee of Sussex to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. On the order of the House of Commons for securing delinquents who have not compounded, we have secured some, but there has been an attempt to rescue them, in which John Farrington was very forward, and gained over Capt. Sydney, an officer of this garrison; it was threatened that if the delinquents were not discharged by fair means, they should be by foul; the captain sent for a file of musketeers to rescue them, and had done it, but the mayor, at request of one of our committee, offered to assist, and command the City trained bands. Beg advice. [¾ *page damaged.*]

Jan. 30. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Stephens acquaint the House that the remainder of [Fras.] Neville's fine was disposed of to Mrs. Atkinson, and request that the 200*l.* granted her may be assigned on some other fine.

20. Order that no delinquent of co. Chester shall be accepted by this committee, though presented by any party who has an assignment from the House of any sum from the fines of delinquents named by him, unless such names have been approved by this committee, till the 12,000*l.* granted for the disbanding of the Cheshire forces be fully paid.

The business of Lord Rivers' goods referred to Mr. Jenner and Wakeman.

Note of the names of 12 more delinquents whose fines, if not otherwise disposed of by the House, are granted to the reduced officers and soldiers. [*Also G* 4, *p.* 13.]

Jan. 30. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Sussex Committee. As to your letters about imprisoned delinquents in the county, viz: [Wm.] Coldham, [George] Gunter, and [Hen.?] Rayman, the two latter, having petitioned, should be released on security, or they cannot perfect their compositions. [*G* 4, *p.* 13.]

Feb. 1. **21.** Declaration of the House of Lords, that the compositions made by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall with delinquents are not authorized by Parliament, and that the county commissioners ought not to obey any of their orders for taking off sequestration on pretence of composition.

That the sheriffs see this declaration printed and dispersed in all counties. [1 *sheet printed.*]

Feb. 2. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Sir Edm. Pye be added to those persons from whose fines the Earl of Northumberland was to have 10,000*l.*

That Lord Maltravers and 7 others be added to those for payment of the reduced officers. [*Also G* 4, *p.* 15.]

22. Like order on an order of the House of Commons of 25 January given,—on certificate of the Committee for Accounts that 25*l.* is due to Sir Rob. Pye, Wm. Wheeler, and Wm. Bell, treasurers on the Acts for speedy provision of money for disbanding the armies and settling the peace of England and Scotland; and of the Act for a speedy loan for relief of distressed subjects in Ireland, that the said 25*l.* for service and incident charges be made up to 150*l.*, and paid them from compositions to be nominated by them at Goldsmiths' Hall,—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 146; 4, *p.* 15.]

23. Like order, on a Parliament Order given of 13 January,—that whereas by desire of the Commissioners of Parliament of Scotland, 50,000*l.*, part of the first 100,000*l.* out of the last 200,000*l.* of the 400,000*l.* agreed to be paid

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to the Kingdom of Scotland, by articles of 23 Dec. 1646, is to be paid to the persons, and in the proportions there expressed, the said 50,000*l.* shall be thus paid—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Archibald, Marquis of Argyll - - -	10,000	0	0
Dr. John Sharpe - - - - -	1,333	6	8
James Maxwell, of Innerwick - - -	3,866	13	4
Sir Wm. Dick - - - - - -	19,018	12	4
James Stewart, bailiff of Edinburgh - - -	6,069	15	4
James Hamilton, of Boigis - - - -	6,069	15	4
Thos. Cunningham, Merchant - - - -	3,641	17	0
	£50,000	0	0

all out of moneys to be received on compositions with Papists and delinquents, by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall,—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 4, *p.* 16.]

Feb. 4. Order of the Western Associated Counties' Committee, on an order of the House of Commons given of 4 Feb.,—that the remainder of the moneys assigned for disbanding the brigade formerly under Col. Edw. Massey, and now in the hands of the treasurers, and ordered to be at disposal of the Committee of the West, be paid to Massey, in part of the 1,000*l.* ordered for him, and that the balance then due be paid by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, from fines of delinquents in the West, nominated by the Committee of the West; with note by Mr. Jenner that only 500*l.* is to be paid on this order,—for the same to be paid by the treasurers at war for Sir T. Fairfax's army. [*G* 1, *p.* 157; 4, *p.* 18.]

Feb. 6. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that an allowance be made to [John] Leech for his disbursements for pay of the under clerks of the committee.

Note of a letter from the Committee of co. Salop, concerning Rees Jones and —— Hunt, summoned by [Thos.] Saunders. [*G* 4, *pp.* 17, 18,]

Feb. 7. List of papers and writings in 130 composition cases, delivered in by Jerome Alexander of London, to John Leech, clerk to the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 61, *pp.* 625-633.]

Feb. 8. [Exeter.] **24.** Committee of co. Devon to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. The money said to be borrowed from Lady Buller by the late committee here was taken as prize by the Unity frigate, belonging to Rich. Evans of this town, and deposited with her, by his consent, till adjudication of the ship, which, being in favour of Evans, who owed a larger sum to the State, he requested that the money might be paid to the treasurers as part of his debt, which was assented to. 6 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 9. Note that this is the first sitting of the Committee for Compounding after the settling of the commissioners by ordinance.

Order that for better convenience of commissioners and compounders, a room be prepared on the other side of the house, where the commissioners may sit.

That the writing clerks attend in another room, and that there be no disturbance of the House by those who have occasion to apply to them.

That this committee appoint a lawyer to join with the sub-committee, to draw up and report the cases of delinquents.

That letters be sent to the county committees on the votes of Parliament of 10 Nov. and 8 Dec. to quicken their returns.

That this committee will recommend no one, delinquent or other, to the county committees for preference in farming sequestered estates.

That the treasurers provide a large table, with chairs, carpet, &c., in the large room appointed for the committee's meeting.

Note of a letter from the co. committee of Huntingdon about Mr. Grane's business.

Note of letters from the sequestration solicitor, co. Lincoln, and from the commissioners of co. York, in answer to a letter with the votes of 10 Nov. [*G* 4, *p.* 18.]

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Feb. 11. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that compounders on Oxford Articles shall, after the imposing of the fine, pay half in hand and the other half in 14 days. Other compounders half in hand and the rest in three months.

That [Jerome] Alexander shall no longer continue in the service of this committee, and shall deliver all the committee's papers in his hands to the clerk to-morrow.

That the city gentlemen of this committee be appointed a sub-committee to prepare business, and act at this place only.

That the party appointed to assist the sub-committee in preparing business shall take no fees beyond his allowance from the committee.

That the clerk and the rest of the former officers be continued.

That a lawyer, not a member of this committee, assist the sub-committee, and that Mr. Gurdon of the Inner Temple be the lawyer.

That the clerk deliver the papers received from Alexander to the sub-committee.

That some of the Militia Committee attend on Tuesday, about the pay of the guards. [*G* 4, *pp.* 19, 20.]

Feb. 15. **25.** Order of the House of Commons, that Thos. Lower and 7 others named be admitted to compound at two years' value for their estates, and be exempted from their $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{20}$ parts.

Like order for the officers of Cols. [Rich.] Edgcombe and [John] Coryton's regiments, who were officers at the time of the surrender of Mount Edgcombe [co. Devon], and Milbrook [co. Cornwall]. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 16. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that all moneys abated from fines in lieu of the settlement of rectories be allowed from the second $\frac{1}{2}$, not the first $\frac{1}{2}$, of the fine.

That [Edw.] Rich and the committee's clerk prepare a list of those who were to settle rectories and have had their fines abated, stating who have, or have not, settled them.

That Col. Wayte be allowed to put Valentine Sanders, instead of Nich. Crisp, as one of the men from whom he is to receive the money assigned him by the House.

That an ordinance be presented to the Houses for enabling this committee to give an oath, &c. as follows, and that the Earl of Warwick present it to the House of Lords.

That a letter be sent to the several county committees to see the Earl of Stamford's order performed.

That an order be drawn, allowing 8 per cent. to any who will advance money towards payment of the 12,000*l.* ordered for the guards.

That letters be sent to the counties to quicken their returns on the votes of the House of Commons of 10 Nov. and 8 Dec.

That such returns as have been made be referred to the sub-committee for answer.

That James Ferne be appointed to attend this House, salary 12*s.* weekly.

26. Order on an order of the House of Commons of 9 Feb., that the balance of the 1,200*l.* charged on this committee for disbanding the Cheshire forces, be paid from the first fines of delinquents of the county not yet assigned. [*Also G* 4, *pp.* 20, 21.]

Feb. 16. Derby. **27.** Committee of County Derby to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We will obey the instructions enclosed in yours of 23 Dec. 8 signatures. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 17. List of papers relating to 130 cases named of compositions, delivered in by Jerome Alexander of London, to John Leech, clerk to the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 61, *pp.* 625–633.]

Feb. 18. Warrant of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Treasurers, for payment of 12*s.* a week salary to James Ferne, appointed to help the usher to look after the hall and rooms. [*G* 4, *p.* 24.]

Feb. 18. **28, 29.** Order in the said committee on a Parliament order given of 15 Feb.,—that as 3,143*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* is due to Col. Wm. Barton, for money lent on the ordinance enabling Sir Thos. Middleton to take subscriptions for raising forces to reduce the 6 counties of North Wales, and to prevent access of Irish forces into those parts, with interest to 1 Jan. 1646-7; and as 1,524*l.* 18*s.* is

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due to him for pay in the service, whereof 596*l.* 14*s.* is to be respited on the public faith, leaving due 4,071*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, the said sum be paid him by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, out of the fines of Sir Percy Herbert, Sir John Owen, Roger Mostyn, or other delinquents in North Wales, to be nominated by him, and that he have the public faith of the kingdom for the 596*l.* 14*s.*,—for payment accordingly. Repeated, with 14 names added, 15 April. [*G* 1, *p.* 159; 4, *pp.* 24, 72.]

Feb. 18. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for payment to the reduced officers of 12,500*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* from the fines of 16 delinquents specified. [*G* 4, *p.* 24.]

Feb. 20. Parliament order that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall shall have power to examine on oath such witnesses as they call concerning the estates of delinquents, and their values, and the claims made by delinquents for abatements or deductions from their fines. [*G* 1, *p.* 160; 4, *p.* 25.]

Feb. 20. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Saturdays be appointed for reading petitions and hearing motions, which is to be done on no other day; and when the petitions are received, the committee shall be at liberty to compound.

That no petition for a review be received till ½ the fine is paid, nor then unless there be new matter to present.

That persons who have any Parliament order for payment of money from the fines or compositions of any delinquents whom they may present shall not be admitted to name any who has already submitted to a fine; nor is the said order to extend to more than the first ½ of the fine; the remainder is to be paid to the treasurers for Sir Thos. Fairfax's army, and also the moiety of all other compositions, till the 200,000*l.* ordered for the army by the House of Commons be paid. [*G* 4, *p.* 25.]

Feb. 23. **30.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on a Parliament order of 20 Feb. given,—that if any person shall advance the 9,000*l.* remaining of the 12,000*l.* charged upon Goldsmiths' Hall for the pay of the guards, or any part thereof, they shall be allowed 8*l.* per cent. interest thereon,—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 160; 4, *p.* 28.]

Feb. 25. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Monday afternoon be appointed to take an account of the business on which Mr. Saunders was employed.

That the clerk shall not show any papers here on record to any M.P. or other during the sittings of the committee, except such as are called for by the committee.

That no counsel, solicitor, or other, not being an M.P. or member of this committee, shall be present at the debate after the opening of any case.

That persons coming in at $\frac{1}{10}$ be set at the rate of 20 years' purchase, those at $\frac{1}{6}$ at 18, those at $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ at 15 years, and those at $\frac{2}{3}$ at 12 years' purchase. [*G* 4, *p.* 29.]

Feb. 26. Order in Parliament that all sums which shall be charged upon the receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall, after the passing of this ordinance, shall be paid in course, and not otherwise. [*G* 1, *p.* 183.]

Feb. 26. Wrexham. **31.** Committee for North Wales to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We have received yours of 23 Dec. and the votes of the House. We are not guilty of negligence in our proceedings, nor of conniving with delinquents, but shall ever be ready to effect our trust, though we meet with many discouragements. 4 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Feb. ? Petition of Col. John Bradley and his officers to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. From 5 Oct. 1646 to 29 Jan. 1647, there is due to the regiment 4,029*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, as appears from an account audited by the Militia of London, besides former arrears of 2,500*l.*, which by order of the House of Commons of 30 Oct. 1646, should be paid by this committee for the present guards of Parliament and City. Having no free quarter, are enforced to employ necessitated people, only 1,900*l.*, of 6,465*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* due to the regiment, being paid. Are doing their uttermost to keep up the guards, but seeing the great discontent of the soldiers, and their own inability to relieve them, beg an order to the treasurers for a present supply. [*G* 70, *p.* 422.]

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Feb.? Petition of 1,100 poor soldiers of Col. Bradley's regiment to the Committee for Compounding. Are very poor, some of the company dead, and others perishing for want of relief. Being now 23 weeks behind in their pay of 4*s.* 8*d.* a week, beg their arrears, to keep their wives and children from starving. [*G* 70, *p.* 420.]

March 1. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, referring it to the sub-committee to treat with [Stephen] Thompson upon the terms on which he will part with Scarborough Castle, and what consideration he will expect if it be continued a garrison.

Note of a letter from the Committee of County Gloucester, in answer to one from this committee of 23 Dec., enclosing the printed votes, to signify that they had already sent up by Capt. Croft the list of delinquents' estates; and that they hold all who rent delinquents' lands to higher terms, and have improved the receipts from 1,200*l.* to 1,622*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year, and intend so to proceed.

Also of a letter from Wm. Harvey, sequestrator of co. Lincoln, that this committee's order for sequestering those sequestrable will not be obeyed, because the standing County Committee have not sat since October, and there is a general unwillingness in them to sit, till vindicated by Parliament from the aspersions cast on them by Col. King.

Also of a letter from the Committee of co. York, that they are unable to act in sequestration, because the time limited by the Northern Association has expired, and some of the gentlemen who were in the first ordinance for sequestrations have lately left the county, and some of the rest are dead, or clerks to members of Parliament, so that they dare not take the name of a committee. [*G* 4, *p.* 33.]

March 4. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that three warrants be drawn on the treasurers, on the orders of the House, for money for Ireland.

Order that if a fine be set on a delinquent two ways, no suspension of sequestration be granted till he has paid half the larger fine, and given security for the remainder. Repeated 13 March. [*G* 4, *pp.* 34, 39.]

March 5. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that no part of the fines of Lord Deincourt and 22 other delinquents in co. Notts, named in a list presented by W. Pierrepoint and 3 other gentlemen of the county, be granted to any particular person without order from this committee.

That the petitions of delinquents to be admitted to composition be heard every Saturday, and no other business intervene till they are dispatched. [*G* 4, *p.* 35.]

March 6. **32, 33.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order given of 27 Feb.,—that 15,000*l.* be charged upon Goldsmiths' Hall, to be paid by order of the Irish Committee sitting at the Star Chamber, 3,000*l.* for Lord Ormond, on his delivery of Dublin, and 12,000*l.* for the forces to be sent for relieving Dublin; that for more speedy payment, 8 per cent. interest is allowed to any who will advance the 15,000*l.*, and this is especially recommended to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, in regard the preservation of the Kingdom of Ireland to the Crown of England is so much concerned in the speedy furnishing of the said 15,000*l.*;—for payment accordingly.

34, 35. Like order, on a Parliament order given of 23 Feb.,—that 10,807*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* be charged upon Goldsmiths' Hall, and paid to the Irish Committee in the Star Chamber, to satisfy the bills of exchange for the rest of the money to be paid to Lord Ormond on delivery of Dublin, half at sight, and half in 6 months, with interest at 8 per cent. allowed to any who will lend the money—for payment accordingly.

36. Like order, on an order in the House of Commons of 2 March given,—that 10,000*l.* more be allowed for Ireland, deducting for arms, ammunition, &c., sent from the army magazines, to be paid by Goldsmiths' Hall, on orders of the Irish Committee, with interest for any who will advance it;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 172–174; 4, *pp.* 35, 36.]

March 9. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that there be a summons to all from whose fines the 31,000*l.* for Ireland was to be paid, to pay in their moieties, if unpaid, within 14 days, or their compositions will be made void.

That all compositions shall stand in course, as returned from the sub-committee.

Like order, on an order of the House of Commons given, of 28 Jan.,—that the further sum of 12,500*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.*, intended to be paid by the ordinance for the

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sale of divers Papists' and delinquents' estates, now read, be paid by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, out of the fines and compositions of those delinquents contained in a list formerly presented and voted by the House, for satisfaction of the reduced officers named in four lists presented to the House, and allowed of by them, and that the said 12,500*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* be paid by the same persons, and distributed in the same manner, and for the same use as the former 10,000*l.* charged upon the said committee, for the said reduced officers,—for payment accordingly. [*G* 1, *p.* 148; *G* 4, *pp.* 36, 37.]

March 11. Notes in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, of letters from the county committees of Derby and Herts, in answer to the committee's votes of 10 Nov. [*G* 4, *p.* 38.]

March 13. Petition of Thos. Russell and Thos. Buckley to the Committee for Compounding. Being appointed high collectors for co. Cambridge for moneys for the two four months' pay of their brethren the Scots, they paid it into Goldsmiths' Hall according to two ordinances of Parliament. Nevertheless, they received further orders from the Committee of Lords and Commons residing before Newark, for the payment of 1,936*l.* 13*s.* 1½*d.* to James Thompson, for provisions for their said brethren when before Newark, which they have accordingly paid, and they beg an order to the treasurer for the Scottish army to give them receipts therefor. [*G* 115, *p.* 35.]

March 13. Reference thereon to the sub-committee. [*G* 4, *p.* 40.]

March 13. **37.** County Commissioners for Wirrall Hundred, co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. As instructed, we send you a list of delinquents, and the value of their estates since sequestered, and before the wars, but as many of the estates lay near Chester, we could do nothing whilst it was a garrison of the enemy; also the incursions of the enemy and quarterings of our own soldiers destroyed much of the sequestered estates, few being tender of what belonged to the public. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

37. I. *Particulars of the localities of sequestered estates in Wirrall Hundred,* viz.:—*

	Present Value. £	s.	d.	Late Value. £	s.	d.
Sir Wm. Brereton, who in 1644 settled a garrison at Hooton, and one at Puddington, near Chester; his lands were much plundered	—			—		
—— *Whitmore, D., Leighton, Great Neston, Poulton, and Thornton Hough*	189	10	4	372	8	0
Sir Wm. Massey, D. and P., Puddington, Ledsham, &c.	187	3	4	414	13	4
Fras. Leech, D., Mollington	20	0	0	60	0	0
Sir Thos. Powell D., Birkett [? Birkenhead] ferry on Liverpool water, Claughton cum Grange, and Tranmere	137	18	0	264	16	8
Widow Chantrell, P., Knock-Torum	18	0	0	32	0	0
Widow Deane, P., Bidston cum Ford	5	6	8	8	0	0
Thos. Griffith, of Carnarvon, D., Greasby	18	0	0	30	0	0
Valentine Whitmore, D., Thurstanton	69	10	6	92	3	10
Rob. Leonard, D., Irby	10	0	0	15	0	0
Thos. Bennett, D., Barnston	8	0	0	20	0	0
Earl of Derby, D., Bidston and Upton	176	0	5	273	15	0
Wm. Poole, D. and P., Poole	176	0	0	260	0	0
Thos. Wally, D., Little Sutton	31	0	0	70	0	0
Lord Chomley, Little Sutton and Capenhurst	77	18	8	129	8	8
[*Wm.*] *Stanley, D. and P., Hooton, Storeton, Oldfield, Pensby, &c., besides 90l. dower of Lady Stanley not sequestered*	261	13	1	445	13	1
Col. Moston, D., Great Meolse		—		2	0	0
Thos. Glasier, D., Lea and Ledsham, and 50l. tithes disposed by the Committee for Plundered Ministers	94	2	6	158	12	6

* In this list, D signifies delinquent, and P Papist.

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	Present Value. £	s.	d.	Late Value. £	s.	d.
Earl of Shrewsbury, D. and P., Oxton, and old rents in Brimstage, &c.	75	9	4	80	16	0
Mr. Hurlston, D., West Kirkby	1	1	0		—	
[John] Minshall, D., Derby House, Over Bebington, Tranmere, &c.	155	18	2	177	18	6
Ralph Morgell, D., Mollington, Torrett, Lea, and Backford	16	0	0	70	0	0
Edw. Morgan, D., Molinton, Torrett	4	12	0	20	0	0
Ralph Leigh, Mollington and Backford	5	3	4	8	0	0
Widow Martin, D., Mollington	3	0	0	7	0	0
[Wm.] Gamull, D., ,, Crab Hall	18	3	4	34	16	8
Lord Kilmorey, D., Stoke	8	0	0		—	
Earl Rivers, D. and P., Chorlton	0	11	6		—	
Orlando Bridgman, D., Brombrough	50	0	0	150	0	0
[Jane] Marrow, D., Brombrough Court	50	0	0	80	0	0
[Hen.] Bunbury, D., Stanney	201	2	0	532	13	9
Dean and Chapters' Rents, Chorlton, Saughall, and Croughton	27	7	5		—	
Mr. Frogg, of Whitby, D., near Chester, not yet sequestered		—		33	0	0
Sir Thos. Wilbraham, Hotweek Park, too near to Chester to be let		—			—	
Mr. Penruddock, D., Brombrough and Eastham	147	0	0	250	0	0
Sir Thos. Smith, D., Burton Rectory and glebe lands		—		100	0	0
Granted to the Minister, old rents	1	16	0		—	
John Kelshall, D., Willaston	10	0	0	20	0	0
Wm. Wilcock, D., ,,	8	0	0	16	0	0
Col. Fras. Gamull, D., Hargreave	18	0	0	40	0	0
Dan. Bavand, D., Hargreave	4	10	0	9	0	0

[9 *pages. The valuations of individual property are given in the detail in the original, but not added together.*]

March 18. Order of the House of Commons to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to take care for the speedy payment, from the fine of Fras. Nevill or some others, of the 200*l.* ordered for the widow of Thos. Buller, slain in service of Parliament. [*G* 1, *p.* 162.]

March 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding,—on motion by Mr. Haselfort, clerk of the Goldsmiths' Company, that there is special occasion for the use of the Hall for 2 or 3 days in the beginning of April;—that this committee will adjourn on 7 and 8 April, and leave the Hall free for the company. [*G* 4, *p.* 43.]

March 18. Carmarthen. Commissioners for Sequestration for South Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We have had many impediments to our proceedings against delinquents here, so that none of them appear to us to be rendered to their compositions, but made free of their estates of very great value, as though they were not delinquents. The occasions of delay being removed, we have entered on our work, and hope soon to give a better account. But we cannot still lay hold of the personal estate of the great delinquents, as most of it is conveyed out of our association, and the rest made away to others, or concealed. The inferior people are so overawed by the malignant gentry that they make no conscience of wilful perjury, and publicly profess that they will not offend their landlords, come what may. Therefore to avoid such perjuries, we beg that the delinquents may be compelled to compound for their concealed personal estates at such values as we shall certify, on information of some of better quality and affections. [*G* 167, *p.* 671.]

March 20. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers shall not accept of any person who is a delinquent once bound, for security of another for the second payment. [*G* 4, *p.* 44.]

March 23. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of Parliament given of 5 March 1647—that the remainder of Sir T. Littleton's fine be paid to

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Francis, Lord Willoughby, in part of 3,155*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* due to him on his account (not including 55*l.* 7*s.* respited on public faith), for more speedy payment of the said sum, the Houses are willing to consider any course that may be offered;—that the balance of the said 3,155*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* be paid to Lord Willoughby by the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers. [*G* 1, *p.* 174; 4, *p.* 49.]

March 27. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for a general letter to the Committee of co. Notts, on the desire of Laurence Thompson of Newark, for discharge of persons under value. [*G* 4, *p.* 54.]

March 30. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to [several county committees]. We send you a list of persons long since fined for delinquency, but who have neglected to prosecute their compositions. Letters were sent from us to discharge their sequestrations, providing they sue out their pardon under the Great Seal in 6 weeks, and reports have been made to the House and the fines determined accordingly, but they have not taken out their pardons as required. We therefore revoke the suspension of their sequestration, unless they produce within 12 days a certificate from us that they have taken out their discharge. [*G* 4, *p.* 51.]

April 1. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for allowance of a salary to Mich. Herring and Rich. Waring, appointed by Parliament order of 5 February 1647 treasurers of all moneys paid into Goldsmiths' Hall for compositions. Unfinished. [*G* 4, *p.* 58.]

[April 3.] Petition of Lieut.-Col. Jeremy Baines, in behalf of the Northern parts, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.

Divers persons, from their deep sense of the want of a preaching ministry in the Northern parts, have obtained from the Committee for Plundered Ministers grants of augmentations to several places, viz., 230*l.* a year to Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmoreland, and 5 chapels in that parish, out of the tithes thereof sequestered from Sir Henry Bellingham, leased to him by Trinity College, Cambridge; 90*l.* a year to Mollerstang Chapel in Kirkby Stephen, and Grange Chapel in Kendal, out of the impropriate tithes of Sir Philip Musgrave and Sir George Dalston and his son; and by this means several godly preachers have been procured and settled in the said places. Yet if these and other delinquents, who deserted the Parliament and sat in the Junto at Oxford, and have endeavoured the ruin of religion and liberty, be admitted to compound for their tithes, those dark parts of the land are likely to lose the ministers already procured, and to be made hopeless of remedy for time to come, to free them from that Egyptian darkness which they have so long languished under, and which hath so much filled the North with ignorance, superstition, and malignity. Begs the Committee for Compounding to show pity to the many thousand souls ready to perish for want of the bread of life, and not to suffer those delinquents to compound for tithes. [*G* 65, *p.* 311.]

[April 3.] Like petition to like effect. [*G* 65, *p.* 308.]

April 3. Order by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Sir George Dalston; Sir Philip Musgrave, Sir Wm. Dalston, and Sir Henry Bellingham, be treated with concerning the settling of the rectories mentioned. [*G* 4, *p.* 60.]

April 5. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall—on a Parliament order given, of 29 March, that 6,740*l.* be charged upon Goldsmiths' Hall, being 2 months' pay of arrears and 1 month's advance for 1,000 foot and 200 horse, beside officers, agreed upon between the Irish Committee and Col. [Thos.] Birch, to be sent to Ireland; and that the Committee of co. Hereford advance the 3 months' pay on muster, and receive it when due at Goldsmiths' Hall,—for payment to the county commissioners of Hereford accordingly. [*G* 1, *p.* 170; 4, *p.* 65.]

April 10. Derby. **38.** Commissioners for co. Derby to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. You order us to pay the Earl of Stamford 500*l.* a year from the sequestered estate of Rowland Eyre, of Hassop, Papist and delinquent, but our engagements by bond, &c., to well-affected gentlemen who lent money in time of necessity, and also to the officers and soldiers, amount to more than will be raised for a long time from sequestered rents, and without performance we can do no public service, and hardly live with safety in the county, some of us having been taken prisoners by the soldiers. Therefore we are petitioning Parliament that our

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sequestration moneys may be continued to us, and the 500*l.* yearly discharged. Signed by Sir John Gell and 9 others. With note of its presentation to the Committee 29 April. [*G* 4, *p.* 81.]

April 13. **39.** Note in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall of presentation of an order in the House of Commons given, of 2 Jan. 1646, for payment to Fras. Allen, M.P., of 700*l.* for a jewel sent to General Leven.

Order of the said committee for letters to all who have not settled their impropriations to repair to Mr. Rich, and settle them by the end of Easter term.

That letters be sent to the several counties, with the votes of the House to take care that the estates of delinquents be not let to themselves, nor to any for their use.

Note that the order of 25 March 1646 for co. Hants was altered from — Steward to Nich. Steward.

Order that no letters be henceforth sent to the county commissioners to stay rents in the tenants' hands, unless the compounder claim it by the benefit of any articles [of war].

40–42. Order on an Order of Parliament of 9 April given,—for the committee to confer with the treasurers to furnish, by way of exchange payable in Amsterdam, 10,877*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* charged on this committee by order of 23 Feb. for Lord Ormond, and to make needful allowance therefor—that the treasurers endeavour speedy payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 164, 168; 4, *p.* 67.]

April 14. **43, 44.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on a Parliament order of 9 April,—that 8 per cent. interest be allowed to such as will advance 12,500*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* charged on Goldsmiths' Hall for reduced officers, contained in a list formerly presented to the House of Commons;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 168; 4, *p.* 70.]

April 15. **45.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order of 24 March given,—that as Viscount Campden, from whose estate the Earl of Rutland was to receive 5,000*l.* has compounded, paid the first ½ of his fine and got his sequestration suspended, the said committee are to examine what the Earl has already received, and pay him the balance of the 5,000*l.* from the remainder of the Viscount's fine—for payment of 4,764*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.*, being the balance due. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 166; 4, *p.* 72.]

46. Like order, adding to the delinquents in North Wales from whom, on 18 Feb. 1647, Col. Wm. Barton was ordered to receive 4,071*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, 14 other names from whose fines he may be paid. [1 *page; also G* 4, *p.* 72.]

April 19. Parliament order that, whereas 6,000*l.*, portion of the Lady Ellinor Holles, daughter of the late Earl of Clare, remains in the hands of the present Earl for her use, and is forfeited, as she is lately married to Col. [Oliver] Fitzwilliam, a delinquent, son of Lord Fitzwilliam in Ireland,—the sum be granted to Denzil Holles, M.P., the lady's brother, in trust for her and her children. [*G* 86, *p.* 1023.]

April 20. **47–49.** Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order given, of 13 April,—that those who have lent 6,368*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* on the ordinance for reducing Newcastle, and are not yet reimbursed, be paid with interest out of the fines of delinquents at Goldsmiths' Hall;—for payment accordingly. [*G* 1, *p.* 169; 4, *p.* 75.]

50. Like order on an order in the House of Commons given of 3 Oct. 1646,—on the petition of gun-makers, saddlers, and other artificers, &c., who have lent money, and of officers, &c., who have done service and suffered loss in the magazine and train of artillery, that they may have their accounts stated by the Committee of Accounts, and that the total due to them be charged on the receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall;—for payment. [*G* 1, *p.* 164; 4, *p.* 75.]

April 20. Committee for Compounding to [the commissioners of certain counties] Divers delinquents of quality in your county do not offer to compound, or if they tender a petition, do not prosecute it, encouraged by hopes of a turn of things, whereby they may preserve their estates to do more mischief, and they enjoy their estates, and sell their woods, taking the estates by agents at under values; this would not be if you observed our printed orders, which we desire you to execute carefully against all who have not compounded. Do not let their estates to or for themselves, unless they are prosecuting their com-

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positions. Any such leases made are to be avoided, and the tenants must bring you in the rents, that we may give a good account to Parliament, or let the blame lie where it ought. [*G* 4, *p.* 76.]

April 21. Note at the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall of a letter from the County Commissioners of Gloucester, about their letting part of Sir Rich. Ducy's estate to soldiers for their pay. [*G* 4, *p.* 77.]

April 22. **51.** Note of presentation of a Parliament order of 23 March given, on considering the great services of Ant. Berrow, in surprising and taking Hereford city,—that a rent-charge of 50*l.* a year be granted him for ever on the manor of Sutton St. Michael, belonging to Hen. Lingen, of co. Hereford, with power to distrain for arrears; the Attorney-General to prepare a grant thereof to pass under the Great Seal. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 165; 4, *p.* 78.]

April 29. List of 36 names recommended by the General to Mr. Speaker for favour in their compositions on Truro Articles; with certificates by General Sir Thos. Fairfax and Speaker Wm. Lenthall, in their behalf, as included in the articles. [*G* 1, *p.* 237; 210, *p.* 647.]

May 4. Order of the House of Commons that Isaac Pennington, alderman of London, on his petition concerning his losses and damages, be discharged of a debt due from him to Sir John Pennington. [*G* 112, *p.* 369]

May 4. **52.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order given, of 1 May,—that as it does not appear on the accounts of these officers what free quarter or moneys they have levied out of the country, nor what horses or arms they have received, ⅓ of 17,120*l.* 14*s.* 4½*d.*, being 5,706*l.* 18*s.* 1½*d.*, be paid proportionably for arrears to such of them as will accept it in full discharge of their demands, and will give discharge of all demands to the Committee of Petitions, where John Godwin has the chair, and whence this list was reported, the said sum to be charged on the Goldsmiths' Hall and paid by them to the Committee of Petitions for distribution;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 177; 4, *p.* 84.]

53. Like order on a Parliament order given of 30 April 1647, on report from the committee for the affairs of Ireland, to whom the accounts and desires of Lord Forbes were referred,—for payment to the treasurers of the Adventurers for additional forces by sea to Ireland of 1,704*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, and out of the first money coming into the Adventurers' treasury, Lord Forbes and his officers to be paid their just dues;—for payment of the 1,704*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 176; 4, *p.* 83.]

May 4. **54.** Note in the said committee of a Parliament order of 1 May given, that the members of the House that are Commissioners at Goldsmiths' Hall shall give an account to the House of the names of such delinquents as have compounded at Goldsmiths' Hall, and are concerned in the propositions for peace. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 175; 4, *p.* 84.]

May 5. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that [John] Stephens, Sir David Watkins, [Rich.] Darley, and [Wm.] Thompson, consider what the treasurers propose for getting in the money, and report to this committee. [*G* 4, *p.* 85.]

May 5. **55.** Order of the House of Commons, that the moiety of all compositions with delinquents at Goldsmiths' Hall (after the engagements already charged upon them) be added to the security*; with proviso for the reservation of a power to the Commissioners at Goldsmiths' Hall to compound with delinquents for impropriations, according to such orders as they have or shall receive from both or either House of Parliament, for the benefit of the ministry. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 168.]

May 5. **56.** Note of the above. [¼ *page.*]

May 7. Gloucester. **57.** Jas. Clutterbuck, mayor, and the Commissioners of County Gloucester to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We know of no liberty granted to delinquents by us to sell woods or copyholds. We have always tried to let the manor only, but not the demesnes. If you will inform us of any particular

* For borrowing 200,000*l.*; see Commons' Journals, Vol. 5, p. 163.—ED.

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persons that have abused us and the State, we will endeavour to bring them to account. We could better observe your orders if we knew from you who are not prosecuting their compositions.

We have not since the votes knowingly let lands to delinquents or their agents, and those let are let at double the value; high enough, considering the sad condition of the county by free quarter.

We thought Sir Rich. Ducy was compounding, and let him ½ his lands for 400*l.* this year (the whole being let before for 300*l.*), and the other ½ to the soldiers, and the same with those of Sir John and Sir Rob. Tracy. As to imprisonment, we know of no delinquents that are not either compounding, or on appeal to the sequestration commissioners, or comprised in some articles.

Are those on appeal to be dealt with as those who have not appealed? The votes of the House are not clear therein.

Are those within the Articles of Bristol, as Sir Rich. Ducy and Sir Rob. Pointz, to be imprisoned? We beg your fair opinion of us till our reasons be heard. 5 signatures. Received by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, 20 May. [*G* 4, *p.* 93.]

May 11. **58.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on a Parliament order of 6 May given—that the interest on 1,000*l.* lent to Parliament by Sir John Dryden and others, formerly charged on Sir C. Hatton's sequestered estate, be charged on Goldsmiths' Hall;—for payment accordingly: [*Also G* 1, *p.* 178; 4, *p.* 87.]

May 11. Blank form of an order for discharging from sequestration persons whose estates, real and personal, are not worth 200*l.*, on their bringing particulars thereof, and taking the covenant and negative oath. [*G* 4, *p.* 88.]

May 11. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the county commissioners. We sent you the votes of the House of Commons of 10 Nov. and 8 Dec., now confirmed by the House of Lords, because you omit sequestering some, though they had deserved it, and allow others to rent their estates at very low values, even when not prosecuting their compositions. Yet we hear of no prosecution of our orders, and wonder at your slackness, which must be from wilfulness or neglect. We advise you to remove the prejudice which the State suffers thereby, and prevent the inconvenience that may grow to yourselves from your neglect. [*G* 4, *p.* 88.]

May 12. Blank form of a letter urging upon a compounder the settlement of a rectory upon a minister, according to his agreement, on penalty of renewal of the sequestration. [*G* 4, *p.* 90.]

May 13. **59.** Note of presentation in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall of a Parliament order of 11 May given, that 2,500*l.* be paid to John Selden from Goldsmiths' Hall, out of the moiety of compositions not granted to the City of London for their security, and out of those which remain when that security is ended, towards satisfaction and reparation for his great damages and long imprisonment by reason of service done to the Commonwealth in the Parliament of 3 Charles, whereof he was a member. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 179; 4, *p.* 92.]

May 20. **60.** Parliament order that Rich. Waring, grocer, and Mich. Herring, merchant citizen of London,—appointed treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall for fines and compositions, goods bought, and moneys borrowed on credit, but no salary assigned them,—shall have 1*d.* in the pound of all moneys paid in since their appointment 6 Feb. 1646-7, and of those paid in on fines and compositions with delinquents, 1½*d.* The Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to make fit allowances to all employed in the service and pay charges for accommodation. The Committee of Accounts sitting at Cornhill to audit the accounts of the said treasurers. [1⅔ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 180.]

May 20. Durham. **61.** County Commissioners of Durham to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We have done our utmost to serve the State, but have been much obstructed by the armies so long lying upon us, the burden of which is not yet removed. Our county has been so exhausted with great and sad oppressions that we have had to spend ourselves and our estates in the service without allowance, and to engage our credits to procure supplies, both before and since the departure

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of the Scottish army, for payment of our ministers and associated forces, above what could be raised by rents or sequestrations. Nor can we be freed from our debts, or repaid our expenses, unless you make them known to Parliament. 5 signatures. [1 *page.*]

May 27. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that they will grant no more orders for discharging persons who pretend their estates to be under 200*l.* value, because of the many and great abuses put upon the committee by the advantage taken of that liberty.

That after tomorrow, the committee will proceed on compositions as entered in course on the list. [*G* 4, *p.* 96.]

May 27. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of [Co. Dorset]. In the case of Lady Anne Rich, an order of the Committee for Sequestrations of 4 Sept. 1646 for her discharge has been presented, with a complaint that by virtue of some order from us, you have resequestered her estate. We do not intend that any act of ours shall extend to her, nor to any person discharged by formal appeal to the Committee for Sequestrations. You are therefore to make void all you have done to her prejudice. [*G* 4, *p.* 96.]

May 28. **62.** Parliament order that the 1,704*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* granted on report of Lord Forbes' account, to be paid by the treasurers of Goldsmiths' Hall to the treasurers for additional forces for Ireland, for the dues of his lordship and his officers, be paid to Lord Forbes, Col. Thos. Rainsborow, and Col. John Humphreys. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 181.]

May 29. Aylesbury. **63.** County Committee for Bucks to the Committee for Compounding. On the House of Commons' order of 10 Nov. 1646, and your orders of 23 Dec., 14 April, and 19 May last, we certify the names and particulars of the estates of all Papists and delinquents sequestered in this county, with their value before the wars, and the tenants' names, &c. We could not send earlier, because many estates lying under the power of the enemy were not fully discovered till the delinquents, by the Articles of Oxford, were allowed to enjoy their estates. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

63. I. *Particulars of the locality and value of the estates of the following persons:—**

	£	*s.*	*d.*
George Penruddock, D., Great Wycombe	100	0	0
Earl of Devon, D., Chesham and Latimers	400	0	0
Sir John Borlase, D., Medmenham, Little Marlow, and Ludgershall	80	0	0
John Farmer, P., Great Marlow	124	0	0
,, ,, ,,	12	0	0
Thos. Begg, D., Hambledon	10	0	0
Allan Boteler, D., no real estate discovered		—	
John Brinkurst, P., Great Marlow	70	0	0
Dr. Bing, D., Beaconsfield	54	0	0
Lord Chandos, D., Denham	33	0	0
Sir Rob. Coke, D., Farnham Royal	105	10	0
John Dormer, P., annuity on West Wycombe Parsonage from the Earl of Carnarvon	180	0	0
Mat. Griffith, Minister, D., reversion at Amersham	13	10	0
Dr. Giles and Annie Hoorne, D., Langley Marsh, Farnham Royal, and Wraysbury	61	0	0
John Harris, P., Chesham	63	15	0
Sir Rich. Hobart, D., Langley	32	0	0
Fras. Handford, P. and D., Beaconsfield	22	0	0
And. King, D., Wraysbury	121	6	2
Sir Edw. Mansfield, P., Taplow	150	0	0
Rich. Newington, P., Upton	8	0	0
Lord Powys, P. and D., Great Marlow	140	0	0
Thos. Parke, D., 2 debts, together	398	0	0
Wm. Stoner, P., Fawley and Monks Risborow	154	0	0
—— *Vaux, D., Datchet*	4	10	0
Judith Wast, D., Great Wycombe	74	6	8
Rob. Mellish, D., Burnham	42	10	0

* P. stands for Papist, D. for Delinquent.

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		£	s.	d.
May 29.	*Thos. Ashfield, P. and D., and Lady Clare Ashfield, P., Chesham*	445	0	0
	Mr. Seers, D., Wing and Stewkley	150	0	0
	Thos. Williams, D., Nettleden or Ashridge, estate not yet discovered.		—	
	John Yates, P., Stewkley and Radnage	88	0	0
	Sir Tim. Tyrrell, D., Oakley and Bostall, compounded		—	
	Charles Tyrrell, D., rent-charge on Oakley	40	0	0
	Edw. Hall, P., Drayton Parslow	23	0	0
	Lady Alice Dormer, widow, P., Stewkley, Stone, and Wendover	730	0	0
	Benedict Hall, P., Nether Winchendon and Ashenden	264	0	0
	Sir Lewis Dives, Elsborough	2	13	4
	Wm. Dancer, P., Wing	6	0	0
	Rich. Fludd, P., Aston Abbotts	16	0	0
	Sir Gerard Fleetwood, D., Bostall	400	0	0
	Thos. Higgs, P., Wing	12	0	0
	Martha James, D., Winslow and Grandborough, compounded		—	
	Tim. Pusey, D., Cublington and Hocumb, compounded		—	
	Rich. Snow, D., Winslow and Shipton, small estate in reversion, value not known		—	
	Sir Hen. Spiller, D., Haddenham and Kingsey, compounded		—	
	Sir Hen. Anderson, D., Cranwell, compounded		—	
	Wm. Brabrook, P., Long Crendon	150	0	0
	—— Ball, Beadle of Oxford University, D., tithes at Wootton	15	0	0
	John Chamberlain, P., Aston Abbotts	64	0	0
	Sir John Fortescue, P., Mursley and Drayton Parslow	898	0	0
	Augustine Belson, P., Brill and Oakley	353	7	8
	Countess of Northampton, Moulsoe, compounded		—	
	Earl of Antrim, and Duchess of Buckingham, his wife, Biddlesdon, Whaddon, Winslow, &c.	2,101	9	7
	Sir Wm. Andrews, P., Weston Underwood	73	6	8
	Sir Rob. Banister, D., Wolverton Parsonage, and lands in Calverton and Buckingham	103	0	0
	Thos. Birchmore, Minister, D., Hanslope	10	0	0
	Thos. Stafford, D., Tottenhoo and Shenley	600	0	0
	Sir Vincent Corbet, D., Linchlade	600	0	0
	Late Sir Alex. Denton, D., Preston, Buckingham, Rutley, and Hillesden	2,750	0	0
	Archbishop of Canterbury, Little Brickhill Parsonage, rent unknown		—	
	Hen. Challoner, D., Steeple Claydon, compounded		—	
	Sir Rich. Minshall, D., Bourton Manor, &c.	650	0	0
	Peter Dayrell, D., Lillingstone Dayrell	60	0	0
	Wm. Coker, P., Hanslope	1	0	0
	Sir Thos. Dayrell, D., Lillingstone Dayrell	127	0	0
	Lady Digby, P., Gottehurst, Stoke Goldington and Hanslope	450	0	0
	Thos. Hillesden, D., Stoke Hammond	50	0	0
	John Knight, P., Newport Pagnell	55	0	0
	Thos. Longvile, D., Bradwell, compounded		—	
	Capt. Wm. Lambert, D., Buckingham	20	0	0
	Sir Thos. Leigh, D., divers places, compounded		—	
	Thos. Crooke, Studley, in reversion	400	0	0
	Edw. Chamberlain, D., Gawcott	10	0	0
	Mrs. Cotes, widow, P., Hanslope	20	0	0
	Sir Thos. Littleton, D., Westbury	300	0	0
	Lewis Mordaunt, P., Woughton	20	0	0
	Earl of Northampton, D., Wolverton Parsonage, and reversion of an estate at Moulsoe, compounded for by the Countess	100	0	0

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		£	s.	d.
May 29.	*Sir Edm. Pye, D., Leckhampstead, Towersey, Fleet Marston, and Chesham*	1,050	0	0
	Gabriel Penn, D., Stony Stratford	30	0	0
	Col. Wm. Smith, D., Akeley, Wavendon, and Woughton	208	0	0
	John Turner, D., Buckingham, compounded		—	
	Edw. Tomkins, P., Hanslope	4	0	0
	Mary Whittle, P., Weston Underwood	10	0	0
	Sir Rob. Throgmorton, P., Weston Underwood	240	16	5
	Sir John Tyringham, D., Tyringham, Filgrave, &c.	700	0	0
	Sir Ralph Verney, D., Middle Claydon and Bostall	1,002	11	4
	Ralph Love, P., Bledlow	5	0	0
	Hen. Farmer, P., Halton, in reversion	556	0	0
	John Denham, D., Horsenden	244	2	6
	Rob. Dormer, P., Peterley in Great Missenden	662	11	11
	Sir John Packington, already certified		—	
	Hen. Brampstone, P., Great Missenden	6	0	0
	Thos. Bryan, D., Aylesbury, compounded		—	
	Barth. Baldwin, D., Weston Turville	110	0	0
	Sir Rob. Crooke, D., Elsborough, no real estate found		—	
	Wm. Fitzherbert, Bledlow Parsonage	200	0	0
	Late Thos. Howse, P. and D., Bierton	60	0	0
	Wm. Hitchcock, P., Wendover, gift of Lady Dormer	50	0	0
	Rowland Langland, D., Cuddington	18	0	0
	John Crooke, D., Chilton	381	17	0
	Gabriel Hipsley, D., Ludgershall and Little Marlow, certified on his composition		—	
	George Weedon, P., Great Missenden	20	0	0
	Sir Walter Pye, D., Wendover, Little Hampden, Elsborough, &c., the particulars do not agree with those given in on his composition, but the mistake will be enquired into. [26 *pages.*]		—	

June 2. **64, 65.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order given of 25 May,—that 8 per cent. interest be allowed from 1 May 1647 on the 5,706*l.* 18*s.* 1½*d.* charged on Goldsmiths' Hall, for certain Scots' officers without allowance of interest, to be paid from the unreserved ½ of the compositions;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 181.]

June 10. Order in the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall take the best course they can for buying in impropriations upon delinquents' compositions.

That this day week the House consider the best way to buy in impropriations, and settle a sufficient maintenance for a preaching ministry; and that the Committee for Plundered Ministers and Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall meet, and report what they think fit to be done; and that meantime no composition be made with delinquents for any impropriation. Also, that Mr. Rous on that day report the ordinance directing the certifying of the several impropriations of delinquents, and of Deans and Chapters, in all parts of the kingdom. [*G* 1, *p.* 170.]

June 11. **66.** Parliament order that 5,000*l.* of the 10,000*l.* charged by order of 5 June on Goldsmiths' Hall, for the officers, be paid by Alderman Bunce and the Weavers' Hall Treasurers, to persons appointed by the committee nominated by the former order, and in such proportion as they think fit, for relief of the instant necessity of the said officers; to be repaid to Weavers' Hall out of Goldsmiths' Hall. [1 *page.*]

June ? **67.** Account of the disposal by Rich. Weaver, chief collector, of the first 4 months' assessment in co. Hunts for the Scots' army, viz., 1,284*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, and also of the like sum for the second 4 months assessment, Fras. Bludwick being collector. [1 *page.*]

July 1. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to quicken the treasurers to provide the money granted by order of the House to Lord Ormond.

That they be desired to use all possible endeavours to provide the sums granted by Parliament for relief of Ireland, in the 3 orders lately sent up.

Note of returns concerning the votes of 10 Nov. and 8 Dec. from the Commissioners of Lewes, Sussex, and of Broxton Hundred, co. Chester. [*G* 4, *p.* 99.]

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July 1. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Leicester. There being 1,500*l.* a year allowed to the Earl of Stamford, 500*l.* out of the estates of three delinquents, we issued orders for raising it; but the County Committee of Warwick reports that Sir Charles Smith's estate, out of which 500*l.* is to be paid, is partly in Leicestershire. We therefore order you to pay 200*l.* of the said sum. [*G* 4, *p.* 100.]

July 1. Like letter to the Committee of co. Warwick. *Mutatis mutandis.* [*G* 4, *p.* 100.]

July 5. **68.** Parliament order that the 2,638*l.*, part of the moneys charged on Goldsmiths' Hall for Lord Ormond, be for the present paid out of the 30,000*l.*, remainder of 40,000*l.* assigned for Ireland at Weavers' Hall, to be repaid from Goldsmiths' Hall, and that it be paid to such persons as the Irish Committee at Derby House shall appoint, whose acquittance shall be discharge to Alderman Bunce and the rest of the Weavers' Hall Treasurers. [¾ *page.*]

July 6. Goldsmiths' Hall. **69.** Committee for Compounding to the High Sheriff and Under-Sheriff of Westmoreland, who are to make publication thereof in every market town in the county, next market day. As the service is much injured by delinquents not prosecuting their compositions according to their obligations, on account of unwarrantable favour shown them, you are to issue proclamations that all compounders who do not pay in their moneys within 14 days shall have their whole estates seized and sequestered, as if they had not compounded. Also that all who are sequestered or sequestrable, and do not apply to compound within one month, shall lose the benefit of all articles and ordinances of Parliament for their case, and be proceeded against as contemners of Parliament favour. Make returns within 14 days of your proceedings therein. [1 *page, damaged.*]

July 6. Goldsmiths' Hall. **70–73.** Like letters to the sheriffs of cos. Northumberland, Leicester, Lincoln, and Herts. [1 *page each.*]

July 6. Goldsmiths' Hall. **74.** Like letter to the Committee of [South Wales] with the sheriff's reply endorsed, reporting the publication of the order at Machynlleth and Llanvilling. [*Torn fragment.*]

July 9. Order of the House of Commons, that no person that has been in actual war against Parliament, or has acted by commission of array, or voluntarily aided the King, or that, since 20 May 1642, has sued for, or voluntarily accepted a pardon from him, or has directed, advised, assisted, signed, or consented to the cessation of Ireland, or assisted the rebellion of Ireland, or who stands sequestered by authority of Parliament for delinquency, shall presume to sit in this House.

That the persons that shall be comprehended within this order shall incur the penalty of being put into the second branch of the 4th qualification, in the propositions concerning such members as deserted the Parliament, and sat in the unlawful assembly at Oxford.

That such members as are in town, or within 10 miles of London, as shall conceive themselves concerned in this order, shall have liberty to present their cases to the House under their hand before next Thursday.

That 20 days shall be given to such members as are not within 10 miles of London, to present their cases.

That if any of the members to whom the liberty of 20 days is granted shall come to the House within the said 20 days, they shall have 4 days liberty only, within the said former 20 days, to present their case in writing to the House. [*G* 1, *p.* 235.]

July 13. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Ashe move the House to pass an ordinance for the county commissioners to have power to discharge all men under the value of 200*l.*, and to examine on oath.

Order on a Parliament order of 20 May last, enabling this committee to make allowances to their attendants; that 5*l.* a week be paid to [Rob.] Gurdon, appointed 11 Feb. last to assist the sub-committee in drawing up particulars of delinquents' estates.

Order on receipt of a paper from the Commissioners of Scotland residing here, acknowledging the receipt of 118 barrels of wheat, at 32*s.* a barrel, by John Campbell, commissary to the Scotch army in Ireland, for payment of 188*l.* 16*s.* to Jos. Harris therefor. [*G* 4, *pp.* 104, 105.]

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July 15. Note of a letter from the Durham Commissioners to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on the votes of Parliament. [*G* 4, *p.* 100.]

July 15. Order of the House of Commons, that all members who have delivered in their cases, and present them within four days, shall not incur further danger than being disabled to sit during this present Parliament.

The cases of John Doyly, Bennett Watkins, Sir Phil. Percival, Thos. Cholmley, and Thos. Dacres, read, are referred to the committee where John Corbett has the chair, who are to examine them, and whether they are comprehended within the votes whereupon the papers were brought in, and to report. [*G* 1, *p.* 235.]

July 20. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to [the Commissioners for co. York]. We have seen copies of your letters to the Committee of the West Riding of co. York, discharging many delinquents of large estates, as Cotton, Horne, and others, on advance of unconsiderable sums, contrary to your oaths and the ordinances of Parliament, whereby the State has been exceedingly defrauded, and ill-affected persons encouraged. You are forthwith to confiscate all such estates, and have the parties sent up to this committee to compound, and return an account of your proceedings in 14 days, or answer the neglect at your peril. [*G* 4, *p.* 111.]

July 21. Durham. **75.** R. Belasyse, sheriff of Durham, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. In obedience to yours of July 5, I caused publication in each market town of what you gave me in charge. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

July 22. **76.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order given of 6 May,—that the 1,000*l.* for Lady Moore, formerly charged on the composition of Wm. Bromley, of Baggington, be charged on the general receipts of the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee—for payment accordingly of 5,761*l.*, balance still due. [*G* 1, *p.* 179; 4, *p.* 114.]

July 24. Holmesfield. **77.** Mich. Burton, sheriff [of co. Derby], to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. According to your orders, I had your proclamation published at Chesterfield, Bakewell, Alfreton, Wirksworth, Tideswell, Derby, and Ashbourne, all the market towns in the county, between 16 and 24 July, and shall be studious to obey your commands. [1 *page.*]

July 29. Request of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Militia Committee of London, to exempt their usher, Thos. Vincent, from service in the trained bands, or any other attendance, because, as he has the custody of the rooms wherein their records are kept, they cannot by any means dispense with him. [*G* 4, *p.* 117.]

July 31. Weymouth. **78.** Rob. Coker, high sheriff of co. Dorset, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. I caused your warrant to be proclaimed in all the corporations and market towns of the county, on the market day after 18 July, when I received it. [1 *page.*]

July 31. Exeter. **79.** Walter White, mayor of Exeter, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. I received yours of the 7th on the 28th, and on the 30th, the first market day after, I caused publication to be made in the city. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Aug. 18. Order of the House of Commons, that 1,000*l.* be given as a gratuity to Col. Mich. Jones, and that the Derby House Committee report how it may be advanced. [*G* 1, *p.* 200.]

Aug. 24. Tetbury. **80.** John Shephard, under-sheriff for co. Gloucester, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. On receipt of yours of 6 July, I have made proclamation at Tewksbury, Thornbury, Cheltenham, Wickwar, Sodbury, Dursley, Wotton, Cirencester, Stroud, Berkeley, Minchinhampton, Camden, Stow, Winchcomb, and Micheldean, between 7 and 16 Aug. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 2. Goldsmiths' Hall. **81, 82.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the county commissioners. Whereas we ordered sheriffs to proclaim in all the corporations and market towns that all delinquents should come in and pay their fines, yet they do not conform, but still continue peremptory, to the great prejudice of the State,—the receipt of the moneys arising therefrom being charged for supply of the great necessities of the Kingdom,—we hereby revoke all orders of suspension on behalf of the persons whose names are enclosed, and require you to re-sequester their estates, and signify your proceedings thereon. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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Sept. 2. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers summon all citizens and inhabitants of London, bound for delinquents who have not paid the last ½ of their fine, to pay in the sums, or this committee may take further course on their refusal. [*G* 4, *p.* 118.]

Sept. 4. **83.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall take special care that the latter half payable to the Earl of Ormond, on the engagement with him, be paid. Mr. Annesley, Wheeler and Col. Birch to press the business. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 185.]

Sept. 8. Certificate by the inhabitants of Tardebigg, that Hewett Fields, and sundry lands specified, are in co. Worcester; that their justices of peace, coroner, and overseers of the poor have always been of Worcestershire, and 4 juries have decided that they belonged to that county where they have paid taxes, and their malefactors have been sent to Worcester gaol, and therefore the inhabitants of Warwickshire will do them great wrong to force any of them to pass into Warwickshire, as they are encompassed with Worcestershire. [*G* 171, *p.* 519.]

Sept. 16. **84.** Ordinance of Parliament, that 40,000*l.* arrears being due from delinquents on bond, for fines long since set, the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall return their names, and the county committees re-sequester their estates, till the remainder of their fines be satisfied. [1 *sheet, printed.*]

Sept. 21. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order of 16 Sept., that letters be sent to the county committees wherein any delinquent inherits or has an estate, whose report is passed by both Houses, and his latter moiety not paid, giving the name of the delinquent, and one of the printed ordinances. [*G* 4, *p.* 121.]

Sept. 21. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the county committees. In pursuance of the Parliament order of 16 Sept., you are forthwith to sequester the estates of the persons whose names are enclosed, till they have satisfied the sums due on their compositions, if they can prove this by certificate; and by the next return, signify your proceedings. [*G* 4, *p.* 121.]

Sept. 21. **85, 86.** The said Committee to Wm. Hales, messenger. Several sums levied in Kent and Surrey towards the Scottish loan, on ordinances of 16 and 27 Oct. 1643, are retained by the collectors and others. You are to enquire after and demand all such sums, and bring up those who refuse to pay in custody. With 10 names in the margin of persons concerned, and with 2 blank letters to like effect, 28 Sept. [*Also G* 4, *p.* 121.]

Sept. 28. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers state in writing, signed, the facts in Lord Ormond's business, on which an order was made Sept. 4, so that the obstruction may be reported to the House. [*G* 4, *p.* 122.]

Sept. 28. Parliament order that the treasurers for maimed soldiers receive the moneys appointed to be paid from Goldsmiths' Hall to the gun-makers, sadlers, money lenders, and others who performed service or suffered loss in the expedition under Lord Brooke, and issue them to the persons to whom they are due. [*G* 89, *p.* 121.]

Oct. 3. Goldsmiths' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners of Cumberland. The delinquents in several counties have lately been active in raising tumults, and inciting the people to a new war, and we hear they intend to do the same in your county. The several counties are therefore obliged to raise forces for their own safety, and that there may be money to pay them, you are required, by virtue of the ordinance of Parliament of 10 March last, to apprehend the persons, and sequester the estates of the persons given below. You are to note their qualifications, say who have paid part of their fines, and are in arrear for the remainder, having their fines confirmed by the Houses, and warn them that they will be seized and sequestered, if they do not comply in 14 days. Those who have paid their fines, but not sued out their pardons, are to have their goods inventoried, and their rents stayed in the tenants' hands, but not disposed of till further directions. Those who have paid no part of their fines are to be proceeded against severely, by sequestering and disposing of all their estates, real and personal.

In spite of numerous orders from Parliament and this committee, sequestered estates are mostly let to the delinquents, and much under value, and thus

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Oct. 3. they are careless of compounding, expecting a new turn. As you tender the welfare of the kingdom, and will answer the contrary at your peril, you are so to dispose of sequestered estates that the delinquents have no benefit till they conform to the rules of Parliament.

You must proceed against John Lamplugh for not paying the latter ½ of his fine, and against Sir Rich. Graham for neglecting to sue out his pardon.

The delinquents in your county who have not compounded with us are—

John Aglionby.	Rich. Musgrave.
Hen. Askwith.	Simon Musgrave.
Wm. Carleton.	Sir Thos. Musgrave.
Jo. Carpe, R.	Wm. Musgrave.
Eldred Curwen, R.	Sir Wm. Musgrave.
Margaret, Lady Curwen, R.	Edm. Page.
Sir Thos. Dacres.	Thos. Patrickson.
Rich. Eaglesfield.	Jos. Porter, R.
Thos. Eaglesfield.	Sir Edw. Radcliffe, Bart. R.
Rob. Fisher.	Lancelot Relffe.
Sir Fras. Howard, R.	Chris. Richmond.
Andrew Huddlestone, R.	Thos. Routledge.
Ingleby Huddlestone.	Lancelot Salkeld, R.
Sir Wm. Huddlestone.	Thos. Salkeld.
John Ireton.	John Senhouse, of Seascale.
Wilfrid Ireton.	Peter Senhouse.
Hugh James, of Howend.	George Skelton, R.
Agnes, Lady Lamplugh, R.	Hen. Skelton, of Hillhouse, R.
Wm. Latus.	John Stanley.
Wm. Mounsey, R.	Thos. Stanning.
Sir Edw. Musgrave.	Thos. Warwick.
Sir Phil. Musgrave, Bart.	Wm. Wilson.

Of those whom you return to be recusants, you are to proceed only against such as have been sequestered as delinquents. Those sequestered as recusants only are to remain in *statu quo.*

Endorsed by John Lamplugh, with whose papers it appears. "A copy of the order from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for the re-sequestering of any estate." [*G* 99, *pp.* 523, 524.]

Oct. 12. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that John Reading of the Inner Temple, counsellor-at-law, be admitted in the place of [the late] Rob. Gurdon to assist the sub-committee in drawing up reports on the particulars of compounders; salary 5*l.* a week.

That [Martin] Dallison, clerk to the Haberdashers' Hall Committee, be required to attend on Thursday, and bring books of entries and other papers concerning the regulating or collecting of sequestrations. [*G* 4, *p.* 124.]

87, 88. Like order on a Parliament order of 27 Sept. 1647.—that, as by certificate of Sir Thos. Fairfax, Sir Wm. Constable, and Rob. Goodwin, of 1 Aug. 1645, it appears that Wm. Curtis, Wm. Parke, and others of Leeds, co. York, on assurance of repayment in 9 months, lent 2,000*l.* towards the clothing of the Scottish army in Aug. 1644, the said sum, with interest since it should have been repaid, be charged on the unengaged ½ of receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall, and paid to Chris. Metcalfe;—for payment accordingly. [*G* 1, *p.* 193; 4, *p.* 125.]

Oct. 19. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on motion of [Sir John] Fenwick, M.P., that Rob. Fenwick be required to return the papers in his hands concerning sequestrations in Northumberland, and all the letters delivered by Sir Wm. Armyne and the rest of the commissioners in the North, which were found in Sir John Morley's study. [*G* 4, *p.* 127.]

Oct. 21. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers pay to the executors of Rob. Gurdon, appointed to assist the sub-committee in delivering reports, his salary of 5*l.* a week, up to the day of his decease. [*G* 4, *p.* 128.]

Oct. 28. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that this committee will meet every Monday and Wednesday, and the parties whose cases are depending must attend on those days. [*G* 4, *p.* 132.]

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Oct. Taunton. **89.** Commissioners of co. Somerset to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. In obedience to yours of 22 Aug., we have seized the estates of John Coventry, John Symes, and Sir Edw. Berkley, for not suing out their pardons, and have sequestered the estate of Sir Edw. Rodney. [1 *page*.]

Nov. 3. **90.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order of 30 Oct. given,—that as of the 1,000*l*. granted 29 Dec. 1646 to Alice Viscountess Moore, from the fine of Wm. Bromley, of Baggington, co. Warwick, only 424*l*. was paid, and nothing on the order of 6 May 1647 for 1,000*l*. from Goldsmiths' Hall, the said 1,000*l*. be still chargeable thereon, and the 424*l*. paid be accounted no part of the receipt thereof; also, that in consideration of her sufferings and deserts, the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall be earnestly requested to advance her part of the said 1,000*l*., for present subsistence;—for payment accordingly. [*G* 1, *p*. 184; 4, *p*. 134; 100, *p*. 753.]

[Nov. 3.] Petition of Ralph Robinson, beadle of Goldsmiths' Hall, to the Committee for Compounding. Having for 6 years attended day and night for opening and shutting the gates and doors for the clerks of this committee and officers of the Treasury, and been at extraordinary charges for fire and candle in the winter evenings, in staying up for such as nightly watch the Treasury, and having only received 50*s*., begs payment of such gratuity as the committee thinks fit. [*G* 114, *p*. 977.]

Nov. 3. Order that the treasurers pay him 40*s*. and his maid 20*s*. [*G* 4, *p*. 134.]

Nov. 8. Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that this committee will sit on Friday next, as the Goldsmiths' Company wish to have the hall free for their occasions on Wednesday next. [*G* 4, *p*. 136.]

Nov. 8. [John] Ashe and [Edm.] Prideaux to the Mayor and Committee of Bristol. When we were with you in Michaelmas 1646, you informed us that there were several gentlemen in Bristol liable to sequestration, but that you thought it better there should only be an engagement taken from them to prosecute their composition, and sequestration forborne. We assented, but most of them do not compound, and yet are free from sequestration; whereby we and you are in danger of censure, as the Committtee at Goldsmiths' Hall is resolved to take some course therein. We desire you to bring them to speedy composition or sequester them, that we and you may not incur trouble for neglect of duty. [*G* 4, *p*. 136.]

Nov. 11. Order of the House of Commons, charging 2,000*l*. of the 5,000*l*. ordered 18 Jan. 1647, to be paid to John Hampden's executors,—in respect of his losses and sufferings in opposing the illegal tax of ship money, and for his service therein to the Commonwealth,—upon the moiety of the receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall not engaged in course; 2,000*l*. on the receipts of the excise, and the remainder to be paid by the Revenue Committee. [*G* 144, *p*. 19.]

Nov. 15. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to [several county committees]. By ours of 21 Sept., we required re-sequestration of persons who had not paid in the latter half of their fines, and requested a reply in 10 days; but we have not yet received any returns. This is very strange; we know not whence the omission proceeds, but conclude that obstructions arise through the connivance of some of yourselves. We must make the case known to the Houses, unless we have an answer by the next return, that you have conformed to our former order. [*G* 4, *p*. 138.]

Nov. 17. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that those who come in on the Articles of Truro shall pay for demesne lands, &c., 2 years' purchase, and for old rents 6 years, as others, according to an order of the House of Commons. [*G* 4, *p*. 139.]

Nov. **91, 92.** Chronological lists of delinquents, and the dates at which their fines were paid, from 9 Oct. 1646 to 22 Nov. 1647, with the amount of the fines, and notes in many cases of the rate of the fines, &c. With reference in the latter portion to the numbers of the cases in the second series of composition papers. Book of 33 written, and 6 blank pages. [*See also Vol.* ccxlv., *No.* 75, *for an earlier similar list.*]

Dec. 1. Note of a certificate received by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, under the hand of Nicholas Colling, under-sheriff of Devon, that Richard, brother of John Northleigh, Inwardleigh, Devon, deceased, had procured letters of administration and possession of his brother's estate, which ought to have been com-

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pounded for, as he was slain in battle, without wife or children, and both the brothers were malignants; with request that the estate may be sequestered. [*G* 4, *p.* 145.] *Annexing,*

1. *Certificate alluded to, valuing the goods and chattels at* 500*l.*, *of which Rich. Northleigh disposes, without composition,* 17 *Nov.* 1647. [*G* 75, *p.* 855.]

Dec. 1. **93.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that as the Goldsmiths' Company have special use for meeting in the hall next Monday and Tuesday, this committee sit on the Wednesday and Friday following, to settle compositions. [¼ *page; also G* 4, *p.* 145.]

Dec. 2. Knutsford, Cheshire. **94.** Committee of Bucklow Hundred, co. Chester, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We wrote to Sir Edw. Moseley that we should receive his rents if he did not pay in 10 days; and having failed, we have granted an order for collecting them. We shall give notice to Hugh Wilbraham, of Drakelow, and proceed against him unless he pays in full. We doubt not that the other commissioners will proceed with other delinquents. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 3. Worcester. **95.** Committee of Accounts for the county and city of Worcester to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We represented to the Committee for Sequestrations some inconveniences about sequestered and sequestrable estates, and as your committee is in near relation to theirs, we enclose you a copy of what we sent them. If we can serve you or the State, we shall cheerfully endeavour it. 6 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 11. **96.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall take care that the 50,000*l.* charged upon them for the Scots may be paid according to the time it shall be due.

The said committee to put in execution the ordinances of assessments for the Scots, formerly passed both Houses, and take speedy and effectual course for bringing in arrears due thereon. [¾ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 205.]

Dec. 11. Ilminster. **97.** Committee of co. Somerset to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. On receipt of your orders, we issued warrants for sequestering the persons named by you, which was speedily effected; we should have sent a return before, but the sittings of the committee were adjourned. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 15. Dorchester. **98.** Committee of co. Dorset to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. The absence of gentlemen of the committee who are M.P.s has prevented our replying earlier; but we have observed your orders on the cases of Sir John Mellor and the Earl of Bedford. Joan Strode compounded for Netherbury at 110*l.* a year, and we have let it at 300*l.*, so we pay her 110*l.*, and the rest for augmentations of the ministry, according to the order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers, [1 *page.*]

Dec. 20. Goldsmiths' Hall. **99.** Committee for Compounding to the [county commissioners.] We are ordered by Parliament to speed you this ordinance, with the votes annexed, requiring that this and former orders about Papists' and delinquents' estates be vigorously and speedily executed. The remissness of delinquents is grown to such a height that they oppose your proceedings. This comes of your indulging them, and allowing them their houses and lands at an easy rate, and their liberty, when you should seize their houses and estates, and imprison their persons, unless they prosecute their compositions. If you require aid, being opposed in apprehending offenders, apply to Sir Thos. Fairfax or to us.

You have been discouraged lately by supposing that Parliament had discharged you, but you have the same power as to sequestration as ever, and will preserve it if you obey the ordinances.

We have complaints from many counties that though they have been plundered, eaten up by free quarters, and exhausted by taxes, yet some committees persist in executing the ordinance for raising the ⅕ and 1/20 parts, on men that have suffered for their good affection. This is contrary to the declarations of Parliament, for none but delinquents are now to pay the ⅕ and 1/20, and that after they have compounded and are restored to their estates.

Other complaints are that some of you protect your friends and kindred, and oppress your enemies, exerting unlimited power, whereas the ordinances limit you. We know that honest and well-affected men will not be guilty of such crimes, but will do their duties with care; therefore we expect from you speedily a return of the estates of Papists and delinquents, with their value, and the rate at which they are let. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

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100. 1. *Order in Parliament, that all County Committees of Sequestration take care that sequestered lands be improved to the utmost value, and put in execution former orders made by both or either of the Houses of Parliament concerning the same; that they speedily deliver accounts of all sequestered lands, &c., to the sub-committees of Accounts before* 1 *March next, or to the committee for taking the accounts of the whole Kingdom before* 25 *March next.* 17 *Dec.* 1647. [*Printed.*]

Dec. 20. **100–107.** Eight copies of the above letter, dated 16 Dec. [1 *page each.*]

Dec. 20. **108.** Presentation of an order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall send for Dr. Jas. Usher and tender him the negative oath. [*G* 1, *p.* 188; 4, *p.* 153.]

Dec. 21. Sir William Brereton to the Committee for Compounding. My brother-in-law is about to disengage me of some large sums in which I am bound for him, and also to satisfy great engagements in which Mr. Finch, Sir Wm. Waller, and Sir Wm. Strickland, are concerned, in trust for the daughters of the Earl of Winchelsea. Pray give him liberty to stay in town to prosecute his composition, and discharge these great engagements, which may else fall heavily on us. Endorsed, Rich. Egerton and others. [*G* 83, *p.* 681.]

Dec. 23. Order in the House of Commons, that those inhabitants of Lancaster whose houses were burned by the enemy shall farm, at reasonable rates, the estates of Papists and delinquents in the county, to the value of 2,000*l.*, to be in part of the 8,000*l.* ordered them by Parliament 7 June 1645. [*G* 100, *p.* 343.]

Dec. 23. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Col. Ceely's business, referred to this committee by order of the House of Commons of 2 May, be reported to the House by John Ashe, Ceely having produced witnesses to testify to the damages he sustained. [*G* 4, *p.* 155.]

Dec. 27. Goldsmiths' Hall. **109.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Commissioners of co. [Kent?] In answer to yours, our orders concerning arrears of rents due before letters of suspension of sequestrations are of force only from their date, and do not relate to time past, if the quarter-day be elapsed before the date, especially in Lady Boteler's case, she having paid no part of her fine before the date of our order. [¾ *page; also G* 4, *p.* 156.]

Dec. 31. **110.** Order of the House of Commons, that the clerk at Goldsmiths' Hall give to the clerk of this House a note of what improvements of maintenance have been settled, upon passing delinquents' fines and compositions, for better maintenance of preaching ministers, to the end they may be printed, that the counties may take notice thereof; and the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall is to take some effectual course to be assured that all improvements for better maintenance of a preaching ministry, contracted for upon the passing of delinquents' compositions, are duly settled in pursuance of such contracts, before their estates are returned into their possession. [¾ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 197.]

Dec. 31. **111.** Note of the above. [¼ *page.*]

Dec. ? Petition of William Godfrey, Thos. Tokin, and Hen. Andrews, to the Committee for Compounding. Were engaged in 5,000*l.* for Lord Willoughby of Parham, and Parliament, 5 March 1647, ordered that the remainder of Sir Thos. Littleton's fine should be paid to the said lord, in part of 3,155*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* due to him, and the remainder paid from Goldsmiths' Hall. The debt being assigned to us, we beg an order for payment from Goldsmiths' Hall of 1,355*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* balance due. [*G* 88, *p.* 116.]

Dec. ? John Ashe to Mr. Leech. Draw out carefully two bonds prefixed, that I may seal them and take up the bonds of the parties before going into the country; *viz.*: Bonds by John Ashe and Edw. Martin.

1. In 2,000*l.* for payment by Ashe of 1,000*l.* balance due of Viscount Cholmley's fine, Ashe owing him 1,000*l.*, and the Treasury owing Ashe more than that sum on assignation by Edw. Herris of London, for so much advanced to officers whose arrears were charged into this Treasury.

2. Like bond in 610*l.* for payment of 318*l.*, the remainder of Sir Thos. Bridges' fine. [*G* 74, *p.* 457.]

Dec. ? **112.** Commissioners for co. [Somerset] to the Committee for Compounding. We send up our book of sequestrations, as perfect as our sequestrators'

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accounts would afford for the present. There are many faults, as divers estates have been let and goods sold by our sequestrators, and some persons lately sequestered not returned; but if there should be any question as to any particular man's estate, we doubt not but to give you satisfaction therein. [½ *page, and* 4 *signatures.*]

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Jan. 3. Gloucester. **1.** Committee of co. Gloucester to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We cannot speak of other committees, but we have exercised our powers well. If our burden of free quarter of the soldiers of our garrison be considered, the charge of easy letting of lands will not fasten on us. We improved the rents in our first letting, and in our last have raised them, from 1,000*l.* to 1,500*l.* We have been discouraged by reports of the treatment of delinquents, as Sir Rich. Ducy and Sir Rob. Pointz, who refuse their rents; Sir Wm. Whitmore, who, on an order from the Committee for Sequestrations, takes his estate from us, holds courts, &c., and even sues tenants for rents paid to us during sequestration. We have let all their lands for one year, and shall proceed with more vigour against the rest, now that we are encouraged by Parliament and you. We have already sent an account of our delinquents and their estates. Signed by Jo. Madock, mayor, and 3 others. [1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 5. **2, 3.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on a Parliament order given of 28 Dec. 1647,—for payment of 1,000*l.* with 8 per cent. interest, out of the unengaged ½ of compositions, to Pat. Young, "for the great pains, study, and expense that he hath undergone, and is to undergo, in the edition in print of a most ancient manuscript copy of the Greek Septuagint Bible, and other Greek MSS. remaining in the King's library, whereof he is keeper,"—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 4, *p.* 157.]

Jan. 8. **4.** Order in Parliament that all the pictures and goods of the Duke of Hamilton, in custody of the Earl of Denbigh, or any other, be restored to him. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 10. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Leech look over the Book of Articles for delinquents who are entered on articles [of war], and do not prosecute their compositions, and yet have gained orders to stay the rents in the tenants' hands; and that orders be sent into all the counties where they live to seize the rents and prosecute the sequestrations. [*G* 4, *p.* 159.]

Jan. 12. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that no letters or certificates be henceforth granted to any committee for any delinquent to certify his proceedings here, until the fine be ascertained and ½ paid. [*G* 4, *p.* 160.]

Jan. 12. Goldsmiths' Hall. **5.** Warrant to Peter Welch, agent for Middlesex, to demand sums received by the county collectors for the Scottish loan by Parliament order of 16 and 27 Oct. 1643, and still retained by them; those who refuse to pay to be brought up in safe custody. [⅔ *page; also G* 4, *pp.* 160, 161.]

Jan. 12. **6.** Like warrant for Mr. Heath to summon Thos. Muddle, treasurer of assessments for the rape of Hastings, co. Sussex. [*Also G* 4, *p.* 161.]

Jan. 13. Salisbury. **7.** County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. On the orders of the House of Commons of 10 Nov. 1646, and letters from the Committee for Compounding, we return lists of Papists and delinquents, and valuations of their estates, viz.:—

DELINQUENTS.

Sir Edw. Alford, delinquent in arms; farm at Whichbury, late worth 90*l.* now let at 70*l.*

Lieut.-Col. Bowle, delinquent in arms; no present estate, but a reversion after his mother of Idmiston rectory, value 160*l.* a year.

Rob. Chandler, Wilton, had only a personal estate compounded for at 40*l.*, paid.

Thos. Bennett, a malignant clubman, compounded here personally, and was summoned to Goldsmiths' Hall, but proved that his real estate had passed to his son, and that he was much in debt.

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Jan. 13. Sir Fras. Dowse, Wallop, Hants, delinquent; farm held for life at Lower Collingbourne, late value 300*l.* a-year, sequestered November 1645, and 200 sheep brought to Langford garrison; discharged on certificate that he had paid and secured his fine for composition.

Rob. Hide, serjeant-at-law, sequestered September 1645; discharged by order from Goldsmiths' Hall, 4 Feb. 1647.

Benj. Jay, Hackleston, sequestered January 1646; discharged by Goldsmiths' Hall order 20 Aug. 1646.

Wm. Kent, Boscombe, sequestered Sept. 1645; discharged by Goldsmiths' Hall order, 23 March 1647.

Hugh Grove, Chissenbury [? Cheselbury], has no real estate, and has compounded with this committee for his personalty.

Sir Giles Mompesson; chief estate near Marlborough, discharged and sequestered by that committee; farm and house of 100*l.* a-year at Wylye and Dettford; estate discharged on certificate that in James' time, it was invested in Sir John St. John and Sir Edw. Hungerford, for payment of a debt of 10,000*l.*

Sir Edw. Nicholas. Has only Winterbourne Earls' rectory, late value 120*l.* a-year, now not 60*l.*, and granted to an able minister to serve the cure.

Dr. Humphrey Henchman; 50*l.* annuity in right of his wife, farmed at 40*l.*, the wife having her $\frac{1}{5}$.

Sir George Penruddock, Chalk; Broad Chalk, Burchalk, and Alvesdiston rectory, late value 500*l.*, sequestered September 1645, and let for 100*l.* clear, with 200*l.* quit rent to King's College, Cambridge; discharged by Goldsmiths' Hall order, 30 Jan. 1647.

Sir John Penruddock, Compton Chamberlain. Sequestered Oct. 1645; discharged by Goldsmiths' Hall order, 23 March 1647.

Wm. Poulton, Stratford. Sequestered December 1645; discharged by Goldsmiths' Hall order, 25 March 1647.

John Penruddock, Compton Chamberlain. Has only a reversionary life interest in the estate of his father, Sir John Penruddock. Has an annuity of 300. from his father, for maintenance of his wife and family, which is let at 80*l.*

Fras. Toope, Knoyle. Lands, late value 30*l.*, sequestered Dec. 1645, and let for 10*l.*, and now for 20*l.*

Sir George Vaughan; Fallersdon Manor, late value 200*l.*; sequestered May 1645, and the house made a Parliament garrison, then let for 160*l.*, and now for 170*l.*

John Windover, Sarum. In Sept. 1645 was prisoner at Fallersdon garrison, and compounded with by us for enlargement and personal estate, on bond for appearance and good conduct.

Dr. Boreman, Stratford under Castle. The parsonage, with a farm and mill, late value 100*l.*, sequestered Nov. 1645, discharged by Goldsmiths' Hall order, 23 Dec. 1646.

Marquis of Hertford. Sequestered Feb. 1646, but proceedings stayed 5 Nov. 1646, because he was compounding on Oxford Articles.

Lord Ley, of Teffont; Sequestered April 1646. Manor, &c., of Teffont Evias, value 180*l.*, let at 100*l.* clear, now at 160*l.* There is an order of 1 Mar. 1647 to let the estate to a nominee of John Ashe, Sir Thos. Bridges being a trustee to pay to him certain debts or legacies therefrom, and we are to account to him for the present year.

Wm. Ashburnham; old rents of North Tidworth 14*l.*, and coppices at Chute, in right of his lady, the Countess of Marlborough, sequestered Sept. 1646, and let for 20*l.*

Thos. Sadler, ; lands at Fisherton Anger, late value 50*l.*, ; sequestered July 1646, and let for 20*l.*, the place being much infested with the plague.

Edw. Seymour, Maiden Bradley; estate sequestered April 1646; late value 200*l.*, let for 140*l.*, now 160*l.*

Art. Bassett, co. Devon. Farm and lands at Ashton leased at 500*l.* every three years, but being mortgaged to Wm. Leigh for 500*l.* with interest, the Committee for Compounding, 10 Nov. 1647, ordered us to receive no benefit till that debt was paid.

Dr. Davenant, Gillingham, co. Dorset. Lands at Landford, late value 40*l.*, sequestered Nov. 1645, let at 30*l.*, and then at 32*l.*, but discharged on certificate of the County Committee for Dorset that, on further examination, they cleared him of delinquency.

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Jan. 13. George Browne. Lands in Ludgershall and Bidesden, late value 110*l.*, sequestered Oct. 1645, let at 40*l.*, the county being much annoyed by the enemy, and now at 60*l.*, the tenant paying the $\frac{1}{3}$.

Edw. Codrington. House and lands in Sutton Mandeville, late value 60*l.*, sequestered Oct. 1645, $\frac{2}{3}$ let at 20*l.*, then at 25*l.*, now at 40*l.*

Sir Hen. Compton, estate in Plaitford and Grimstead, late value 150*l.*, sequestered Dec. 1645, $\frac{2}{3}$ let at 76*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and 54*l.* for wood to be felled, then at 107*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* with underwood, now at 82*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* without it.

Edw. Lucas; house, &c. at Fovant, late value 25*l.*, sequestered Sept. 1645, $\frac{2}{3}$ let at 10*l.*

Thos. Gawen; Norrington Farm and old rents, late value 280*l.*, $\frac{2}{3}$ let at 140*l.*, and now at 200*l.*

Cecil, Lord Baltimore; Semley Manor and demesnes, called Hook Farm and lands in Tisbury, late value 180*l.*, sequestered Dec. 1645, $\frac{2}{3}$ let for 100*l.*; but as old Lady Arundel has 20*l.* a-year from it, and a farm is estated to a poor man for 30*l.*, the rent is now 80*l.*

George Tattershall, jun., in arms; annuity of 80*l.* on Stapleford rectory, sequestered Dec. 1645, and settled by the Committee for Plundered Ministers in augmentations on Stapleford and Winterbourne rectories. Also farm at Stapleford, late value 60*l.*, let for 40*l.*

Sir John Webb, Odstock. Odstock Manor and land in Hamptworth, late value 250*l.*, sequestered Oct. 1645, $\frac{2}{3}$ let at 130*l.*, and now at 150*l.*

Lord Arundel, of Wardour, in arms; estate with rents of assize about Wardour Castle, late value 680*l.*; but his mother, Lady Blanche Arundel, has her dower, and his wife and children their $\frac{1}{3}$. In the war, the parks were much damaged by being thrown open. Let first at 200*l.*, now at 370*l.*, the tenants paying the $\frac{1}{5}$, and all taxes, &c.

Mr. Gage, in arms; old rents value 30*l.*, sequestered Dec. 1645.

Miles Phillipson, in arms; house at Tisbury, late value 60*l.*, sequestered Sept. 1646, let at 45*l.*

Edw. Skilling; two farms at Draycot and Fosbury, late value 200*l.*, sequestered Sept. 1645, $\frac{2}{3}$ let at first only at 80*l.*, because near the King's garrison at Farringdon, now at 120*l.*

Lord Stourton, of Stourton. Stourton Manor and rents in Penley, &c., late value 200*l.*, sequestered March 1646, $\frac{2}{3}$ let at 100*l.*, now at 130*l.*

[Walton] Buckland, Stanlidge, in arms; farm, &c., in Stanlidge, [Standlinch?] Downton parish, late value 120*l.*, sequestered 1645, and let for 70*l.*, now 80*l.*, tenants paying $\frac{1}{3}$ and taxes, &c.

Benedict Hall; old rents value 35*l.*, $\frac{2}{3}$ sequestered April 1646.

List of delinquents under the value of 200*l.* discharged, some on paying small fines and taking the covenant, others only on taking the covenant and negative oath:—

John Bath, Idmiston.
Augustine Gouldsburg, Knoyle.
John Smith, Stanton.
Edw. Fowle, ,,
Rob. Ford, Collingbourne.
John Low, Dinton.
Edm. Newman, Hamptworth.
Thos. Newland, ,,
Sturton Sadler, Langford.
John Bowden ,,
George Sadler, Wilton.
Thos. Tutt, Gomeldon.
Wm. Woodford, Gomeldon.
Wm. Wheeler, Whiteparish.
George Duke, Bulford.
Thos. Coombes, Teffont.
George Collins, Stapleford.
Rob. Grove, Sedghill.
Ellis Haskoll, Semley.
John Saph, Stapleford.
Sam. Barwick, Sarum.
Edm. Brunson, bailiff, Sarum.
Rob. Friend, chandler, ,,
Thos. Gardner, ,,
Nich. Johnson, ,,
Fras. Ranger, ,,
Edw. Willis, victualler, ,,
John Batt, jun., ,,
Roger Banbury, innkeeper, Sarum.
Vaughan Friend, Sarum.
John Landon, ,,
Roger Thorpe, surgeon, Sarum.
Wm. Vyner, vintner, ,,
Roger Upton, barber, ,,
Hen. Whitemarsh, ,,
Stephen Bates, Harnham.
John Boles, jun., Burcombe.
John Seymour, Compton Chamberlain.
James Bennett, Tollard.

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Late Minister.	Place.	Present Minister.
Thos. Aylesbury.	Kingston Deverill.	Dr. Jas. Eburne.
Rob. Bower.	Wishford.	Rob. Parker.
Hen. Beach.	Comb Bassett.	— Carpenter.
Hen. Collier.	Steeple Langford.	Nath. Giles.
Thos. Grange.	Shrewton.	Thos. Wathen.
Hen. Good.	Woodford.	— Tanner.
Thos. Hickman.	Upton Lovell.	John Bradish.
Wm. Jay.	Fittleton.	Mat. Hinde.
Dr. Lawrence.	Bimerton.	Phil. Pinckney.
Dr. Nicholas.	Dean.	— Newham.
Chris. Ryley.	Newton Toney.	John Watts.
Tim. Pickover, jun.	Winterbourne.	Ant. Hillary.
Dr. Wren.	Knoyle.	Wm. Clifford.
James Whitney.	Donhead.	John Legg.
Walter Bisse.	Bishopstrow.	John Pacey.
Rich. Hide.	Millsome [Milston ?].	John Smith.
Rob. Tutt.	Barford.	Thos. Rashley.
Edw. Hide.	Grimstead.	Wm. Warriner.
Dr. Newland.	Ham.	— Newland.
Dr. Rede.	Ludgershall.	Hen. Cusse.
Dr. Marsh.	Patney.	John Masy.
Dr. Earles.	Bishopstone.	— Croker.
— Walker.	Chilmark.	Gab. Bangar.

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Jan. 14. **8.** Order in Parliament, that 5,000*l.* be provided for Fulke Greville, posthumous son of the late Lord Brooke, slain in the service, to be raised out of the estate of the Earl of Antrim and Duchess of Buckingham, his wife, which the county sequestrators are to pay to his mother, Lady Brooke, or to trustees appointed by her, for his maintenance. [1½ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 221.]

Jan. 17. Order of the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee that Mr. Leech peruse the list of names to whom this committee have granted licenses, and certify in what condition they stand.

Note of a letter from the County Commissioners of Cumberland, upon the obstructions there in farming delinquents estates. [*G* 4, *p.* 162.]

Jan. 20. **9.** Order in Parliament that, whereas on 16 January 1647, 1,500*l.* was ordered to Lady Fairfax, widow of Sir William Fairfax, slain in the service, to be paid out of Sir Hen. Griffith's fine, but he does not prosecute his composition—she or her trustees receive the full profit of his estate, till the 1,500*l.* be paid, or till Sir Henry perfects his composition. Also that what remains unpaid to her out of his estate shall be paid her out of his fine. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 21. **10.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Commons intend "fully and really to perform with our brethren of Scotland to the uttermost of their powers in the due payment of 100,000*l.*" 3 February next, and require that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall pay the 50,000*l.* assigned to them, or allow 8 per cent. interest for any part remaining unpaid. Also that the said committee represent any obstructions they meet with, in order that they may be removed.

Also that the interest of the whole 100,000*l.* be charged on Goldsmiths' Hall, and that that committee treat with fit persons for borrowing the 50,000*l.* [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 21. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Rich perfect the conveyances for settling rectories by order of this committee, which are to be kept in a press provided for that purpose, and an exact list of all such conveyances to be kept with the said deeds, whereon entry is to be made as they shall be returned. [*G* 4, *p.* 163.]

Jan. 24. **11.** Form of an order from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the county commissioners, for re-sequestration of those persons who came in upon the Articles of Oxford, whereby their rents were to be stayed in the tenants' hands till they had perfected their compositions, but who have allowed the time to elapse without finishing it. [*Draft* ½ *page; also G* 4, *p.* 164.]

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1647–8. Jan. 24. Petition of Mary, widow of Sir George Shirley, Chief Justice of the King's Court of Chief Pleas (*sic*) in Ireland, to the Committee for Compounding. She and her husband lost a great estate by the barbarous rebellion in Ireland, and were forced to sell all they had, and run into debt for the maintenance of herself and family, having a younger son Thos. Shirley, who is weak and sickly, and has a wife and 4 children, and no other relations to help him. Parliament, sensible of her sad condition, have ordered her 100*l.*; entreats payment forthwith, to keep her family from perishing. Noted as referred [*G* 116, *p.* 827]. *Annexing,*

I. Parliament order alluded to, for payment of 100*l. from Goldsmiths' Hall to the wife of Sir George Shirley, lately deceased, and earnestly desiring its speedy advance. 6 January* 1648; [*G* 116, *p.* 829.]

Feb. 1. Aylesbury. **12.** County Committee of Bucks to the Committee for Compounding. Detail alterations in the letting of the estates of 8 Papists and delinquents, made since the return of 29 May. The estates of three others named are re-sequestered, because they bring no certificates of payment of fine, or suing out of pardon. [3 *pages.*]

Feb. 1. **13.** Parliament order that, whereas by ordinance of 25 May 1647, the sum of 5,706*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.* was charged on Goldsmiths' Hall, with 8 per cent. interest for those who should advance it, the said interest be paid half-yearly. With marginal exception to the order by the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee because it does not express that the payment must be paid to the Scotch officers, and this will retard payment. [1 *page; also G* 1, *p.* 189.]

Feb. 2. **14.** Instructions by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the agents sent to the counties for the Scots' assessments and loans. You are to deliver your letters to the chairman of the committee, and request him to acknowledge its receipt to us, and to have a speedy meeting to communicate it to the committee, and consult on its speedy execution, and they are to return an answer in 14 days. If you note any obstruction, you are to report it here, that it may be remedied. On your return, give an account of the persons with whom you have conferred, and what hope there is of the return of the moneys. [¾ *page; also G* 4, *p.* 167.]

Feb. 7. **15.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that,—whereas John, Earl of Rutland, Theophilus, Earl of Lincoln, Francis, Lord Willoughby of Parham, and Edward, Lord Montague, of the House of Lords, and Wm. Pierrepoint, Sir Wm. Armyne, Bart., Sir Art. Hesilrigge, Bart., Sir Edw. Aiscough, Sir Chris. Wray, Sir Ant. Irby, Thos. Hatcher, and Wm. Ellis, of the House of Commons, were appointed 16 December 1645, to reside as Commissioners with the Scottish army, and to send warrants to counties York, Lincoln, Notts, Derby, Leicester, Rutland, Northampton, Cambridge, and the Isle of Ely, for furnishing provisions for that army, to be discounted on the pay of the army, which they have accordingly done—the treasurers allow their said orders, and put to the army's account the sums charged thereby. [1¼ *pages; also G* 4, *p.* 173.]

Feb. 7. Hertford. **16.** Commissioners of County Herts to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We have sent out warrants for the arrears of the Scots' assessments, but find the arrear on our side the county is only 16*l.* The St. Alban's Committee has 2 hundreds of the county, and they have your commands. 8 signatures. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 9. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the committees of cos. Warwick, Leicester, Derby, and Stafford. According to a Parliament Order, we formerly wrote you to pay 1,500*l.* a year to the Earl of Stamford from estates named, but little has been done. If his services were as well known to you as to us, you would say they deserved your best endeavours for his supply. We remind you because he is departing as a Commissioner into Scotland, and lest his absence should prejudice him, we require that the rents be collected and paid to his agents, and that you give us an exact and constant account. [*G* 4, *p.* 174.] *Annexing,*

17. I. *Parliament order enforcing the order of* 6 *May* 1646, *for payment to the Earl of* 500*l. each from the estates of Sir Charles Smith, Sir Peter Gifford, and Rowland Eyre.* 1 *Jan.* 1647; [*Also G* 4, *p.* 173*b.*]

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Feb. 9. **18.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to ———. On passing your fine in Parliament, you were ordered to settle 8*l.* a year on Dewsbury rectory, where the vicar has but 30*l.*, on which your fine was abated, but you have neglected to pass the conveyances and settle the allowance. Unless you attend Edw. Rich, of Lincoln's Inn, with the writings, and settle it in 14 days, we shall sequester your estate. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 9. Brampton, near Dingley. John Norwich to the Committee for Compounding. Being chosen lieutenant of Rockingham Forest, I beg that Wm. Bringhurst, an ancient keeper, as was his father before him, and a faithful servant, may be continued in his walk, there being no other ancient keeper. [*G* 70, *p.* 549.]

Feb. 11. **19.** Order of the House of Commons that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider the obstructions touching delinquents' compositions, and bringing in moneys at Goldsmiths' Hall, and of effectual remedies for them, and report on Tuesday. [1½ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 190.]

Feb. 11. **20.** Note of the above. [⅛ *page.*]

Feb. 12. Bedford. **21.** Wm. Boteler to the [Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall]. I have been unable as yet to get a meeting of this committee, most of the gentlemen being at the term. I find from the collectors of the last 4 months' tax that few arrears are collected, and not much in the collectors' hands, much being issued for payment of quarters taken by some of that army [the Scotch], or paid at Nottingham by appointment of the Commissioners of Parliament residing with the said army. [1 *page.*]

1648? Feb. 13. **22.** Jasper Clutterbuck, mayor of Gloucester, and two others of the County Committee to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We only received yours of 23 Dec. to-day; but having seen the votes of Parliament before, we lately sent you the list of delinquents' names and estates, and an account of our proceedings. In spite of the miserable condition of our county, by free quarters of the forces marching to Ireland, we have raised the rents of delinquents' lands by our last letting, from 1,020*l.* to 1,622*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year. We let none without certificate from one of yourselves, which we have received for Sir Edw. Seymour, under John Leech's hands. Are we to be satisfied therewith?

Finding some difficulty about the last vote, we have sent for the delinquents to find whether they be included in, or excepted from the vote; let us have the names of those prosecuting their compositions before you. Endorsed with a note that no warrants, or Parliament orders are to be signed for payment from estates of delinquents who have compounded, and whose fines are disposed of. [1¼ *pages.*]

1648. Feb. 14. **23-25.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on Parliament orders given, of 7 Sept. and 22 Oct. 1647,—for payment to Jane Dove, sister and executrix of Major John Dove, of 100*l.*, balance of 114*l.* (14*l.* being deducted for free quarters, if any were taken), due to him on public faith for his arrears, being slain in the service under the Earl of Manchester;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 184, 185; 4, *p.* 176.]

Feb. 15. Thorpe. **26.** John Osborne to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. I have imparted to the rest of the gentlemen a letter signed by the Speaker, for levying the loans, and two 4 months' tax for the Scots' army in co. Rutland, which I presume they will answer, and on their return from London, I will show my affection to the public good. I beg your favour for this county, so impoverished by the plunderings of the enemy, and other taxes, that it will not be possible to raise the money. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 15. **27.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider the debate had in the House, upon a report made by Mr. Jenner from that committee, touching the removing obstructions and bringing in moneys at Goldsmiths' Hall, and report what they think fit to be done on Tuesday. [½ *page; also G* 1, *pp.* 190.]

Feb. 16. Order of the Committee of Goldsmiths' Hall on the above order, that the compounding at the rate of a moiety is an obstruction.

That the rules this committee are to walk by are the qualifications in the propositions sent to Newcastle.

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That this committee still thinks one sixth a fit rule to compound on, but to extend only to those that are at large, and to none under any special qualification.

Order that at the next sitting of the committee, there be lists brought in of those fined, and an account of those who have or have not paid, and of what is still to be paid in. [*G* 4, *pp.* 176, 177.]

Feb. 16. **28.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to [the Lord Mayor and Common Council of London]. This committee—being entrusted by Parliament to manage the 4 months' assessment for the Scottish army, about which you have lately received letters from the Speaker,—summoned the collectors for the City of London to report proceedings, the greatest arrears being due from them. Finding how little progress has been made, we represent the obstructions to you which chiefly are omission of the rules in the Parliament ordinance: these are—

That the county committees meet within 6 days after publication of the ordinances, to proportion the sums to be raised by the several wards, divisions, ridings, hundreds, &c., and then that they meet weekly. This has been omitted in the City, and thus the assessments have been carelessly made, some on persons dead or removed, or unable to bear the tax, the collectors not knowing to whom to apply, nor even where to pay in the money. In Bishopsgate Ward, though the people are very poor, yet as the committee sat often, and could equalize the rates and summon the refractory, nearly all the money has been raised without any clamour.

The committee have power to imprison or sequester those who refuse obedience, but this has not been done, the committee having seldom met. If any had been made exemplary for refusal, the business had met with better success. The main obstruction lies in the obstinate refusal of divers aldermen and men of the best quality to pay, and being connived at, they become examples to the meaner sort to stand out, accounting it a great injustice that they should be compelled to pay, when those of far greater abilities go untouched.

The remedy is exact observance of the ordinance. We hope that the Speaker's letter and your own knowledge of the importance of this affair, will quicken you therein. It is of high concern "to keep touch with the Kingdom of Scotland in the payment of the money allotted them upon the agreement," which we cannot comply with if your endeavours be wanting. This committee will assist you in removing any obstructions. [*Draft*, 3 *pages*; *also*, *G* 4, *pp.* 177, 178.]

Feb. 17. **29.** [Committee of co. Middlesex] to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. On yours of 17 Jan., about bringing in the arrears of assessments for payment of the Scottish army, we told your agent that we would assist him, if he would bring an account from your treasurers on what parishes the arrears were, but as he has not done this, we can make no progress. 6 signatures. With note by Herring that the particulars required were delivered to Heath 24 Feb. [1 *page*.]

Feb. 18. Lincoln. **30.** [Committee of co. Lincoln to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.] As to obstructions in the assessment, that for Lindsay has long been levied and paid in, except a few small sums received in clipped money. We were forced to forbear the assessment on Kesteven, it being then ruined by daily incursions of the enemy, and free quarters of the Parliament forces, and we have forborn to act, and appealed to the House of Commons thereon, either to be punished or vindicated. We cannot report about Holland, but have acquainted the gentlemen there with your commands. We will require the collectors to pay what is in hand, and forward the business where the charge remains unassessed. 12 signatures. [1 *page*.]

Feb. 21. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Committee for Kent. By a Parliament order of 28 Dec., 1647, John Stephens of Over Suppiat, co. Gloucester, M.P.,—in recompence for losses received by Sir Jacob Astley, late of Melton Constable, co. Norfolk, by burning his house, &c.—was to enjoy all Sir Jacob's lands in Maidstone. This estate he has assigned to Sir Edward and Sir Isaac Ashley, whom you are to permit to enjoy it and receive the rents. [*G* 4, *pp.* 180, 180*a*.]

Feb. 21. **31, 32.** The same committee to Col. John Needham. By an order of the House of Commons of 18 Dec. 1647 annexed, 2,500*l.* is allowed you in part of arrears from the composition moneys of Ashby-de-la-Zouch remaining in your hands, the residue of which you are to pay to Goldsmiths' Hall, and

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we are to examine the said compositions. Therefore we request you to pay in the remainder of the fines, and in 14 days return the names and estates of the compounders, that we may, as directed, report to Parliament. [2 *papers; also G* 4, *p.* 180*b*.]

Feb. 22. Huntingdon. **33.** [Committee of co. Hunts to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.] We find that we have only 121*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.* arrears due for the Scottish assessments, which we will procure and send up in a month. The chief reason why we are returned as owing 629*l.* is, that 400*l.* which we paid at Newark, to the Commissioners residing with the Scots' army, has not been accounted for by the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers. 6 signatures. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

33. I. *Receipt by the Earl of Rutland and 5 others of the said commissioners for the said* 400*l. for maintenance of the army. Grantham,* 13 *March* 1646. 6 *signatures.* [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

Feb. 25. **34.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order of 17 Feb. for payment to Sir Fras. Willoughby of interest half yearly on 700*l.* appointed for him, until paid. [⅔ *page; also G* 4, *p.* 182.]

Feb. 28. **35.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the [county commissioners]. The persons whose names are enclosed have been fined, paid half their fines, secured the remainder, and obtained suspension of sequestration, with proviso that they pay the remainder and sue forth their pardons under the Great Seal in 6 weeks. These persons having neglected to do so, their suspensions are void, and they must be re-sequestered unless they comply within 14 days. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 28. The same committee to the Commissioners of Sewers, co. Kent. The House of Commons having entrusted to us the letting of the estates and lands named in their order enclosed, we beg you to certify what water scots have been granted by you and levied thereon, since the sea broke in upon them; and also the present and future condition of the said lands, that we may make our proposals accordingly. [*G* 4, *p.* 184.]

Feb. Articles by Capt. Ben. Mason against John Sheppard, of Kilton, co. Somerset, as being a soldier in the King's army, sheep-stealer, and swearer, forcing poor men to give him money by threats of swearing against them, and getting them sequestered, which being known to Col. Edw. Ceely, one of the late commissioners, he refused to take Sheppard's testimony. [*G* 102, *p.* 269.] *Annexing,*

I. *Warrant from George Trevillian to the keeper of the gaol at Ivelchester, to receive and keep John Sheppard for trial at the assizes, he having refused to give sureties for his appearance. Nettlecombe,* 1 *March* 1642–3. [*G* 102, *p.* 264.]

II. *Charges sent in to George Luttrell and Charles Staynings, justices of peace for co. Somerset, by Rob. Long, clerk, and the wardens, overseer, and chief inhabitants of Kilton, against John Sheppard, for causelessly troubling his neighbours by taking out warrants against them, for theft, sacrilege, profanity, &c.; Dunster,* 2 *Feb.* 1647–8. [*G* 102, *pp.* 267, 268.]

III. *Warrant by Luttrell and Staynings to the constable, &c., of Williton Hundred, co. Somerset, to take John Sheppard's bail for appearance at the assizes and good behaviour, or in default, to commit him to the county gaol.* 12 *Feb.* 1647–8. [*G* 102, *p.* 265.]

IV. *Warrant by Luttrell to the keeper of Ivelchester gaol, to keep John Sheppard prisoner till he finds bail to appear at the assizes, and answer the articles against him.* 28 *Feb.* 1647–8. [*G* 102, *p.* 262.]

March 1. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers shall not divert any sums returned from the counties in arrear for the Scottish loans to any other use than the payment of the 50,000*l.* due to the Kingdom of Scotland, by ordinance of 13 Jan. 1647. Repeated 10 March. [*G* 4, *pp.* 186, 189.]

March 10. Order that in the opinion of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, all who have compounded on Exeter Articles should sue out their pardons as well as others. [*G* 4, *p.* 186.]

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Like order, on an order of the House of Commons of 3 Oct. 1646,—that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall pay sums due to gunmakers, saddlers, and persons who have lent moneys, with officers and others who served in the magazine and train of artillery, and suffered loss in the late Lord Brooke's expedition, which sums are stated by the Committee of Accounts, and certified to the treasurers for maimed soldiers to amount to 4,662*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*,—for payment thereof to the said treasurers, to be issued by them to the persons concerned. [*G* 4, *p.* 190.]

March 15. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that delinquents fined at ⅔ shall have letters of suspension of sequestration, on payment of ¼ of their fines. [*G* 4, *p.* 190.]

March 16. Order of the House of Commons, that all Papists in arms in Oxford, at the time of the surrender, except such as are particularly excepted in the propositions, be admitted to composition for ⅓ of their estates, according to the Articles of Oxford, provided their names be first certified by the General to the House. [*G* 1, *p.* 214.]

March 17. **36, 37.** [Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the county committees]. As by Parliament order of 6 March given, we are authorised to send for delinquents who refuse to compound, or do not perfect their compositions, and take out their ordinances in the time limited, we reinforce our former orders, and wish you with all speed to make return of the names and values of persons sequestered for delinquency, that we may see who have complied with the offers of Parliament in compounding, and who neglect them, and may take further course. Send a reply by the bearer in 14 days, as you will answer the contrary. Meanwhile let the orders here sent you be published, that none may pretend ignorance when called to account for their contempt. [1 *page, draft; and the order of* 6 *March,* ⅔ *page printed.*]

March 21. **38.** Order in the House of Commons on the question propounded—whether persons who, by articles made upon the reddition of cities or towns, are to be admitted to compound at Goldsmiths' Hall for estates real and personal shall be admitted to compound for any grants they have of interest in any parks, forests, or chases,—that it be negatived. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 205.]

March 22. **39.** Order of the House of Commons, that the rents of all delinquents admitted to compound who have not paid in their first payment, which, by any order from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, are suspended, or have been stayed in the tenants' hands for above six months, be converted to the use of the State; provided this does not extend to any who have paid in their first payment, or who came in upon articles, or whose compositions are under report; such rents to be paid to the persons and uses formerly appointed or to be appointed. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 205.]

40. Abstract of the above. [½ *page.*]

March 22. **41.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to the solicitor of sequestrations at Richmond (co. York). As we are authorized to send for delinquents who do not compound or do not with effect prosecute and finish their compositions, you are forthwith to send us a list of all sequestered persons, both those who have and have not compounded. Signed by the Earl of Manchester and 6 others. [1 *page.*]

March 22. **42, 43.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to [the county committees.] The persons whose names are sent have been fined by this committee, paid ½ their fines, which have been confirmed by the Houses, but neglected to pay the remainder according to their bonds. You are to order their March rents to be held in the tenants' hands, and their personal estate secured for a month; and if they do not by that time produce certificates of their compliance with the ordinance, their estates are to be seized during non-compliance. [2 *copies,* 1 *page each; also G* 4, *p.* 193.]

March 23. Order of the House of Commons, that no persons who are to compound within the Articles of Oxford ought to compound for offices of power or trust, or the profits appertaining to them. [*G* 1, *p.* 205.]

44. Like order that Hen. Hildyard's house in Hull be bestowed on the town, for their services and good affection to Parliament, and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall make the best bargain they can for the State in purchasing it, allowing Henry the sum on payment of the latter ½ of his fine. [½ *page.*]

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March 23. Gloucester. **45.** John Madock, mayor, and 2 others of the County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding. We had long ago sent you an account of the Papists and delinquents here, but our clerks have been very busy about the work of the contributions, disbanding the soldiers, stating their accounts, and giving them debentures. We now send it in a book fairly written. Though some of the lands may seem to be let low, we improved the rents at the last letting, and got as much as we possibly could. Some of small value are rented, having been offered to soldiers and others who refuse them at any rate. At the last letting we took part of the sum agreed on by way of fine, and the tenants are to pay all contributions, charges, and quarterings. [¾ *page.*]

March 23. **45***a.* List of delinquents in the county, with particulars of their estates and their late and present value, viz :—

	Late.			Present.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sir Edw. Alford, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham -	500	0	0	160	0	0
Ant. Arnold, Westbury - - - -	100	0	0	40	0	0
John Chamberlain, Maugerrsbury - - -	50	0	0	30	0	0
Thos. Charnock, Lydney - - - -	50	0	0	20	0	0
Thos. Buck, Winterbourne - - - -	160	0	0	50	0	0
Sir Ralph Dutton - - - - -		—		200	0	0
Sir Rich. Ducy, Bart., Frocester, Woodchester, &c.-	1254	7	0	600	0	0
John Hanbury, Preston and Gloucester - -	108	0	0	40	0	0
Roger Lingam, Radbrooke [? Rasburgh] - -	100	0	0	50	0	0
Sir Wm. Master - - - - -	600	0	0	200	0	0
William, Earl of Newcastle, Tormarton, Littleton, and Acton Turville - - - -	300	0	0	140	0	0
Sir Rob. Poyntz, Acton - - - -	180	13	4	120	0	0
Endymion Porter, Mickleton and Aston - -	260	0	0	150	0	0
Thos. Rogers, Kingstanley - - - -	40	0	0	10	0	0
Rowland Scudamore, Bulley- - - -	10	0	0	7	0	0
Wm. Sivedale, Taynton and Mawsick - -	105	0	0	40	0	0
Sir John Somerset, Pauntley - - -	140	0	0	90	0	0
Sir Rob. Tracy, Framuton [Frampton?] - -	726	0	0	400	0	0
Thos. Veal, Alveston - - - -	120	0	0	40	0	0
Sir Wm. Whitmore, Pucklechurch - - -	120	0	0	90	0	0
Earl of Worcester - - - - -	727	17	8	448	17	8
Thos. Jeyne, Tewkesbury - - - -	38	3	4	16	0	0
Lord Molineux, tithe at Honeybourne - - Augmentation of 100*l.* granted from it to the Ministers of Honeybourne and Winchcomb.		—		60	0	0
Wm. Bassett, Berkeley and Uley - - -	55	0	0	30	0	0
John Fountayne, Ampney Peter - - -	43	0	0	20	1	0
Sir Henry Fred. Thynne, Buckland, Laverton, Kempsford, and Temple Guiting - -		—		100	0	0
Mich. Rutter, Quinton - - - -	150	0	0	80	0	0
Edw. Shelden, Stratton, Siddington, and Westcote - - - - - - -	489	0	0	200	0	0
Sir Edw. Fisher, Mickleton. Of the tithes worth 75*l.*, 50*l.* granted to the minister - -	30	0	0	20	0	0
Edw. Savage, Quinton. Tithe of 40*l.* granted to the minister - - - - -	85	0	0	50	0	0
Ant. Adams, Taynton, unlet - - -		—		8	0	0
Thos. Bray, of Worcester, house in Gloucester -		—		8	0	0
Ald. Edw. Caple, of Bristol, Wotton and Newent -	60	0	0		—	
He undertakes to answer for the profits if he be found a delinquent - - - -		—			—	
Tim. Coles, Hatfield, tithe at Tewkesbury - - Payment to minister, fee-farm rent, &c., to be deducted - - - - -		—		150	0	0
George Guise, Sandhurst, unlet - - -	35	0	0		—	
John Theyer, Brockworth, attorney, not let -	14	5	0		—	
Wm. Jones, the Berrow - - - -	30	0	0		—	
Ant. Rowles, attorney, Panington, unlet - -	26	0	0		—	

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Edw. Slaughter, Winchcomb, tithe	—	20 0 0
Col. John Slauter, tithe at Ampney Mary granted to the minister	—	22 0 0
John Poole, Painswick, attorney, not let	1 0 0	—
Wm. Freame, Ciciter [Cirencester], lands of Birley, not let	16 0 0	—

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List of delinquents who have compounded with the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall:—

Sir Hen. Anderson.
Hen. Brett.
Sir Maurice Berkley.
Lord Chandos.
Sir Wm. Catchmay, Bixwere.
Lord Down.
Thos. Green, Gloucester.
Sir Wm. Poole.
Thos. Savage, Elmley.
John and Thos. Smith, Nibley.
Sir Hum. Tracy.
Dr. Heylin.
Sir Hen. Compton.
John Freeman, Bushley.
Rich. Atkins, Tuffley.
Rich. Berkley, Rendcomb.
Edw. Bathurst, Lechlade.
Thos. Chester, Almondsbury.
Giles Carter, Turkdean.
John Dutton, Sherborne.
George Leigh, Wotton.
John Powell, Gloucester.
Lord Scudamore.
Wm. Hughes, Woollaston.
Thos. Hicks, Crumhall.
Sir Hen. Spiller.
Sir James Thynne.
Edw. Savage, Nobery.

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List of those voted delinquents by the County Committee, but discharged by the Commissioners for Sequestrations:—

William and Edw. Alye, city of Worcester.
Wm. Jones, E., Nast.
John Orrell, Tewkesbury.
John Prettyman, Driffield.
Conway Whitherne, Tewkesbury.
Wm. Guise, Elmore.
Wm. Stratford, Farmest; stay of rents granted.
Anne Robins, widow, Preston.
Thos. Morgan, Hurst.
Rich. Reed, Lugwardine, co. Hereford.
Isaac Seward, Leominster, co. Hereford.
Rich. Colchester, dead.
Edw. Stanford, discharged.

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List of those whose estates are wholly or partially discharged by the Commissioners for Sequestrations, on mortgages, and to discharge annuities and debts:—

Sir Ralph Dutton.
Edward, Lord Herbert.
Sir John Winter.
Lord Capel.
Sir Hen. Fred. Thynne.
Fras. Finch, Kempley.
Sir Baynham Throckmorton.
Thos. Windsor Hickman.
Lord Petre

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List of those forborne as not being worth 200*l.*:—

Peter Langley, Lydney.
Rob. Sutton, Newent.
Charles Jones, Gloucester.
Charles Cox, Cleeve.
James Acson, Painswick.
Rich. Kirk, Taynton.
Hen. Gilbert, Whaddon.

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List of those who, having personal estates only, have compounded for them:—

Edw. Chamberlain, Magursbury.
Morgan Jones, Lancaut.
John Vade, Oddington, clerk.
Rob. Kirk, Blaisdon.
John Portlock, Ciciter.
John Webb, Wapley.

The following are Papists:—

Wm. Gardner, Lemington.
John Bolt, ,,
Rob. Tipper, Lydney.
Joyce Bolter, Lemington.
Rich. Kilby, ,,

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Hen. Brown, Upleadon.	Ald. Jas. Powell, Gloucester.
Sir Hen. Poole.	Lady Percy, Dumbleton, Papist.
Rich. Barnsley, Dumbleton.	Rich. Colchester, Westbury.
Sir Ralph Dutton.	John Freeman, Bushley.
Edw. Perks, Mickleton.	Thos. Wylde, Painswick.
John Snow, Elmore.	— Wall, Snowshill.
Mat. Webb, Bagpath.	Rob. Tipper, Lydney.

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List of delinquents who have no estate yet discovered :—

Thos. Cox, Bampton, attorney.	Kitford Brayne, Little Dean
George Dowdswell.	Giles Nurse, Longhope.
Wm. Freame, Ciciter.	— Payne, Tormarton, clerk.
Gainsford Fletcher, Hatherop.	— Lowell, Longborough, clerk.
John Howlet, Winchcomb.	Thos. Toney, Gloucester.
Rich. Pullen, Ciciter.	Rob. Welstead, Woodchester.
Thos. Willis, ,,	John Broughton, Ruardean.
Thos. Roberts, Cheltenham.	Wm. Smart, Ampney Peter.
Lancett Limrick, ,,	John Dewxell, Gloucester.
Sir Wm. Morton.	Thos. Hobbs, Westerleigh.
John Gray, Gloucester.	Robert, George, and Edward Master, Ciciter.
Rich. Mansell, Hatherop.	
Thos. Price, jun., Gloucester.	Art. Rudge, Ciciter.
Giles Wright, attorney, ,,	Hen. Rainsford, Clifford.
John Woodward, ,,	Thos. Mellicheap, Tewkesbury.
Rich. Whitterne, ,,	John Man, Tewkesbury.
Thomas, Roger, and John Vaughan, Ruardean.	Thos. Pigott, E.
	Rowland Wyld, Stow, clerk.
John Poole, attorney, Painswick.	John Hilly, Tewkesbury.

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List of Papists in co. Gloucester, with the yearly value of their lands, and how ⅔ are let :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rich. Blunt, Larkstoke	240	0	0	30	0	0
Rowland Bartlett, Willicott	260	0	0	120	0	0
Frances Blomer, Hatherop, widow		—		158	0	0
Lands of Eastlech	136	0	0	60	0	0
Hen. Cassy, E., Whitfield	165	0	0	40	0	0
Tithes of Deerhurst	248	0	0	140	0	0
Thos. Cassy, Deerhurst	153	0	0	60	0	0
John Cox, G., Crowle	100	0	0	50	0	0
John Harris, Charringworth	8	0	0	3	0	0
Benedict Hall, Highmeadow	557	0	0	353	0	0
Sir John Hall		—		80	0	0
Sir John Hayles, tithes at Ashchurch	200	0	0		—	
Several augmentations granted therefrom						
Wm. Morgan, of the Ruddins, St. Briavel's	30	0	0	13	6	8
Thos. Roper, Ruardean	50	0	0	20	0	0
Viscount Stafford and Anne Stafford, lands at Thornbury, Falfield, Oldbury, &c.	244	10	7	130	0	0
Hen. Ligon, Upton St. Leonard	170	0	0	50	0	0
Mary Massenger, Upton, widow	40	0	0	20	0	0
Eliz. Norwood, Uphatherley, widow	80	0	0	30	0	0
Wm. Kyrle, Kempley	14	0	0	6	0	0
Wm. Paston	300	0	0	80	0	0
Rich. Reed, Twining	30	0	0	18	0	0
Ely Somerset, Badminton	400	0	0	120	0	0
Thos. Sternhold, Stanton	50	0	0	15	0	0
Wm. Gibbs, Lydney	16	0	0		—	
Peter Atherton, ,,	13	6	8		—	
Geo. Street, ,,	4	0	0	4	0	0
John Viccaridge, Natton [Naunton?]	30	0	0	10	0	0

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Edw. Wakeman, Beckford—90*l.* a year of tithes to be paid to ministers - - - -	401	18	0	130	0	0
Thos. Hazlewood, Avening - - - -	105	0	0	40	0	0
Fras. Wye, South Cerney - - - -	200	0	0	70	0	0

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March 28. **46.** Peter Whalley, solicitor for sequestrations in the East Division of co. Northampton, to the Committee for Compounding. The following is a list of delinquents and Papists, whether compounded or not compounded, in this division:—

DELINQUENTS SEQUESTERED.

Sir Edw. Griffin, Dingley.
John Syers, Loddington.
Owen Brett, Cransley.
Charles [Lord] Cockayne, Rushton.
Charles Stafford, Blatherwick.
Mountjoy, Earl of Newport.
Sir Wm. Wilmore, Sywell, dead, and sequestration, freed.
Newdigate Poyntz, Dosthrup [? Dogsthorpe.]
Dr. Steward, Loddington.
Dr. [John] Cosin, and the Dean and Chapter of Peterborough.
Edw. Page, Oundle.
Sir Edw. Watson, Stoke.
— Charnock, Harrowden.
Sir Chris. Hatton, Kirby, pd.
Wm. Hacke, Peterborough,
— Mason, Tanwell.
Capt. Styles, Walton.
John Atkins, Stanwick.
George Warner, Thorpe Lubenham.
Edw. Neale, Wollaston.
Rob. Mulsoe, Thingdon.
Thos. Jones, clerk, Ecton.
Mat. Robinson, Longthorpe, pd. ½.
Sir John Lamb, Rothwell.
John Cooken, Isham.
Henry, Earl of Peterborough.
Rob. Kirkham, Finshead.
Rich. Kinsman, Broughton.
Chris. Pickering, Titchmarsh.
Bishop of Peterborough [John Towers.]
Euseby Isham, Pytchley.
Sir Lewis Watson, Rockingham.
Edw. Heath, Collyweston.
Sir Ant. Haslewood, Maidwell.
Thos. Dove, Upton, pd.
James Carrier, Helpstone.
John Bourne, Ufford.
— Stydolph, Wittering.
Sir Hen. Compton, Hardwick.
— Crisp, Benefield.
Rob. Dixon, Peterborough.
John Lynn, Southwick.
Thos. Rudd, Higham Ferrers, pd.

PAPISTS AND DELINQUENTS.

Earl of Worcester, Oundle.
Wm. Bawde, Walgrave.
Thomas, Lord Brudenell, Deane.
Millicent Pratt, Dosthrup.

PAPISTS.

Lord Vaux, of Harrowden.
Thos. Aprice, Tansor.
Sir William and Lady Tresham, Lyfden.
Geo. Allicock, Sibbertoft.
Geo. Poulton, Desborough.
Sir Wm. Andrewes, Addington.

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March 31. **47.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, similar to that on 23 Feb. 1647, for paying 8 per cent. interest every 6 months to those who lend 9,000*l.*, part of 12,000*l.*, for pay of the guards of the City. [1 *page.*]

[March.] **48.** List of persons sequestered in co. Rutland, viz.:—

Duke of Buckingham.
Earl of Antrim, and Duchess of Buckingham.
Sir Guy Palmes, Aswell.
Sir George Benyon, of London.
Sir Francis Bodenham Ryhall, dead, and Sir Wingfield, his son.
Sir Thos. Mackworth, Normanton, pd.
Edw. Heath, Cottesmore.
Thos. Haslewood, Belton, Papist in arms.
Jas. Digby, North Luffenham.
Peregrine Mackworth, Tickencote.
Geo. Sheffield, Liddington.
Nich. Crisp, Seaton, dead.
Edw. Andrews, Bisbrooke.
Hen. Hecendine, Morcott.
John Hunt, Barcadon.
John Sechell, ,,
Baptist, Viscount Campden.
Sir Kenelm Digby.
Sir Rich. Wingfield, Tickencote, pd.
Sir Fras. Mackworth.

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Valentine Sanders, Linden, pd.
Neale Mackworth, Empingham.
Rich. Bullingham, G., Ketton.
Edw. Overton, Morcott.
Dr. Clement Brittain, Uppingham.
Rob. Brudenell, Papist.
Thos. Rudkin, Wissenden.
Edw. Wright, Ketton.
Edw. Palmer, Barcadon.

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[March.] **49.** Geo. Thorley and Rob. Sankey, sequestration solicitors for co. Stafford, to the Committee for Compounding. According to your order of 22 March last, we certify the names of sequestered persons in our county, viz. :—*

Walter, Lord Aston, D.
Gertrude, Lady Aston, widow, P.
[Hen.] Archbold, Litchfield, D.
Walter Astley, Patshull, P., in arms.
Thos. Broughton, Broughton, D.
Wm. Brinfield, Rowley, D.
Lord Brereton, co. Chester, D.
Fras. Biddulph, Biddulph, P., in arms.
Thos. Bamford, Brewood, P.
John Birch, Gorstock, P.
Sir Harvey Bagott, Bart., D.
Sir Hen. Boothby, co. Derby, D.
John Bellott, E., co. Chester, D.
John Bell, Newcastle, D.
[Chas.] Barnsley, co. Derby, P., in arms.
John Birch, Horborne, P.
— Berrington, co. Salop, P.
Walter Chetwind, Ridgley, D.
Rich. Creswell, Barnshurst, D.
Earl of Chesterfield, D.
Sir Chas. Cavendish, D.
Thos. Coyney, Weston Coyney, P.
Fras. Collier, Stone, D.
Thomas, Lord Cromwell, D.
Wm. Comberford, Tamworth, D.
John Coventry, P.
John Coleman, Cannock, D.
Ralph Clayton, Mear Parish, P.
Earl of Devonshire, D.
Fras. Dorrington, Stafford, D.
Phil. Draycott, Draycott, P. D.
Sir John Digby, co. Notts, D.
Dud. Dudley, Sedgley, D.
Simon Degg, G., Kingston, D.
George Digby, Sandon, D.
Earl of Dorset, D.
Gervase Dovie, Wolverhampton, D.
Sir Rich. Dyott, D.
Sir Rich. Ducy, D.
Wolstan Dixie, D.
Randall Egerton, Betley, D.
Marie Erdeswich, Wolstanton, P.
Roland Eyre, co. Derby, P., in arms.
Gerard Fowke, Adbaston, D.
— Floyd, Walton Grange, D.
Sir Rich. Fleetwood, Bart., Wotton, P., in arms.
Walter Fowler, St. Thomas, P. D.
Rob. Fitzherbert, Huith, P., in arms.
Dorothy Fowler, widow, co. Salop, P.
Roland Frith, Thornes, D.
Sir Clement Fisher, co. Warwick, D.
Rich. Fox, Salt, P., in arms.
Wm. Fitzherbert, G. Swinnerton, P.
Thos. Fleetwood, Calwich, P.
Walter Grosvenor, Bushbury, D.
Solomon Grosvenor, Hilton, D.
Sir Hen. Griffith, Bart., co. York, D.
Peter Gifford, Chillington, P., in arms.
George, Thomas, John, and Edw. Gifford. P., in arms.
Kath. Gesling, widow, Swinnerton, P.
Thos. Gaywood, Bishops' Offlow.
Walter Grosvenor, jun., D.
Walter Gifford, P., in arms.
Sir John Harper, co. Derby, D.
Wm. Hopkins, Okeswell, D.
John Hill, Lichfield, D.
Fras. Harecourt, E., Ranton, P., in arms.
John Hawley, Millmeece, P.
Sam. Hottost, co. Worcester, D.
George Hawe, Caldmore, and his sons, John and Thomas, D.
Walter Heveningham, P.
Thos. How, Leigh, P.
John Johnson, Moseley, P.
Geo. Jakeman, P.
Hum. Iremonger, P., in arms.
Sir Edw. Littleton, Bart., D.
Walter Littleton, Doctor of Law, D.
Sir Thos. Leigh, D.
Thos. Leveson, Governor of Dudley Castle, D.
Sir Thos. Littleton, co. Worcester, D.
Lady Anne Leveson, R., dead.
John Lawton, co. Chester, D.
Sir Rich. Leveson, D.
Thos. Lane, D.
John Lane, G., Hide, D.
— Leake, Walton, R.
Oliver Lea, Leigh, R.
Willoughby Manley, D.

* D signifies delinquent; P, papist; R, recusant.

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Peter Macclesfield, Mear, P.
Sir Thos. Milward, co. Derby, D.
Sir Edw. Moseley, D.
Simon Mountford, Bescote.
Walter Noel, Hilcot, D.
Earl of Newcastle, D.
Rich. Nichols, Fenton, D.
Wm. Orme, Hauch hall, D.
Thos. Paget, D.
Sir John Pershall, Bart., D., dead.
Geo. Penruddock, in right of his wife, Lady Bertie, [Ursula, widow of Sir Roger] D.
Mary Plunkett, widow, Ipstones, P.
Sir Wm. Pershall, P.
Thos. Peters, Lapley, P.
Rich. Potter, Astoncliffe, P.
Rich. Perkshouse, Walsall, D.
William, Lord Paget, D.
George Parker, E., Weston Coyney, D.
Sir Wm. Powell, D.
Rich. Palyn, Derndale, P.
Lady Anne Pershall, widow, P.
Wm. Perrie, Bilston, P.
Edw. Penson, Chillington, P.
— Roper, P.
Widow Rider, West Bromwich, P.
Edw. Stamford, Pershall, D.
Sir John Skeffington, Bart., D.
Gilbert Sotherne, Acton, P.
Eliz. Stamford, widow, P.
Ralph Sneyd, Keele, D.
[Gilbert] Sheldon, Doctor in Divinity, D.
Viscount Stafford, P.
Ant. Stamford, P.
Anne Trickett, widow, Pershall, P.
Peter Venables, co. Chester, guardian to Chris. Collyer, Yarlett, D.
Hum. Vize, G., Staundon, D.
Thos. Underhill, Bushbury, P.
Sir Rich. Weston, one of the Barons of the Exchequer.
Earl of Westmoreland, guardian to Lord Gerard.
George Walker, G., Weston, D.
Sir Rob. Wolseley, Bart., D.
Sir Wm. Whitmore, co. Salop, D.
— Watson, G., co. Salop, D.
Brome Whorwood, Sandall, D.
Sir Humble Ward, D.
Ant. Windsor, E., co. Salop, P.
Alice Whitgrave, Moseley, P.
Ignatius Weedon, G., Longdon Hall, P.
John Wells, E., Whorcross, P.
Chris. Yardley, Bobbington.

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[March.] **50.** List by Jonathan Paris, deputy solicitor for sequestrations, co. Hunts, of sequestered persons in the county,* viz. :—

LEIGHTONSTONE HUNDRED.

Duke of Richmond and Lenox, D.
Sir Lewis Watson, Bart., D.
John Rouse, D.
Mrs. Cotton, R.
Countess Dowager of Northampton, D.
Sir Fras. Bodenham.
Sam. Sandys, D.

NORMANCROSS HUNDRED.

Earl of Devonshire, D.
Rich. Aprice, R.
Sir Thos. Shirley, R.
Rob. Aprice, R.
Millicent Pratt, R.

HURSTINGSTON HUNDRED.

John, late Archbishop of York, D.
Hen. Cromwell, D.
Wheathill Audley, D.
John Fountaine, D.
Ant. Goldsborough, D.
Rich. Langley, D.
Isabel Mason, R.
Sir Oliver Cromwell, Bart., D.
Thos. Cromwell, D.
Thos. Audley, D.
Sir Rich. Stone, D.
John Heron, D.
— Foster, R.

TOSELAND HUNDRED.

Lord Dunsmore, D.
Sir Ludowick Dyer, D.
Sir Fras. Mannock, R.
Capt. Wm. Gery, D.
Lord Brudenell, R.
Sir John Hewitt, D.
Dr. Oldsworth, D.
Rich. Newman, rector, D.

Also rents of the prebends of Brampton and Burton Magna, the deans and chapters of Peterborough and Ely, and the bishopric of Ely, most of which are disposed of to augmentations. [1 *page.*]

* D stands for delinquent; P for papist; R for recusant.

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[March.] **51.** List by John Jackson, treasurer to the Committee for Sequestrations in Westminster, of persons sequestered for delinquency, with marginal notes, distinguishing those who had lands, or lands and goods, or goods only, viz. :—

g Rich. Atkins.
g Capt. Ashfield.
g — Ashburnham.
g Thos. Applegate.
g John Ayton, compounded.
g John Atclee.
g Edw. Alcock.
l Edw. Arundel, still sequestered.
l and *g* Sir Thos. Aylesbury, the goods in Lord Wenman's hands unpaid for.
l Countess Dowager of Arundel.
g Wm. Arundel.
g Lady Aubigny.
l and *g* Thos. Arpe, still sequestered.
g Bishop of Armagh.
g — Anderton.
g [Wm.] Armstrong.
l Hugh Audley, discharged.
l and *g* Earl of Antrim, in extent.

l and *g* Sir Wm. Butler, compounded.
g Bishop of Bath and Wells [Wm. Pierce.]
g SirJohnBrook,compounded.
l and *g* Earl of Bedford, discharged by order of Parliament.
l and *g* Lord [Chief Justice] Banks, compounded.
debts Sir Thos. Brereton, discharged.
g — Burridge.
g Dr. Balcanquall.
g Dr. Bray.
g Jas. Bradshaw.
g — Blute, or Bluett.
l and *g* Geo. Bayley, discharged.
g [Thos.] Benbow.
l Fras. Burgis, compounded.
g Sir Wm. Bruncard.
g — Bartholomew.
g Edw. Bradox.
debts Augustine Belson.
l Mat. Brookes, discharged.
l Paul Bittermie, discharged.
l — Bennett, discharged.
l Dr. Bennett, discharged.
l Dr. Browne, discharged.
l and *g* Duke of Buckingham, discharged.
l and *g* Sir Edw. Bishop.
— Bamfield, compounded.
l and *g* Earl of Berkshire.
g — Bradox.
l and *g* Earl of Antrim and Duchess of Buckingham, in extent.
l and *g* Hen. Brett, compounded.
g — Blanch.
g — Buckle.
l Thos. Burgis, discharged.
g — Brocke.
g — Bickerstaff.
g — Batterton.
l Wm. Brinkfield, compounded.
l Thos. Brewer, still sequestered.
g — Brockas.
l Walter Bridle, compounded.
l Rob. Ballatt, compounded.

g Chas. Cavendish.
g Earl of Cleveland.
l — Clarke, discharged.
g Sir Fred. Cornwallis.
g Sir John Culpeper.
g — Channon.
g John Clutterbuck.
g — Constable.
g — Cooke.
g John Chadner.
g Archbishop of Canterbury.
g Wm. Cox.
g — Church.
l and *g* Thos. Clarke, discharged.
l John Collins, discharged.
l George Clarke, discharged.
l — Crofts, discharged.
g Sir Gervase Clifton.
g Sir Ralph Clare.
g Alex. Courtney.
g Edw. Carvell.
g Earl of Crawford.
g Sir Wm. Crofts.
l and *g* Dr. [John] Castle, in extent.
g Earl of Carlisle.
g John Cobb.
g M. Connyett.
g Dean Cressett.
l and *g* Earl of Clare, discharged by ordinance.
g Thos. Carr.
l Thomas Cardiff, compounded.
l Sir Mat. Carew, still sequestered.
fees Justice [Fras.] Crawley.
fees Sir Hen. Compton.

The letter *l* signifies that lands, and *g* that goods have been sequestered.

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l and *g* Lord Deincourt, still sequestered.
g Earl of Dorset.
g John Denham.
g Earl of Down.
g Sir Kenelm Digby.
g — Dimock.
g Lady Dormer and Mr. Hitchcock.
l John Duncombe, in extent.
g Sir Lewis Dives, goods in the hands of Mr. Nicholls, late M.P.

g Barth. Elliott.
l and *g* Rob. Evans.
g Countess of Essex, and Mr. Southcoat.

g Hen. Furnice.
l and *g* Serj. Frances, in extent.
g Jeffry Floyd.
g Sir Rob. Fenn.
l Playford Field, discharged.
fees Justice [Rob.] Foster.
g Lord Falkland.

g Lord Grandison.
l and *g* Peter Gifford, discharged.
g Ant. Gold.
g Capt. Glassington.
g — Griffin.
g Maurice Griffin.
g — Galbreth.
g Sir Rich. Grenvile.
l Mrs. Gifford, still sequestered.

and *g* Sir Edw. Herbert, discharged.
l and *g* Thos. Hopgood, discharged.
g Earl of Holland.
g — Harding.
g Horatio Hickman.
g Wm. Hurt.
g — Hall.
g Sir Hen. Herbert.
g — Hillyard.
g — Hatred.
g Dr. Heyward.
l Nich. Horne, compounded.
g — Hinderson.
fees Sir Rob. Heath.
g Fras. Hooke.
g Mich. Hallward.

g Rob. Johnson.
g Inigo Jones, compounded.

g Sir Wm. Killigrew.
l and *g* Earl of Kingston.

g Dr. Dukeson, goods in the hands of Mr. Vynes, late member of the Assembly of Divines.
g Earl of Devonshire.
l and *g* Earl of Derby.
g Serjeant Dendy.
g Art. Doddington.
l and *g* Thos. Doubleday, compounded.
l Fras. Doubleday, compounded.
g — Dodd.
l John Dobson.

l and *g* George Elliott.
g Sir James Enyon.
g — Ewers.

g — Fanshaw.
g Thos. Freeman.
l Mrs. Freake, still sequestered.
l and *g* Sir Fras. Fane, compounded.

g Sir Rich. Grimes.
l and *g* Rich. Green, compounded.
l and *g* — Gowin, compounded.
g Col. [George] Goring.
g — Grove.
g — Grant.
g Sidney Godolphin.
g Dr. Gibbs.
l Lord Goring, still sequestered.

l and *g* Dr. Heylin, compounded.
g — Holloway.
g Sir Rich. Hubbard.
g John Hall.
g Gabriel Hipsley.
g Sir Rob. Howard.
g — Harrison.
g Sir John Heydon.
g — Huggins.
g Sir Rob. Holborne.
l John Hopkins, discharged.
l John Harborne, discharged.
l Hen. Hopkins, E., discharged.
l — Hooper, discharged.
g Marquis Hamilton, discharged.

g Gilbert Jackson.
g Capt. Jenkins.

l and *g* Wm. Katherines, compounded.

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l Nightingale Kyme.
l Lady Kingsmill.
g Sir Hen. Knowles.
l and *g* George Kirke, compounded.
l — Kirke.
l — Knowles, discharged.
debts And. King.

g Duke of Lenox, and Lord John [Stuart] his brother.
g — Long.
g Dr. Laneeve.
g Martha Livingston.
g Wm. Loving.
g Capt. Legge.
g — Little.
l John Lawton, compounded.
g — Leech.
l and *g* — Layton.
g — Laberdash.
g Alex. Livingston.
g Lord Littleton.
l Rich. Leechford, still sequestered.
l Earl of Lindsey.

l and *g* Walter Montayne, discharged.
l and *g* Lady Mordaunt.
g Mrs. Mullett.
l and *g* Sir John Miller, discharged.
l Rob. Meakins, discharged.
l [Marg.] Manley—more paid out than can be made of it.
g Mark Ant. Mathew.
g Wm. Murray, E.
g Wm. Mathews.
g Ant. Medcalfe.
debts Lewis Margetts.

g John Newton.
g Gilbert North.
g Lord Newark.
g — Newton.
l and *g* Earl of Newport, in mortgage.
g Sir Edw. Nicholas.
g Sir Thos. Nott.
g Rob. Norris.

l and *g* Maurice Obert, discharged.
g Rich. Oakely.
g Lord Ogle.
g Lord and Sir George Ogilvie.
g David Outerlony.

l and *g* Endymion Porter, still sequestered.
l and *g* Sir Roger Palmer, compounded.
l and *g* Chas. Pagett, compounded.
l and *g* Mat. Plowman, compounded.
g Earl of Portland.
g [Geo.] Penruddock and Lady Bertie.
g Lord and Lady Powis.
g Leonard Pinckney.
l and *g* Edm. Pitts.
g Sir Selwin Parker.
g Wm. Powell.
g Sir James Palmer.
g Sir Barth. Pell.
g — Planchion.
g Lord Paulet.
l and *g* Lord Paget.
g Fras. Prescott.
g — Plucknett.
g George Porter and wife.
g Sir Wm. Palmer.
l Lucretia Plunkett, discharged.
l James Pert, discharged.
debts Paul Pert.
g — Padding.
g Sir Wm. Portman.
g Thos. Pinfold.
g — Proudfoot.
g Lord Percy.
g Mary Powell.
g — Peasly.
l Rich. Poole, compounded.
debts Adam Pate.

g Sir Marm. Rawden.
g — Robinson.
g Sir George Ratcliffe.
g John Rider.
g — Rauskin.
g Sir Wm. St. Ravey.
l Duke of Richmond, compounded.
g James Ryth, compounded.
l Bishop of Rochester [John Warner], discharged.
g Bullen Reymes.
l and *g* Robt. Reeve.
g Mrs. Roper.
g and *l* Sir Thos. Reynolds, compounded.
g — Roberts.
g — Richardson.
l Lord Roper, discharged.
l Wm. Richards, in extent.
l John Russell, discharged by ordinance.
l Edw. Russell, discharged by ordinance.

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g John Smith.
g Sir Edw. Sydenham.
g Cyprian Southack.
g Lord Somerset.
l and *g* Thos. Slingsby, discharged.
g — Steeling and Mr. May.
g — Soloman.
l and *g* Adrian Scroope, compounded.
l Valentine Sanders, compounded.
g Capt. Shatford.
debts John Street.
l Walter Smith, in extent.

g Peter Trovell.
g Wm. Thomas.
g Hum. Thomas.
g Thos. Thomas.
g — Templer.
g — Townsend.

g — Vaws.
g Madam Varney.

g Sir John Winter.
g Sir Peter Wyche.
l and *g* Earl of Worcester, sold away by ordinance.
l and *g* Phil. Warwick.
l Mrs. Whiting, discharged.
l Hen. Walthey, estate determined.
g — Whorwood.
g John Wiseman, E., and Lady Acton.
l and *g* — West, compounded.
g Bishop of Winchester.
g Rich. Williams.
g Wm. Watson.
g — Wolley.
g Bishop of York.
g — Young.

g Lord Scudamore.
l and *g* Sir Thomas Stafford, discharged.
g Lord Savile.
g Rob. Smith.
g — Stiddolph.
g Sir Henry Spiller.
g Barbara Stevenson.
l and *g* Gab. Sedgwick, still sequestered.
g Sir John Saltonstall.
g — Skipwith.
l John Stockdell, discharged.
l Sam. Shetton, discharged.

g [Florentine ?] Tanturier.
l Sir James Thynne, compounded.
debts — Turbervile, discharged.
g Thos. Tompkins.
g — Trethway, discharged.

g Madam Vautlett.

l and *g* Tim. Wright.
g Lady Williams.
l — Walsted, discharged.
g Wm. Watts.
g — Washington.
g Lord Wilmott.
g Marquis of Winchester.
g — Webb.
l and *g* Dr. Wimberley, discharged.
g Rich. Wynne.
g John Watkinson.
g [Hum.] Weld.
g — Worth.
g Ant. Wither.
g — Wingfield.

g Sir Edw. Yates.

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[March.] **52, 53.** List by Ric. Pulley, collector to the Sequestrators for Essex, of persons sequestered for delinquency in the county :—

CHELMSFORD, ROCHFORD, AND DENGIE HUNDREDS.

John Freeman.
John Michelson, D.D.
Sir Hen. Clarke.
Sir John Tirryll.
Lady Judith Clarke.
Duke of Buckingham.
Sir Ralph Hopton.
Serj.-Maj. Thelcross.
Sir Hen. Compton, K.B.
Sir Peter Osborne.
Wm. Campion.
— Browning, clerk.
Edw. Fisher.
Sir Rob. Crook.
Thos. Freeman.
— Hackett.
Sir Hum. Mildmay.
John Petre.
Sir Sam. Sandys.
Sir Thos. Fanshaw, K.B.
Hum. Rogers.
Chris. Anderton.
Edm. Church.
Earl of Northampton.
Sir Rich. Hubert.
— Goldsborough.
Hen. Appleton.
— Bennett.

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DUNMOW, UTTLESFORD, FRESHWELL, AND CLAVERING HUNDREDS.

Sir Alex. Ratcliffe.
Dr. Wilton.
And. Halford.
Sir Rich. Stone.
Sir John Penruddock, dead.
Esau Ladkin.
Wm. Smithsby.
Earl of Newcastle.
Sir Rich. Halford.
Lord Capel.
John Tolcarne.
Sir Thos. Bendish, Bart.
Sir Wm. Wiseman.

ONGAR, HACKFORD, AND WALTHAM HUNDREDS.

Sir John Ramsden.
Sir George Benyon.
John Aylett.
Sir Nich. Byron.
Thos. Cheirtley.
Dan. Thelwell.
Rob. Mell.
Nich. Blincoe.
Edw. Cosson.
Sir Edw. Walgrave.
Sir Rich. Minshall.
Wm. Petre.
Sir John Harrison.
Rob. Wilton.
Viscount Conway, guardian to Thos. Smith.
James, Earl of Carlisle.
Pat. Winch.
Bishop of Norwich.
Gervase Iltham.
— Nott.

BARSTABLE AND CHAFFORD HUNDREDS.

Rob. Thomas.
Dr. Tucker.
Thos. Petre.
Capt. George Digby.
Sir John Hewitt.
Sir Charles Gawdy.
— Ayers.
Sir Benj. Ayliffe, Bart.
Sir Fras. Englefield.
Wm. Sheldon.
Montague, Earl of Lindsey.
Sir Edw. Sydenham.
Sir Wm. Pennyman.
Hen. Anderson.

BECONTREE HUNDRED.

Thos. Fanshaw.
Sir Thos. Stafford.
Sir Henry Herbert.
— Hudson.
John Fanshaw.
Serj. Clowes, King's surgeon.
Thos. Trevilian.

HINCKFORD HUNDRED.

Earl of Cleveland.
— Hixton.
— Soames.
John Buckley.
Dr. Iles.
John Killingworth.
Dr. [Wm.] Beale, Master of St. John's College, Cambridge.
Dr. [Edw.] Martin, ,, Queen's ,, ,,
Dr. [Rob.] Pinke, Provost of New College, Oxford.

LEXDEN, TENDRING, THURSTABLE, WITHAM, AND WINSTREE HUNDREDS.

Sir John Lucas.
Sir Thos. Lucas.
Wm. Longton.
Sir Rob. Fenn.
Hen. Neville, *alias* Smith.
Sir Wm. Howard.
Sir John Paulett.
John Denham.
Wm. Leake.
— Greene.
Eliz. Lucas.
John Norton, D.C.L.
Sir Charles Lucas.
George Kingsmeale.
Edw. Cherry, clerk.
Lord Allington.
Dr. Bispham.
Ant. Buckenham.
Rich. Simonds.
Edw. Barker.
John Smith.
Tim. Wright.
Hen. Leyning.
Thos. St. Lawrence.

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[March.] **54.** List by John Base of delinquents in co. Suffolk who have sequestered and are discharged:—

Sir Rob. Legray.
Thos. Riston.
— Allen.
Earl Rivers.
Sir Dan. Deligne.
Hen. Cooke.
Winifred Cooke.
Thos. Posthumus Legate.
Sir Thos. Ingram.
John Crofts, clerk.
Edw. Rookwood.
Sir Drue Drury.
Sam. Gooch, under 200*l.*
Benj. Cutler.
Hen. Warner.
Earl of Devonshire.
Fras. Cheney, under 200*l.*
— Vallence.
Edm. Poley.
— Aylmer, clerk.
— Bennett.
Sam. Newson.
John Boram.
Rich. Whiting, pirate.
Sir Wm. Paston.
Wm. Baker.
Rob. Gosnold.
— Foster.
Mathias Prest.
Windsor Hickman.
Sir Rob. Fenn.
Thos. Jermin.
Sir Rob. Cooke.
Hen. Binge.
Jos. Clarke, clerk.
Fras. Cornwallis.
Benj. Midelke.
Sir Roger Palmer.
— Duncombe, clerk.
— Hamlington, dead.
Rich. Chapman.
— Holl.
Mary Aldham.
John Strut.
— Wakeman.
Thos. Heyward.
Hen. Winckfield.
Nich. Garnish.
Thos. Catline.
Dr. Paull.
Sir John Pettes.
John Hammond.
Sir Rob. Kemp.
Sir Thos. Glenham.
Barth. Hall, under 200*l.*
Sir Charles Gaudy.
George Harrison.
Chris. Rose.
John Spalding.
— Brookes, clerk.
John Lany.
Steven Gooding.
— Cley, clerk.
Wm. Coping.

List of those still under sequestration:—

John Denham.
Sir Charles Lucas.
— Dudley.
Lord Capel.
Rob. Bunnett, pirate.
Thos. Allen, pirate.
Rich. Chapman, late of Livermere.
John Payne.
Laurence Brittayne, clerk.
— Boule.
Chris. Webb, Cowling.
John Rea.
— Wolverstone.

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[March.] List of those who have compounded in Surrey:—

Sir Fras. Williamson.
Sir John Lucas.
Sir Fras. Leigh.
Sir Walter Smith.
[Hen.] Hillyard.
Sir Fras. Carew.
Justice [Rob.] Foster.
Baron Leake.
George Champion.
[Thos.] Husbands.
Francis, Lord Cottington.
Wm. Woodward.
Hen. Valentine.
Heyward Bickerstaff.
Hugh Henn.
Sir Rich. Young.
Earl of Dunsmore.
Sir Thos. Bludder.
Sir Ralph Freeman.
John Bill.

List of those still under sequestration:—

Earl of Arundel.
Thos. Arpe.
Hum. Bennet.
Sir Edw. Sydenham.
Sir John Wolstenholme.
Sir Thos. Nott.
Dr. Marshall.
Sir Thos. Leigh.
Wm. Stydolph.
— Pomfret.
— Lloyd.

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April 4. **55.** Order of the House of Commons, that Greenhill and Pocock, treasurers at Christchurch, out of the 9,100*l.* from Goldsmiths' Hall reserved for indigent persons, pay the officers and soldiers in the list presented by Auditor Wilcox proportionably, as the moneys hold out, but that no moneys be paid to those who were engaged against Parliament last July and August. Mr. Potter, clerk to the committee of the Military Garden, to be present at the payment with his books of the 5 qualifications, and the former list on which they have received money, so that none may be twice paid, or paid if not within the qualifications. [1 *page.*]

April 6. Plymouth. **56.** Rob. Spry, solicitor to the County Commissioners for Devon, north division, to the Committee for Compounding. On your order for a return of the names of notorious delinquents in the respective counties, I speedily prepared it, but ten times more might have been done had the county commissioners divided themselves according to ordinance; for in 200 parishes, of 50 miles long, the committee have not sat 14 days these 2 years, which has been a great *remora* in the service, and a burden to the country and to all honest people willing to give informations. I have often spoken to them, but they say they want committee men for this north division. I beg you to remove this obstacle by appointing some. [1 *page.*]

April 6. **57.** List of Papists and delinquents sequestered in North Devon since the happy reducement of the county to the obedience of Parliament in May 1646:—

John Gifford, Brightley, compounded at far too low a value.
John Powing, Arlington, R.*
George Wyot, Sherwill, R.
John Wyot, Ilfracombe, R.
John Coffin, Parkham, R.
Wm. Gifford, Buckland Brewer, R.
Ant. Gifford, Lancras, R.
Rich. Smith, Great Torrington, D.
John Jermin, Warkleigh, D.
Edw. Celly, clerk, notorious D., poor.
Garret Dillon, Morthoe, R. that has been in arms, his estate in right of his wife 60*l.* a year.
Thos. Muncke, Potheridge, D.
John Courtney, Molland, D.
Thos. Chancey, Abbotsham, D., poor.
Sir Thos. Hele, Bart., D., notorious.
Winter Grant, R., beyond seas.
Susan Chichester, widow, R.
Dorothy Berry, R.
Edw. Pyne, East Down, D.
Sir Ralph Sydenham, D., notorious.
Capt. Walter Shere, Bridgrevel, very violent, and a notorious D.
Sir Rich. Prideaux, notorious D.
Art. Issack, Allington, intelligencer, of good estate.
Capt. John Burdon, Highhampton, D., poor.
Wm. Milton, Sheepwash, D.
Capt. Rich. Copleston, Little Torrington, poor.
Sir Edw. Carey, R.
Capt. John Hancock, Ilfracombe, violent.
Art. Basset, Umberleigh, D., notorious, who since the reducement of the county, has resisted the ordinances of Parliament, and attempted to kill an agent who sequestered his estate.
Wm. Richards, Brampton, D., notorious.
John and Hugh Stowley, Fremington, D., notorious.
Hen. Ham, Ashwater, D., notorious, poor.
John Short, Ashwater, D., notorious.
John Mayne, Hatherleigh, D., notorious, poor.
George Bayley, Barnstaple, R.
Thos. Bayley, Langtree, R.
Hen. Davey, Beaford, D., poor.
George Browning, Newton Petrock, D., notorious.
Thomas and Rich. Stuckey, Iddesleigh, D., notorious.
John Acland, Columbjohn, D., notorious.
Wm. Lang, clerk, dead.
John Bishop, Northam, D., notorious.
Nich. Harper, Fremington, D., notorious.
Sir John Chichester, D., notorious.
Wm. Leigh, Northam, D., notorious.
Rich. Bennet, Northam, D., notorious.
Rich. Sanders, Buckland Brewer, D., notorious, poor.
John Turner, Buckland, D., notorious.
Hugh Prust, Monkleigh Mill, D., notorions.
John Velley, Hartland, D., notorious.

* R. stands for recusant; D. for delinquent; P. for Papist.—ED.

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Reuben Lawrence, Hartland, D., notorious.
Mark Cottle, North Tawton, D.
George Yeo, Huish, D., notorious.
Ant. Lerkworthy, D., notorious, poor.
Capt. Thos. Eastcot, Warrington, D., notorious.
Capt. Thos. Melhuish, Witheridge, D., notorious.
Capt. George Brawton, Studley, D., notorious.
— Cottle, of Cornwall, D., notorious.
John Arundel, D., notorious.
Fras. Issack, East Down, D., notorious.
Nich. Leerewell, Kentisbeare, D., notorious.
Rich. Richards, Brampton, D., notorious.
Lewis Ingledon, Brampton, D., notorious.
George Beare, Buckland Brewer, counsellor-at-law, D., notorious.
Capt. John Skickes, Danstock, D., notorious, poor.
Hugh Wyot, Braunton, good estate, D., notorious.
John Issack, St. Giles-on-heath, D., notorious.
Lewis Hutching, Northleigh, D., notorious, poor.
Rich. Leach, Hatherleigh, D., notorious, poor.
Geo. Bizet, Hatherleigh, D., notorious, D.
Nich. Newcombe, Inwardleigh, D., notorious, poor.
John Worth, Exbourne, D., notorious, poor.
John Raddock, Broadwood-Kelly, D., notorious, poor.
Art. Ackland, Winckley, D., notorious, P.
John Heaward, ,, D., notorious.
Art. Arscott, Dunsland, D., notorious.
John Raddon, Sampford, D., notorious, poor.
John Denaford, Balston, D., notorious, poor.

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April 7. Exeter. **58.** Nich. [Rowe] to John Leech, Goldsmiths' Hall. I received an order from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, according to which I have made a list of eminent delinquents; but tell me what you desire, and I will try to satisfy you. Sir John Bamfylde says he thinks you do not want those whose estates are under 200*l.* Too many have been questioned without profit, and many more ought to be questioned, but the times have been troublesome, and such insolency offered to the committee that little work could be done. I am constantly here waiting their sitting. You order the sequestration of Mr. Croker, called here Sir Hugh Croker, but he has no estate except in this city, which has a distinct committee. If a delinquent die without composition, is the sequestration absolutely taken off at his death? [1 *page.*]

April 8. Northampton. **59.** List, by John Wyatt, solicitor, of delinquents in the West Division of Northamptonshire, who have been or still are sequestered:—

Earl of Sunderland, *alias* Lord Spencer.
Earl of Northampton.
Late Earl of Danby.
Sir William Farmer.
Sir John Wake.
Sir Rich. Shuckborough.
Sir Rob. Hatton.
Sir Thos. Wilbraham.
Sir Thos. Pope.
Sir Rob. Bannister.
Dr. Garner.
Dr. Hinton.
Dr. Morgan.
Thos. Morgan.
—— Preston.
John Creswell.
Martin Harvey.
Rob. Willoughby.
George Jay, clerk.
Thos. Bodicote.
—— Day, clerk.
—— Williams, clerk.
—— Canon, clerk.
—— Andrews, clerk.
—— Vaughan, clerk.
Wm. Burkitt, clerk.
Rich. Langham, clerk.
Lady Farmer.
Sir Lewis Dives.
Sir Thos. Delves.
Sir James Enyon.
Sir Rich. Wingfield.
Sir John Wolstenholme.
Sir Thos. Cave.
Robert, Bishop of Oxford [Rob. Skinner].
Dr. Dillon.
Dr. Ratcliffe.
Rich. Lane.
Wm. Stydolph.
John Cook.
Dr. [Griffith] Williams, Bishop of Ossory.

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Hen. Farmer.
Rich. Farmer, clerk.
Wm. Burton.
Sam. Clarke.
Alex. Smith.
Wm. Bland.
George Wake.
Hugh Vaughan.
Edw. Andrews.
—— Whiteford, clerk.
Gamaliel Holloway.

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April 11. Dorchester. **60.** Gilbert Loders, one of the solicitors to the County Committee for Dorset, to John Leech. I cannot now send up a list of persons sequestered, 2 agents being absent, but I shall be in London in 10 days and will bring it, and also a list of the sequestered lands let this year. [1 *page.*]

April 13. Durham. **61.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We cannot easily give you the required account of sequestration in this county, and of compounders who do not prosecute their compositions, extents being too frequent on delinquents' estates; but we are meeting weekly at great cost, besides our former sufferings through destruction of our houses, imprisonment, &c., by Parliament's enemies. Yet for four years we have served, and looked for no allowance.

The whole country has suffered much from both armies, and also by maintaining the associated forces, and by the surprisal of Raby Castle, so that the profits would not pay our expenses, nor a solicitor or clerk, and we have had to pledge ourselves for divers sums. The King, Queen, and bishop's revenues in this county are disposed of, and the dean and chapter's lands are overcharged with stipends. Divers delinquents of the largest estates have compounded, and with ⅓ to delinquents' wives and children, and ⅓ to Papists, much profit cannot be expected.

The cry of the country is, "What! shall we still pay sesses, and have none in the House for us to grant them? Shall we be ready to perform service for the State and [bear] unequal burdens, and still be without the State's protection?" No laws can here be executed for recovering debts, but in a poor county court under 40*s.* No bargain nor estate of lands here confirmed because fines cannot be acknowledged. No thieves, robbers, murderers, or felons punished here, because no assize is held in this county; the number of prisoners increases, and the gaols are so thronged, that the country is hardly able to maintain them, and they themselves cry for help. The sufferings of this county have been above those of any other, and no reparation. Whilst some have obtained reparations of losses and security for their moneys, with 8 per cent. interest, we have wanted these 6 or 7 years 26,000*l.*, disbursed to the Scots in their first expedition, and no care to repay it, though an Act was passed for that purpose."

We beg your assistance in making our case known to the Houses. We have laboured by petitions, but greater business has made them fruitless, yet we will not desist our labours to promote your service. [1 *page.*]

April 13. **62.** List by Richard Adamson, clerk to the committee, of sequestered persons in the bottom of Westmoreland, viz.:—

DELINQUENTS.

Sir Phil. Musgrave, Bart., Hartley.
Sir John Lowther, Bart., Lowther.
Rich. Crackinthorpe, E., Newbiggin.
Sir George Middleton for George Strickland.
Sir Thos. Sandforth, Bart., Howgill.
John Dalston, E., Ackeronbank.
Chris. Dudley, E., Yanwath.
James Fawcett, Stainmore.

PAPISTS.

Sir Fras. Howard, Thornthwaite.
Thos. Blenkinsop, E., Helbeck.
John Wharton, Kirkbythure.
John Bury, Helbeck.
Wm. Wornley, G., Resgill.
Eliz. Wharton, Wharton.
Wm. Richardson, Vicar of Brough.
Ciprian Hilton, E., Oxinside.
George Hilton, Burton.
Sir George Dalston, Smardale.
Sir Wm. Dalston, ,,
John Shutte, sen., Winton.
Mark Richardson, Woodside.

[1¾ *pages. For the sequestered persons in Kendal Barony, see* 22 *Feb.* 1650.]

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April 13. Weverham. **63.** County Committee for Edisbury Hundred, co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. We send you as ordered particulars of delinquents and Papists sequestered in this hundred. [⅔ *page.*]

April 13. **64.** List of delinquents who have compounded, viz.:—

Robert, Lord Kilmorey.
Robert, Lord Cholmondeley.
Sir Thos. Wilbraham, Bart.
Sir Thos. Smith.
Hen. Bunbury, Stanney.
Hen. Leigh, High Leigh.
Thos. Cholmondeley, Vale Royal.
Hugh Wilbraham, Drakelow.
John Werden, and Robert his son, Chester.
George Spurstow, Spurstow.
Hen. Harpur, Chester.
John Fletcher, Norley.
Wm. Allen, Brindley.
Rich. Litler, Mouldsworth.
Rob. Leonard, Tarvin.
Ralph Jenion, Manley.
Rich. Jenion, Newton, and his son Richard.
John Cleaford, Over.
Rob. Webster, Barrow.
Rich. Heath, Weston.
Wm. Widdens, Norley.
Wm. Davenport, Broomhall.
John Hurlston, Pickton.
Edm. Pershall, Over.
Thos. Maisterson, Woodford.
Elisha Mainwaring, Marton.
John Kelsall, Mickle Trafford.
Sir Rob. Brerewood, the profits of his estate twice stayed by order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.

Delinquents discharged as having estates under value:—

John Moores, Peckforton.
Edw. Fryer, Milton.

List of estates discharged by order of the Committee for Sequestrations:—

William, Lord Brereton's estate ordered to his mother, Lady Gerard, as part of her jointure.
Sir Thos. Aston, Bart., deceased, estate ordered to his son, Sir Willoughby Aston.
Sir John Pershall, Bart.
The widow of Col. Marrow.
Thos. Walley, Hulmestreet, G.

List of those delinquents who have estates in the hundred, but have not been sequestered:—

Sir Hugh Calveley, Bart., a few old rents, extended for debts, but for which he has compounded.
Rich. Egerton, Ridley, lands disposed of by Sir Wm. Brereton, by virtue of a grant before the wars.

List of those sequestered and discharged here:—

Thos. Trafford, Bridge Trafford, deceased. Lands passed over for his wife and sisters before the wars.
Charles Walley, Chester. The estate is proved to belong to Brabson, a friend to Parliament.
John Weaver, Wettenhall, deceased. The tenement passed over before the wars for payment of debts.

List of those whose personal estates were sequestered, they having no real estate in this hundred:—

Dr. George Byrom.
Randle Hunt, deceased, late constable of Chester Castle.
Thos. Morris, Chester.
Randle Holbrook, Little Budworth, deceased.
Rich. Broster, Chester, G.
Thos. Wainwright, Frodsham.
John Boden, Over.
Ralph Batteridge, Boughton.
John Hankin, Rushton.
Rob. Holland, Wettenhall.
John Hickson, Clotton.
Rich. Pickering, Mouldsworth.
Thos. Ravenscroft, Fineywood, Little Budworth.
Art. Barker, Whitegate.
Sabbath Baker, Wettenhall.
Wm. Grinley, Rushton.
John Towers. Alvanley.
Thos. Dove, Tarporley.
Hugh Sherborne, Little Budworth.
Eliz. Williams, widow, Chester.
John Thropp, deceased, ,,
Rob. Jackson, Vale Royal.
Rich. Whittingham, Over, deceased.
Rich. Dickinson, Chester, deceased.

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List of Papists who had personal estates only :—

Thos. Smith, Peckforton.
Thos. Farrer, ,,
Joan Preece, Tiverton.
Rob. Hill, in Lancashire.

List of delinquents whose estates yet remain sequestered :—

John, Earl Rivers.
Thos. Savage.
Sir Thos. Aston, Bart., deceased, his farm of Fearnlees being the inheritance of Thos. Savage.
Sir Art. Aston, D. and P.
Sir Ralph Dove.
Peter Venables, Baron of Kinderton,
Hugh Cholmondeley, but stands on his justification before the Commissioners for Sequestrations.
Henry Starkey, Darley. The same, and much of his lands extended for debt.
John Rutter, Kingsley, deceased.
Wm. Wilbraham, Woodhay.
— Pritchard, minister in Wales.
John Walker, Little Budworth.
Thos. Littlemore, Heatley in Frodsham.
Thos. Savage, Barrow.
Rob. Bromfield, Hapsford. Stands on justification before the Committee for Sequestrations.
Rich. Fryer, Ouston.
George Parsons, Beeston, D. and P.
Randle Billington, Little Budworth, D. and P.

List of Papists whose estates remain under sequestration :—

John, Earl of Shrewsbury.
John Starkey, of Darley.
Thos. Crew, Wimbolds Trafford.
Ralph Egerton, Ridley.
Marg. Billington, widow, Little Budworth.
Hen. Young, Rushton, and his mother.
Thos. Wilson, Wardle.
Ralph Massey, Bunbury.
Randal Wooley, Tilston.
Joan Palin, widow, Haughton.
Mary Buckley, widow, ,, and her son Joseph.
Jane Williamson, widow, Speke.
Hen. Walley, Beeston.
Edw. Darlington, Marton.
Joan Brock, widow, Bunbury.
Ellen Smith, widow, Tiverton.
Eliz. Chesweys, widow, Spurstow.
Anne Nickson, Salterswall in Over.

List of delinquents sequestered, but nothing made of them because their estates are under value :—

Charles Whittingham, Over.
Widow Harvey, Tarvin.
Thos. Whittingham, Wettenhall.
Rich. Barker, Over.
Randle Burton, Over.
Randle Pond, deceased, Little Budworth.
John Fryer, Ouston.
George Witter, Tarporley.
John and Ralph Kettle, Over.
Ralph Manley, Eaton.
Thos. Hicks, cottage in Duddon.
John Low, Rushton.
Randle Geust, Little Budworth.
Rob. Boden, Whitegate.
Thos. Hale, Luddington.
Thos. Towers, Alvanley.
Wm. Litler, Hartford.
John Pierson, Frodsham Lordship.
Art. Davenport, Calveley.
Rich. Penkit, Bridge Trafford.

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April 14. **65, 66.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on a Parliament Order of 6 May 1647,—that 10,000*l.* be charged upon the receipt at Goldsmiths' Hall in course, to be employed for the relief of such poor indigent persons as both Houses of Parliament shall think fit—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 203.]

April 17. Maidstone. **67.** Lambert Godfrey, solicitor for sequestrations, Kent, to the Committee for Compounding. I send you the list required of delinquents, &c., for this county. [½ *page.*]

April 17. **68.** List of delinquents that have entered their names to compound, giving the dates of the orders for suspension :—

Lord Abergavenny, Birling Manor	No date.
Wm. Bing	2 Jan. 1647.
Mat. Bunce	16 Dec. 1645.

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Sir Wm. Butler	16 Oct. 1646.
[John] Bill	24 Sept. 1646.
Thos. Brome	22 Dec. 1646.
Sir Wm. Clarke	21 March 1646.
Sir Alex. Culpeper, discharged by Parliament 25 Aug. 1646	14 March 1646.
Sir Thos. Culpeper	25 Sept. 1646.
Earl of Dorset, on Oxford Articles	5 Nov. 1646.
Sarah Ellis	2 Sept. 1647.
Edw. Guildford, Papist	16 July 1647.
Rob. Guildford, Papist	26 Feb. 1648.
Hen. Hudson	15 July 1646.
John Jacob	31 July 1647.
George Kingsley	12 Dec. 1646.
John Marsham	5 Nov. 1646.
Thos. Osborne	Sept. 1646.
Sir Roger Palmer	3 Oct. 1646.
Sir Wm. Parkhurst	24 Dec. 1647.
George Porter	6 April 1646.
Sir Hen. Pickering, *alias* Newton	26 Sept. 1646.
Duke of Richmond and Lenox	18 March 1647.
Sir Peter Richaut	28 Feb. 1848.
Wm. Reeve, discharged 4 March 1648, as not worth 200*l.*	—
Sir Hen. Spiller	6 Aug. 1646.
Sir Rob. Stapleton, on Oxford Articles	1 Dec. 1646. / 5 April 1647.
Rich. Spencer	14 Dec. 1646.
Ant. St. Leger	10 Nov. 1646.
John St. Leger	24 March 1647.
John Tucker	26 Sept. 1646.
John Covert	2 April 1645.

List of delinquents still under sequestration:—

John Carey.
Lord Finch.
Sir John Manney.
Edward and John Spice.
Sir Rob. Poyntz.
John Trout.
Sir Ralph Hopton.
Earl of Castlehaven.
Sir Wm. Bosvile.
Sir John Boswell.
Dean and Chapter of Westminster.
John Bradley.
Jas. Middleton.
Fras. Nethersole.
Lieut.-Col. John Boys.
Rich. Thornhill.
Sir John Culpeper.
Paul Weyman.
Peter Philcott.
Lawrence Bing.
Thos. Leonard.
Earl of Northampton.
John Cooke.
Mat. Course.
Sir Roger Twisden.

Sir Geo. Stroud, whose estate is in the hands of the commissioners for raising 50,000*l.* for Ireland.

Sir John Mills, the profits of his estate to be paid to Mr. Kemp, till 300*l.* is satisfied.

List of sequestered Papists:—

John Collins.
Wm. Roper.
John Farrington.
— Thompson, delinquent also.
Wm. Gage.
John Finch.
Dr. Kirton.
Mrs. Pordage.
Mrs. Simcox.
Mary Finch.
Eliza Croft, widow.
Thos. Roper.
— Froman.
Anne Darell.
Edm. Roper.
Mrs. Roper.
Lady Wotton.
Mrs. Crisp.
Mrs. Mansfield.
Wm. Pettit.

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Thos. Stourton.
Charles Hawkins.
Pat. Bryant.
Fras. James.
Ralph Clarke, delinquent also.
Fras. Roper.
[Frances] Lady Nevill.
— Watson.

The following estates are managed by the committee for the Prince Elector's revenue:—

Lord Roper.
Thos. Pordage.
George Browne.
Ben. Wybourne.
Lord Montague.
George Loane.
John Hawkins.

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April 18. Sanghton de Hill. **69.** County Committee for Broxton Hundred, co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. On your order we enclose particulars of Papists and delinquents sequestered in this hundred. [⅛ *page.*]

April 18. **70.** List of those who have compounded at Goldsmiths' Hall*:—

Robert, Lord Kilmorey.
Robert, Lord Cholmondeley.
Sir Rich. Grosvenor, Bart.
Sir Hugh Calveley, Bart.
Sir Thos. Wilbraham, Bart.
Sir Thos. Smith.
Sir Orlando Bridgman, for his lands, the rectory of Plemstall excepted, and not compounded for.
Hen. Bunbury, Stanney.
Thos. Cholmondeley, Vale Royal.
Hen. Leigh, High Leigh.
John Werden, Chester, and his son Robert.
Chas. Walley, Chester.
Thos. Bromley, Hampton.
Thos. Dodd, Edge.
Dr. Geo. Snell.
Wm. Barnston, Churton.
Thos. Stockton, Kiddington.
Stanley Burrowes, Bickley.
Phil. Prichard, Bostock.
Edw. Morgill, Littleton.
John King, Cholmley.
Edw. Russell, Chester.
Thos. Penkit, Sutton.
John Larden, Cholmondeley.
William, Lord Brereton.
John Hurlston, Pickton.
Edw. Dodd, Edge.
Dr. Geo. Byrom.
Thos. Maisterson, Woodford.
Wm. Edge, Larkton.
Sir Rob. Brerewood, the profits of his estate twice stayed by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.

Ralph Minshall and others being on petition to the Committee for Compounding for the benefit of the Act for such as are of under value are not meddled with.

Discharged here upon the same Act.

Thos. Gardener, Edge.
Rob. Harecourt, Cholmondeley.

List of those discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations:—

Sir John Pershall, Bart.
Col. Marrow's widow.
Thos. Caldicot, Caldecott.
Edw. Tannatt, Broxton, dead.
Rich. Egerton, Ridley, lands not sequestered, being extended to Sir Wm. Waller and other Parliament men.
Wm. Brock, Upton, lands conveyed long since by his father from him to others, for a long time to come.

List of those whose rectories are disposed of to others by the deputy lieutenants, according to ordinance of Parliament:—

Wm. Mostyn, rector of Christleton, estate discharged on Anglesea Articles.
Dr. Dodd, lower rectory of Malpas.
Thos. Bridge, higher rectory of Malpas.
Dr. Snell, Waverton.
Dr. Morton, Tattenhall.
Prebend [Wm.] Bispham, Eccleston.
— Eaton, Aldford.
Chas. Ducker, Doddleston.

* Several of these names occur in Edisbury Hundred (*see p.* 100 *supra*) and elsewhere, when the delinquents had property in several hundreds.

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List of those whose sequestration long since ended, having only personal estates here:—

George Hope, Doddleston, N.
Mary Grosvenor.
Edw. Bathoe, Duckington.
Bart. Godfrey, Chester.
Hugh Webster, Bickley.
Thos. Hodgkis, Burwardsley.
John Harvey, Hoole.
Peter Rowlinson, Waverton.
Rich. Swindell, „
John Gibbons, Clutton.
Hugh Powell, Carden.
Randle Hunt, late constable of Chester Castle.

List of Papists having only personal estates here:—

Ralph Dod, Tattenhall.
Amy Wilson, „
Rich. Platt, „
Thos. Wilson, Wardle.
John Cowes, Malpas.
Frances Maddock, spinster, Agden.

List of delinquents whose estates remain sequestered:—

James, Earl of Derby.
John, Earl Rivers.
Sir Orlando Bridgman, profits small, 50*l.* being added by the Committee for Plundered Ministers to the 20*l.* formerly paid out of Plemstall rectory to the ministers there.
Sir Fras. Gamull.
Peter Venables, Baron of Kinderton.
Hugh Cholmondeley, of Knight's Grange, on appeal before the Commissioners for Sequestrations.
Gen. Gerard and Capt. Minshall, co-heirs of Sir Edw. Fitton, Bart., dec.
Wolstan Dixie, of Staffordshire.
Thos. Bridge, clerk, his temporal estate.
Chas. Ducker, clerk, „ „
Sam. Cathrall, clerk, his rectory of Henley.
Wm. Hinton, Bradley.
Ralph Morgell, Moston.
Rich. Broster, Chester.
Thos. Penney, Gresford Parish, Wales.
Wm. Cowley, Doddleston, on appeal before the Commissioners for Sequestrations.
Rich. Heath, Egerton.

List of Papists whose estates still remain sequestered:—

John, Earl of Shrewsbury.
Edw. Cotton, of Surrey, Lord of Huntington in this hundred.
Mary Stanley, widow, Burton.
Mrs. Plunkit, of Malpas, widow, and her daughter.
Mrs. Fitzwilliam, widow.
Mrs. Yardley, of Wales.
Wm. Probin, Whichaugh, and his daughter Mary.
Rich. Maddock, Agden.

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April 19. Winchester. John Woodman [sequestration solicitor for co. Hants] to John Leech. I send you a note of some that are not sequestered, though deserving it, and of others who should have compounded, but have not. Our county committee seldom sits. The expense of the charges and proofs must be borne, or the business will fail as hitherto. Many who have estates have been recusants in arms, which saddens the well-affected. I and my fellow officers would gladly proceed in the business. [*G* 118, *p.* 1015.] *Enclosing,*

1. *List of persons, co. Hants, within the sequestration ordinances, but not sequestered, viz.*—

Lord Hen. Paulet.
— May, Bently.
— West, Basingstoke.
Ferdinando Bye, Winchester.
John Harfield, „
Rich. Dennett, Winchester.
John Colson, „
John Sevior, „
Ald. Longland, sen. „
Rich. Braxton, „

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List of persons, co. Hants, not sequestered—*cont.*

Sir Rich. Norton, Testwood.
Edw. Norton.
Sir Hen. Clarke, Avington.
Thos. Hadly, jun., Hursley.
Sir Edw. Richards, New Marwell.
Thos. Mill, Nursling, } *not*
Sir John Mill, Bury, } *compounded.*
Sir Rich. Tichborne, Tichborne.
Dowse Fuller, Sparsholt.

[*G* 118, *p.* 1013.]

[April 19.] **71.** List by Thos. Muspratt and John Marks, collectors of sequestrations, of persons who have been sequestered in the divisions of Andover and Kingsclere, co. Hants:—

Earl of Southampton.
Henry and Thos. Philpott.
Sir Wm. Portman, dead.
John Jones.
Wm. Swaine.
Ant. Hide, Woodhouse.
Lord Capel.
Sir Rich. Tichborne.
Sir Wm. Courtney.
Thos. Mills.
Hen. Kelsey, Weyhill.
Thos. South, Winchester.
Wm. Ashburnham.
Giles Dowse, clerk.
Earl of Worcester.
Sir Thos. Badd.
Thos. Brook.
Thos. Willis.
Wm. Beacham.
Thos. Golston.
Sir James Phillipps.
Thos. Cradock.
John Miller, of Wallop, dead.
Rich. Edgcombe.
Sir Edw. Nicholas.
Marquis of Winchester.
Lord Lumley.
Sir Wm. Ogle.
Roger Coreham.
Hen. Foyell, Abbot's Anne.
Thos. Sadler, Salisbury.
Dr. Ayry.
Sam. Barrack, Andover.
Sir Spencer Lucy.
Pearce Edgcombe.
Rich. Broome.
Rich. Goddard.
Lord Cottington.
Rich. Noyse.

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[April 19.] **72.** Like list by John Woodman, collector for Fawley division:—

TWYFORD TYTHING.

Sir Wm. Courtney, R., in arms.
Sir Edw. Richards, D.
Ambrose Wait, R.
Rob. Tucker, in arms.
Rob. Cully, in arms, poor.
Ann Godwin, R.

WIRRAL TYTHING.

Wm. Say, in arms.
Wm. Beacham, in arms.

BISHOPSTOKE TYTHING.

Sir Edw. Ford, in arms.
Rich. Stubington, R.
Thos. Butcher, R.

OUSELBURY.

Sir John Arundel, in arms, and his mother, a widow, R.
Corpus Christi College lands.
Wm. Mowday, R.
Widow Dastin, R.

EUSTON TYTHING.

John Crane, in arms.
Dr. Green, Rector of Avington, D.
John Onwins, R. in arms.

MORESTEED TYTHING.

Hen. Crap, in arms.

TICHBORNE TYTHING.

Sir Rich. Tichborne.
Jos. Silvester, R.
Sir Benj. Tichborne.

KIMPTON TYTHING.

Wm. Lacy, R.

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List of persons who have been sequestered in the division of Fawley, co. Hants—*cont.*

EXTON TYTHING.

Thos. Wyat, R.

HURSLEY TYTHING.

Thos. Kercher, in arms.
Edw. Knowles, R.
Thos. Lan, R.
Benj. Bufford, R.
Hen. Day, in arms.
Rich. Lawson, R.
Alex. Churcher, R.

NURSLING TYTHING.

Lady Kath. Knowles, R.
Thos. Mill, E.
Jasper Cornelius, in arms.

COMPTON TYTHING.

Geo. Philpott, R., in arms.

CRAWLEY TYTHING.

Sir Gerard Fleetwood, in arms.
—— Musgrave, in arms.
Sir James Phillipps, in arms.

HOUGHTON TYTHING.

Dr. Nicholas, of Wilts, D.

BOTLEY TYTHING.

Earl of Southampton, D.
John Ford, in arrears.

HOUND TYTHING.

Earl of Hertford, D.
Rich. Bevis, R.

EASTLEIGH TYTHING.

Mrs. Wells, widow, R.
Swithin Wells, R., in arms.

HORTON TYTHING.

Villiers Philpot, in arms.

BOYET TYTHING.

James Linkhorn, R., in arms.
John Nutier, R.
—— Weborne, R.
Wm. Mathew, R.
John Lane, R.
Widow Complin, R.

HILL TYTHING.

Peter Gilliams, D.
Wm. Gwater, in arms.

BROWN CANDOVER TYTHING.

Roger Corhans, R., in arms.

ITCHEN ABBAS AND ITCHEN STOKE TYTHINGS.

Marquis of Winchester, R., in arms.

SOKE LIBERTY.

John Brown, in arms.
[2 *columns, damaged.*]
Wm. Fisher, R.
Barth. Smith, R.

April 20. **73.** County Committee for Bucklow Hundred, co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. We send you as ordered an account of all estates of delinquents and Papists in this hundred. Particulars of a case. [⅔ *page.*]

April 20. **74.** List of delinquents' estates compounded for :—

Robert, Viscount Kells.
Robert, Viscount Kilmorey.
Sir Rich. Grosvenor.
Sir Thos. Smith.
Rich. Brereton.
Hen. Leigh.
Hugh Wilbraham.
James Massey.
Edw. Leigh.
Edw. Bridgman.
Peter Leicester.
John Werden.
Rich. Heath.
James Rainshall.
Rob. Cooper.
Alex. Walthall.

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Estates of delinquents taken off by order of the Committee for Sequestrations:—

Sir Thos. Aston, Bart.	Marg. Robinson, widow.
Sir Edw. Massey, Bart.	John Pickering.

Estates of delinquents not compounded for:—

John, Earl Rivers.	Peter Venables.
Peter Daniell.	Hugh Cholmondeley.
Thos. Starkey.	Lieut.-Col. Slater.
John [Bridgman], Bishop of Chester.	Wm. Meire.
Rich. Mallory.	George Smith.
Rob. Bromfield.	

Estates under the value of 200*l.*:—

Wm. Bridges, minister.	Peter Hatton.
Ralph Leicester.	George Hulme.
Wm. Whittell.	Wm. Hardy.
John Gleave.	Rich. Grantham.
Hum. Forrest.	Thos. Pearson.
Jeffry Whalley.	John Harper.
Rich. Adshead.	Rob. Millington.
Lawrence Hollenpriest.	Thos. Aspshall.
Rob. Shingler.	Rich. Warburton.
Rich. Heyes.	Wm. Rowlinson.
Peter Warburton.	Rob. Horniman.
Thos. Millington.	Thos. Orringe.
Hugh Burton.	John Trevis.
Peter Dokin.	John Brookes.
Philippa Starkey.	Edw. Acton.

Estates where the compositions are not perfected:—

Sir Edw. Morley, Bart.	Rich. Allen.

Estates of Papists:—

Ralph Standish.	Thomas and Dorothy Foard.
Thos. Bennett.	Eliz. Harcourt, widow.
Rich. Vaudrey.	Marg. Wood, widow.
Rich. Hankinson.	John Ashton.

Estates not determined by the Commissioners for Sequestrations:—

Thos. Cheshire, sen. and jun.	John Houghton.

Estates of delinquent parsons and vicars disposed of to other ministers:—

Wm. Bispham.	Wm. Domvill.
Thos. Mallorie, deceased.	Edw. Whirley.

Dean and Chapter of Christ Church.

With list of 9 Papists, 7 of whom are included in the list of Broxton Hundred, and 2 in the present list. [2½ *pages.*]

April 20. **75.** John Hough, clerk to the County Committee for Notts, to the Committee for Compounding. In the absence of John Mason, solicitor for sequestrations, I send you a list of persons sequestered here:—

Earl of Newcastle.	Sir Wm. Dalston.
Earl of Kingston.	Sir Rob. Owsley.
Earl of Chesterfield.	Sir Martin Sandys.
Earl of Devonshire.	Sir Rich. Byron.
Lord Deincourt.	Sir Wm. Saville.
Viscount Chaworth.	Sir Gervase Eyre.
Lady Chaworth.	Sir Guy Palmes.
Lord Capel.	Sir John Digby.
Sir Thos. Williamson.	Sir Roger Cooper.
Sir Gervase Clifton.	Sir John Symonds.

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Wm. Stanhope.
Thos. Broughton.
Isham Parkins.
Edw. Andrewes.
Gervase Lee.
Art. Warren.
Sam. Sandys.
Wm. Sandys.
Hugh Cartwright.
Rob. Mellish.
Tim. Pusey.
Thos. Blackwall.
Wm. Staunton.
Rob. Sutton.
John Moore.
Eliz. Rogers.
Gilbert Atkinson.
Mrs. Moore.
Rich. Draper.
John Garlick.
John Bingham.
Wm. Spavell.
Rob. Markham.
John Markham.
Rich. Marshall.
Wm. Andrewes.
Roger Molineux.
John Barker.
Dr. Rob. Mieres.
John Neile, clerk.
John Scroope.
Eliz. Nevill.
Thos. Houlder.
Thos. Mitchell.
John Mozein.
Jeremy Thornhill.
Thos. Dawson.
Rob. Tonge.
— Tilson.
John and George Rogers.
Robert and John Tonstall.
Wm. Pocklington.
Wm. Wright.
— Appleton.
Rob. Leadbeater.
Wm. Tonge, sen. and jun
John Baxenden.
Nich. Stringer.
Ant. Gilby.
Avery Golland.
George Morris.
Rob. Davell.
Ralph Smith.

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April 21. Petition of Peter Collins, of Cambridge, receiver of the moneys for the Scots' advance in that county, to the Committee for Compounding, for allowance of 2*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* charges, for 2 journeys to London, omitted on the last account. Certified as reasonable. With order for payment. [*G* 75, *p.* 863.]

April 20. Dor[chester]. **76.** [Commissioners for co. Dorset to the Committee for Compounding.] Notes of proceedings on the order of 22 March last, against Drs. Henchman and [Brune] Reeves, John Strode, Angel Gray, and George Hussey. 3 signatures. [¾ *page.*]

April 21. Leicester. **77.** Francis Blithe to John Leech, Aldersgate St. I send you a list of all who have been sequestered and of those who still stand sequestered in co. Leicester, and beg you will present it to the committee. [½ *page.*]

April 21. **78.** List of those who have been sequestered*:—

GUTHLUXTON HUNDRED—CLERKS.

Mr. Cotton, North Kilworth.
Mr. Player, Gilmorton.
[Nath.] Tovey, Lutterworth.
Mr. Rogers, Blaby.
Mr. Laremouth, Claybrooke.
Mr. Riddington, Foston.
Mr. Wade, Swinford.

GENTRY.

Pap. Mrs. Evers, Misterton and Poulton.
Mr. Sanitee, Lutterworth.
Pap. Sir Fras. Englefield.
Thos. Hind, Knighton.
Mr. Abbott, North Kilworth.
Sir John Lambe, Oadeby.
[Rich.] Dudley, Broughton.
Thos. Mawson, Wigston Magna.
Wm. Staresmore, Frolsworth.

GARTREE HUNDRED—CLERKS.

Dr. Ferne, Medborne.
Rob. Cooper, Great Glenn, dead.
Mr. Hill, Laughton.
Dr. Britton, Church Langton.
Jonathan Cox, Bringhurst.
Mr. Wilson, Fleckney.

* In this list, the Papists are designated by Pap. before the name; the names, &c., in brackets are supplied from the following lists.

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GENTRY.

Sir John Skeffington, Bart.
Pap. Mrs. Anne Fortescue, Husband's Bosworth.
[Ralph] Skipwith, South Marfield.
Earl of Westmoreland, Pickwell and Leithorpe.
Mr. Chamberlain, Newton Harcourt.
[Jas.] Filkes, Evington.
Sir Thos. Cotton, Theddingworth.
Sir Rich. Halford, Wistow.
Sir Lewis Watson, Garthorpe and Easton.
Sir Edw. Watson.
Pap. Mr. Arundel, Stockerston.
Mr. Lin, Ilston.
John Barfoot, Burrough.
Barth. Perkins, Stanton.
Major Brudenell [son and heir to Thos. Brudenell], Stanton [Wivell].
Justinian Isham, Shangton.
Pap. Lord Brudenell, Crannow, and Robert [his son and heir.]
Sir John Isham.
Pap. Mr. Poulton, Lubenham.
John Orton, Saddington.
Mr. Walters, Newton Harcourt.
Pap. Alice Widmorepole, Frisby.
John Prettiman, Horninghold.

EAST GOSCOTE HUNDRED—CLERKS.

[Jos.] Smith, Sileby.
Mr. Read, Ratcliffe-on-Wreak.
Mr. Rawson, Hoby.
Mr. Noble, Queeniborough.
Dr. Mannering, Tilton.
Mr. Schacheverill, Rearsby.

GENTRY.

Lord Newport, Loddington and Allexton.
Sir Hen. Skipwith, Cotes [and his son and heir].
Pap. Earl of Antrim [and Duchess of Buckingham], Dalby-super-Wolds.
Pap. Sir Chas. Smith.
Pap. Lady Digby, Loseby [or Holliocks, and Sir Kenelm Digby, Tilton, her son].
Pap. Lady Dormer, Holliocks [or Loseby].
Anthony and Walter Hastings, Humberstone.
Mr. Thistlethwaite, Belgrave.
Mr. Wild and Thos. Read, Seagrave.
Wm. Squire, Gaddesby.
Pap. [George and Edw.] Smith, [brothers] Queeniborough.
[Alex.] Lower and Rob. Page, Queeniborough.
Hen. Hastings, Esq., Humberstone.
Edw. Woodcock, Keame.
Hen. Ironmonger, Burton-on-Wolds.
Pap. John Burton, Grimston.
John Tompson, Belgrave, dead.
Rich. Tunstead, ,, ,,
Hen. Skipwith, jun.
Fras. Needham, Rotherby, clerk.
Pap. Lady Anne Smith, Ashby Folville.
Sir George Dawson, Halstead.
John Halford, Launde Abbey.
Pap. Wm. Stoner, Saxelby.
Pap. Nich. Armeston, ,,
Pap. Fras. Harris, Ashby Folville.
Devereux Barrett, Wimeswould.
Pap. Fras. Smith, jun.
Pap. — Maunton, Tilton.

WEST GOSCOTE HUNDRED—CLERKS.

Mr. Robinson, Long Whatton.
Mr. Rosse, Osgathorpe.
Mr. Parks, Belton.
Mr. Pestell, Packington.
Mr. Standish, Swepstone.

GENTRY.

Pap. Sir Thomas and Lady Beaumont, Gracedieu.
Jas. Duport, Sheepshed.
Thos. Hayes, ,,
Pap. Hen. Merry, Kegworth.
Capt. Graine, Loughborough.
Mr. Wolley, Raunston.
Pap. Countess Dowager of Rutland, Garendon.
Edw. Husbands, Cole Orton.
Sapcote, Viscount Beaumont.
Pap. Geo. Ryder, Garendon.
Pap. John Palmer, ,, [servant to the Countess of Rutland].
Pap. Thos. Hopkins, Garendon.
John Mather, Seal.
Abr. Bembridge, Ashby, dead.
Pap. John Prickett, Merrill Grange.
Sir Edw. Moseley, Glenfield.
Thos. Sykes, Whitwick, dead.
Capt. Baker, Hemington.
Pap. Wm. Sheldon, Overton Sawsy.

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Thos. Dudley, Swepstone.
[Charles] Lord Cockayne, Swepstone.
Rob. Bagnall, Ashby de la Zouch.
Abr. Watson, Ashby de la Zouch.
Hen. Gerrard, ,,
Nich. Hall, clerk, Loughborough.

Sparkenhoe Hundred—Clerks.

Rob. Pullen, Thurlston.
Rob. Weldon, Stoney Stanton.
John Somerfield, Thornton.
Dr. Luston, Ibstock.
Mich. Parkes, Ratby.
Giles Banks, Sharnford.
John Dixon, Glenfield.
John Hodges, Shackerstone.
[John] Hubbock, Nelston.

Gentry.

Pap. George Turvile, Aston Flamville, and Henry [his son].
Hen. Hastings, Charley.
Rob. Bradshaw, Morebarn.
Lady Chamberlain, Higham and Wyker.
[Thos.] Bayly, the Mythe.
Wm. Bent, Norborough, dead.
Hen. Turvile, ,,
— Boddington, Burbage.
Mr. Chansey, Market Bosworth.
Sir Wolstan Dixie, ,,
[and Wolstan, his son and heir].
Rob. Daniell, Sutton Cheney.
Wm. Roberts, jun., Sutton Cheney [and Thomas and Wolstan, his sons].
John Danvers, Shackerstone.
Hen. Styans, Glenfield.
James Grexson, Blackenham.
John Jacombe, Enderby.
Rob. Pelsant, Market Bosworth.
Pap. Walter Astley, Nelston.
Pap. Mrs. [Anne] Bourne, ,,
Ralph Atterton, Newbold.
Thos. Oswin, The Forest.
— Bennett, E., New Park.
— Digby, Norborough Wood.
John Fryer, Newton Unthank.
Sir Hen. Hastings, Braunstone [and Edmund and Ferdinando, his sons].
Abr. Wright, Barlestone.
Thos. Dannett, G., Barkby.
James Carver, Heather.
Thos. Cleveland, Hinckley.

Framland Hundred—Clerks.

Dr. Hearne, Coson.
Dr. Langham, Bottesford.
Mr. Robinson, Eastwell.
Mr. Bird, Somerby.

Gentry.

Sir John Pate, Sysonby.
Earl of Kingston, Long Clawson.
Thos. Mitchell, Coson.
— Smith, ,,
James Smith, Bottesford.
Rob. Turrett, ,,
Pap. Rowland Eyre, Eastwell.
Moses Pawley, Melton.
Sam. Glover, Buckminster.
Pap. Sir Thos. Smith, Sprawston.
Pap. Edw. Longvile, Easthorpe.
Capt. Digby, Kettelby.

List of persons compounded with by the Sequestration Committee by virtue of an order of the House of Commons 30 August 1645, and so discharged from sequestration:—

Hen. Harrington, Thornton.
Thos. Styans, Glenfield.
Rich. Brittaine, Elmsthorpe.
John Oneby, E., Hinckley.
Thos. Davenport, ,,
Wm. Horton, Nelston.
Adam Hickes, Little Peatling.
Rob. Cordell, ,, ,,
— Jervis, E., Great ,,
Rich. Stone, Woodhouse.
Fras. Branckly, Swithland.
Abr. Pemberton, Blathfordby.
Wm. Halford, E., Welham.
Wm. Hunt, clerk, Kibworth.
Rob. Green, Great Glenn.
Ant. Lightfoot, Glowston.
Clement Tookey, Galby.
Hen. Sturley, Laughton.
Hen. Bourowe, clerk, Burrough.
George Noble, Rearsby.
Wm. Inge, Esq., Belgrave.
George Ashby, Quenby.
Jervis Waring, Wartnaby.
Wm. Leake, G., Wimeswould.
Thos. Browne, Tugby.
Sir Erasmus de la Fountaine, Kirby Bellars.
Edw. Fleming, Melton.
James Smith, Bottesford.
Wm. Ward, Leicester.
Edw. Palmer, ,,
Wm. Billers, ,,
Wm. Bent, Enderby.
Walter Rydings, jun., Wescoates.
Wm. Roberts, sen., Sutton Cheney.

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Rich. Churchman, Earl Shilton.
Phil. Wale, Little Ashby.
George Font, E., Foston.
Wm. Bloxum, Elston.
Hum. Burrowes, Mount Sorrel.
Jonas Davy, ,,
Edw. Wright, Ashby de la Zouch.
John Temple, ,,
Sam. Jackson, ,,
Abr. Casey, ,,
Wm. Gladwin, ,,
Thos. Whynniats, ,,
George Ullock, ,,
Thos. Walton, Bushby.
John Cave, clerk, Pickwell.
Greg. Hubbert, Thurmaston.
Edw. Ryley, Barkby.
Blunt Cleir, Walton.
And. Halford. Kilby.
John Weybred, clerk, Skeffington.
Lady Sherrard, Stapleford.
Thos. Moore, Shewston.
Wm. Plummer, jun., Leicester.
Wm. Stubbins, ,,
Rob. Browne, ,,
Thos. Cox, Prestwould.

List of persons discharged on the ordinance of 28 February 1646, giving power to Sir Rich. Skeffington and Col. Needham, governor of Leicester, to compound with them, in consideration of the slighting of the garrison of Ashby de la Zouch:—

Ferdinando, Earl of Huntingdon.
Sir Eusaby Pelsant.
Thos. Crofts, Earl Shilton.
John Vincent, Great Sheepy.
Wm. Bale, Saddington.
Greg. Brooksby, Burstall.
Col. General Hastings.
George Halford.
Wm. Gregory, Asfordby.
Edw. Wrigley, Scraptoft.
Sir John Bale, sen. and jun., Carlton.
Wm. Trimmell, Stoke Golding.

List of persons discharged on orders from the Committee for Sequestrations:—

Sir Kenelm Digby's lands.
Wm. Wollaston, Shenton.
Wm. Reade, Thurnby.
[Wm.] Bierley's lands.
Wm. Wilkinson, Nelston.
Sir George Villiers, Bart.

List of those discharged by the Committee for Compounding:—

Joseph Bent, Enderby.
John Butler, Bilstone.
Hen. Hudson, Melton.
[Hen.] Nevill, Holt [and Colonel and Lieut.-Col. Nevill, his 2 eldest sons].
Wm. Foster, Knighton.
Wm. Roberts, jun., Sutton.
Edw. Farnham, Quarndon.
John Roe, Normanton.
Thos. Gilbert, Thrussington.
Hen. Barodale, Sheepshed.
Wm. Sare, Glenfield.
Sir John Harper, Hemington.

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April 21. **79.** List of 31 ministers sequestered and outed of their parsonages in co. Leicester, coinciding chiefly with the clerks in the preceding lists, but omitting some names and adding the following:—

Rich. Dawson, Congerston.
Rich. Lawterhouse, Desford.
Wm. Richardson, Garthorp.
Roger. Porter, Orton-on-the-hill.
George Tong, Kincott.

List of 149 persons in co. Leicester who have been in delinquency against Parliament, coinciding mainly with the foregoing, but omitting many names, and adding the following:—

Pap. Mrs. Digby, Whitwick.
Sir Christopher and William Hatton.
Thos. Winford.
Fitzwilliam Coningsby, Thrussington.
Thos. Smith, Garendon.
Edw. Lake, D.C.L.
Sir Rob. Banister, re-sequestered.
Samuel, son of Dr. Clarke, for lands in Whatborough.
Thos. Kittennaster, Coleshill, co. Warwick.
Mr. Bigland, clerk, Ibstock.
Rich. Turpin, Knoptoft.

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Also list of 18 who compounded on the slighting of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, including as not named before :—

Sir John Repington, Amington, co. Warwick.
Col. [Edw.] Stamford, Perryhall, co. Stafford.
John Lane, Bentley, co. Stafford.
Chris. Roper.
Isham Perkins, governor of Ashby.

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April 22. Nantwich. **80.** Job Murcott, solicitor of sequestrations for the county and city of Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. I received your letter of 22 March 1648, and the ordinance of Parliament, and sent copies to the sequestrators of the 6 hundreds in this county, desiring a speedy return. I also received the several delinquents' names and sent them into the hundreds where they were sequestered. I return the enclosed certificates; the rest will be sent by Mr. Cockson, your other solicitor. [¾ *page.*]

April 22. **81.** County Committee for Nantwich hundred to the Committee for Compounding. We send you a list of all the sequestered delinquents from the beginning who have any lands in our hundred, viz. :—

Sir Thos. Wilbraham, Bart.
Sir Thos. Smith.
John and Thos. Minshall.
Rich. Griffin.
Jonathan Woodnott.
John Wilson, Wrenbury Frith.
Thos. Poole, Morley, P.
George Bickerton, Horsall.
Thos. Breyne, P.
Robert and Hen. Griffith.
Capt. Rich. Walthall.
John Saringe, minister.
Hen. Vernon.
Widow Cotton.
Ralph Cardiff.
Rob. Crosby.
Edw. Hassall.
Capt. Rob. Horton.
Thos. Weaver.
Thos. Calcott.
Rob. Weaver.
Sir Thos. Delves, Bart.
Alex. Walthall, sen.
Wm. Hassall.
Rich. Greene.
Rich. Wicksteed, jun.
Parson Rowley, Coppenhall.
Thos. Wicksteed, P.
George Parson, P.
Thos. Halmack.
John Pownall.
John Barnett.
Wm. Allen, Brindley.
Thos. Masterson.
Wm. Irish.
John Fythian.
Ralph Horton.
Capt. Johnes.
Wm. Byam.
John Pattrick.
Thos. Warburton.
George Cotton.
Hatton Weaver.
John Sharshaw.
Chris. Halford.
Randall Minshall.
Thos. Sidway.
John Malkyn.
Rich. Dunning.
Charles Wicksteed.
George Bickerton, jun., Horsall.
John Bickerton.
Thos. Holland.
Rob. Lathom.
— Newton, minister.
Thos. Wallis.
Randall Church.
Randall Halmack.
Jane Wagge.
Rich. Wilks, jun.

List of delinquents who have lands in the hundred but live elsewhere :—

John, Earl Rivers.
Earl of Shrewsbury, P.
Robert, Viscount Kilmorey.
Sir Thos. Aston, Bart.
Sir Hugh Calveley.
Thos. Poole, P., and D.
Hugh Wilbraham.
Wm. Hinton.
[Thos.] Bromley, Hampton Post.
— Lawton, Lawton.
John Page.
Wm. Leversage, sen.
Edw. Dodd.
— Silitoe, minister.
Thos. Rowley.
Thos. Hilditch.
Rich. Wilson, minister.
William, Lord Brereton.
John Brenie.
Rich. Heath.
Robert, Viscount Cholmondeley.
James Poole, P. and D.
Dorothy Poole, widow, P.
Parson Fowler, Whitchurch.

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Wm. Bromley, Baginton.
— Sneyde, Keele.
Randall Egerton, Betley.
Randall Griffyth.
Charles Walley.
— Kelsall, vicar of Audley.
John Kelsall, minister, his son.
Wm. Kelsall.
Thos. Davies.
Piers Dodd.

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April 23. York. **82.** Rob. Horner, mayor, and the Committee for the city and county of York to the Committee for Compounding. The following persons have been sequestered for delinquency:—

PAPISTS IN ARMS.

Henry, Viscount Dunbar.
Rob. Gayle.

PAPISTS.

John Thwaites.
Lady Julian Walmesley.
Mary Vadcoe.
— Taylor, M.D.
Ellen Stapleton.

DELINQUENTS IN ARMS.

Thomas, Lord Falconbridge.
Sir Hen. Slingsby.
Sir John Mallory.
Sir Edm. Cowper.
— Topham.
Wm. Atkinson.
Toby Swinborne.
John Robinson, clerk.
Sir George Radcliffe.
Sir Wm. Robinson.
Sir Thos. Harrison.
Rob. Sothaby.
Rob. Morley.
Sam. Breary.
Thos. Rudd.
Leonard Scott.

DELINQUENTS WHO HAVE PRODUCED GOLDSMITHS' HALL ORDERS FOR THEIR DISCHARGES.

Sir Wm. Saville.
Sir John Key.
Sir Roger Jaques.
Thos. Slingsby.
Cuthbert Harrison.
Sir Thos. Strickland.
Sir John Goodrick.
Toby Jenkins.
Rich. Elmhurst.

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April 24. **83.** Tobias Frere, solicitor for sequestrations for Norfolk and Norwich, to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 22 March, I have done my best to discover all estates sequestered here, both before and since my taking office. I send a list, as correct as I can, from the unmethodical and undigested books of the County Committee. But the return is not perfect, as leases have been made and rents abated before I could oppose them, or in my absence; and underwoods and goods sold by 2 or more of the commissioners, as so authorised, away from the general meetings, and not recorded by the clerk. I do not include those who had only personal estate, which has been converted to the use of the State. [¾ *page.*]

April 24. **84.** List by the same of sequestered delinquents, with date of their sequestration, valuation of their estates, and sundry particulars, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
John Paston, D., and P., Barningham	147	17	6
Sir Wm. Le Neve, D., Aslacton	184	0	0
Capt. John Hamond, D., Ellingham and Shimpling, discharged by the Committee for Compounding 17 March 1648	323	9	0
Rob. London, D., Whetacre	341	16	0
Rich. Catlyn, D., Kirby, discharged by order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations on reference from the House of Commons, 9 April 1647	381	14	0
John Anguish, D., discharged by the Committee for Compounding, 12 Sept. 1646, but compounded only for 90*l.* a year	134	0	0
Mat. Wren, Bishop of Ely, D.	250	7	1½
Augustine Bloomfield, D., beside personalty, 1,147*l.* 15*s.* already seized, and a debt of 104*l.*	99	13	4

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	£	s.	d.
Tim. Plummer, D., Wymondham	3	0	0
Edm. Anguish, D., beside houses in Norwich, some ruined, some mortgaged	60	0	0
Sir John Harrison, D., South Lynn	500	0	0
Edw. Colfer, D., discharged by the Committee for Compounding 16 Sept. 1646	130	0	0
Sir John Banks, Lord Chief Justice of Common Pleas, D., besides copyhold fines, uncertain	580	6	4½
Sir Rob. Wynn, D., Marshland	360	0	0
Dr. Holdsworth, D., Terrington rectory, Marshland	200	0	0
Wm. Cobb, P. and D, Sandringham, &c.	861	6	8
Edm. Mundiford, P. and D., Wereham, Stoke	139	15	0
Jeremy Beck, D., Castleacre, &c., suspended by order of the House of Commons 20 Feb. 1647, on security before the Committee for Compounding to abide the orders of Parliament	1100	0	0
Dr. Watts, D., Berwick vicarage, in the Brakes	8	0	0
Thos. Pigg, D., Walpole in Marshland	27	0	0
George Lacy, D., house in [Castle] Rising	1	6	8
Art. Heveningham, D., Hockwold, Wilton, &c., discharged by the Committee for Compounding, 28 Jan. 1648	200	0	0
Sir John Burrell, D., Bishopric lands discharged by the Committee for Compounding, 13 March 1647	130	0	0
John Athowe, D., Pedder's Wink, &c., discharged by the Committee for Compounding, 22 Aug. 1646	25	0	6
Hen. Knapp, D., house in Lynn	6	0	0
John Fountayne, D., East Dereham	95	15	6
Wm. Hungate, D., Scarning. Sequestration ceased by his death, as ordered by the Commissioners for Sequestrations, 8 March 1647	270	16	0
Thos. Leman, jun., D.	30	0	0
Thos. Leman, sen., D., Aylsham, discharged by the Committee for Compounding, Sept. 1646, but lately ordered to be proceeded against for non-payment of fine	52	10	6
Thos. Reeve, clerk, D.	24	15	0
Sir John Heydon, D., Baconsthorpe, discharged by the Committee for Compounding, 12 Sept. 1646	157	10	0
Edw. Kempe, D., rent-charge from his brother, Sir Rob. Kempe's lands in Gissing	40	0	0
Fras. Cheney, D. and P., attorney, Gissing	12	0	0
Sir Drue Drury, D., Riddlesworth, sequestration ceased by his death a year since	240	0	0
Sir Art. Hopton, D., Saul Oldton, discharged by the Committee for Compounding 1646	80	13	0
Augustine Holl, D., Wapham, Heigham, Norwich, Seething, &c., discharged by the Committee for Compounding 26 Sept. 1646, except 150*l.* not compounded for	1285	13	4
Lord Capel, D., East Dereham, &c.	393	0	0
John Penning, D., Carbrooke and Buckenham, discharged by the Committee for Compounding 28 Feb. 1649	65	0	0
Dr. Ambrose Congham, D., Dickleburgh, held for the life of his wife, now dead	80	0	0
Step. Knight, D., registrar of Norwich Consistory, fees uncertain, but about 100*l.*, discharged in 1646 by the Commissioners for Sequestrations, but he did not press restitution, knowing himself a delinquent, and has been proved to have served as trooper in Sir Edw. Waldegrave's regiment	—		
Duke of Lenox and Richmond, D., fee-farm rent on Pulham Manor, sequestration suspended by the Committee for Compounding 17 Nov. 1646	108	14	4½

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	£	s.	d.
Ralph Flowerdew, D., Hethersett	2	13	4
Edm. de Grey, D., rent charge on the lands of his brother James	23	6	8
Sir Hen. Bedingfield, P. D., Swanton-Morley, &c., part discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations, on pretence of a trust in 1642 for the two children of his second son Henry	2007	16	5
Sir Chris. Athow, D., Beechamwell, besides personalty seized and sold for 448*l.* 8*s.*, discharged by the Committee for Compounding 4 Feb. 1646, and restitution of personalty ordered	301	16	0
Sir Rich. Crane, Rising, Whinborough, &c., discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations 14 Nov. 1645, he being dead	380	0	0
Peter Ansell, D., house in Norwich	9	0	0
Dr. Joseph Hall, late Bishop of Norwich, D., bishopric revenues, beside fines, profits of courts, &c.	1215	13	5½
Rob. Vallance, D., discharged with restitution by the Committee for Sequestrations 19 May 1647	180	0	0
Sir John Pettus, D., Halvergate	40	0	0
John Parish, P. and D., Stokesby, rent charge	50	0	0
Fras. Cornwallis, D., Beeston, discharged by the Committee for Compounding 24 Feb. 1646	120	0	0
Sir Rich. Bellasis, D., Fishley and Clippesby, discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations 14 May 1644	50	0	0
Sir Wm. Denny, D., Toft Monks, Wood Dalling, &c., discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations 27 Sept. 1644	519	13	4
Thos. Peck, D., Spixworth and Haynford	197	0	0
Sir Wm. Paston, Bart., discharged by the House of Commons 3 June 1644	5594	8	0½
Edw. Barnwell, D., Mileham, &c., beside fines, uncertain	328	7	1
Hen. Jermy, D.	200	0	0
Lord Abergavenny, D., Sutton, Burgh, Upton, and Scoulton, beside uncertain fines	153	16	8
Sir Jacob Astley, D., discharged by Parliament 8 March 1648	120	0	0
Sir Rob. Kemp, D., Gissing, Antingham, &c., discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations, 6 June 1644	1200	0	0
Fras. Godolphin, D., discharged under the Broad Seal 1646	311	0	0
Rob. Burr, D., Aylsham, discharged by the Committee for Compounding 18 Sept. 1646	45	0	0
Sir Hen. Compton, D., Binham, Barney, Ryburgh, &c., beside profits of courts, uncertain, all discharged by the Committee for Compounding 10 March 1648, except 107*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.*	623	14	7½
Clippesby Bacon, D.	20	0	0
Sir Thos. Corbett, D., value of estate doubtful, being much charged with debts and legacies	1600	0	0
Roger Castle, D., rent charge	20	0	0
John Lynes, D., houses in the Cathedral Close, value not discovered, discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations 24 Nov. 1646	—		
Henry, Lord Mowbray, now Earl of Arundel and Surrey, estate sequestered after much controversy about lands settled in trust. Sale of timber, value uncertain. By orders of the Committee for Sequestrations, only 20*l.* of the personal and 30*l.* of the real estate has been levied by the County Committee	4374	15	9
John Soame, D., Burnham, value uncertain, discharged by the Committee for Compounding 24 March 1646 at 675*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*	—		

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	£	s.	d.
Nich. Timperley, P. D., beside fines. He was in the rebellion at Lynn, but procured underhand a discharge from the Committee for Sequestrations 3 March 1647	228	0	0
Sir Allan Zouch and Katherine his wife, D., Banham, Methwold, &c., discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations 3 Nov. 1647	180	0	0
John Priest, D., lawyer	31	0	0
Wm. Barber, D. Tibenham	28	0	0
,, ,, in reversion after his mother	70	0	0
Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, D., Depeham rectory	35	0	0
Clement Spilman, D., Rockland Tofts	80	0	0
Armiger Playford, D., sequestered for molesting officers in levying Parliament rates	40	0	0
Sir Wm. Mason, D., Sloley, also personal estate of 229*l.* 12*s.*	59	0	0
Thos. Cory, of Norwich, D., sequestered about the Lowestoft insurrection, but no receipts	—		
Rich. Curtis, D.	6	0	0
Thomas Knivett, D., Ashwellthorpe, sequestered for Lowestoft insurection. No receipts	—		
Sir Alex. Ratcliffe, D., discharged by Parliament 6 May 1645	100	0	0
Sir John Spilman, D. No estate discovered; case before the Committee for Sequestrations	—		
Rob. Jegon, D. No estate discovered	—		
Fras. Godfrey, P. and D., rent charge	10	0	0
Thos. Peyton, D., Fransham	24	0	0
John Barber, Norwich, D., personal estate, being brewing vessels sequestered, worth 30*l.*	21	0	0
Wm. Campion, D., Thetford, discharged by the Committee for Compounding 26 Oct. 1646	184	0	0
Sam. James, D., Ellingham	10	0	0
—— Burdurdoe, clerk, D., rectory not named	45	0	0
Sam. Newson, Norwich, D.	12	0	0
Tollemache Castle, D. Business before the Committee for Sequestrations. Personal estate secured, but not valued	500	0	0
Rich. Allen, D.	2	0	0
Lady Richardson, wife of Sir Thos. Richardson. No estate discovered	—		

Many others were in the Lynn insurrection, whom I think liable to sequestration, but it is deferred on a supposed exemption by the articles of surrender. Those articles contain a proviso that nothing therein is to be construed coutrary to any ordinance of Parliament. I fear there has been some wilful neglect, no more being sequestered for such a rebellion; and many are waiting for their moneys lent on the public faith, which should have been repaid out of moneys raised on delinquents' estates. [*Book of 33 pages, with an alphabetical list prefixed of the delinquents.*]

April 24. Bodmin. **85.** County Commissioners for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. On your orders to our solicitor, we send you a list of the considerable persons sequestered in this county. Some of them, in our want of money to pay the county taxes, have disbursed large sums, which we beg may be considered. Others were sequestered rather for example than otherwise, and are discharged as not worth 200*l.* The late great sickness has deprived some of life, and others of estate. If effectual course were taken with those able to pay, it would be very advantageous. Their estates lie chiefly untenanted, few being willing to stock ground for so short a time as we can grant, and in such uncertain times. What is let is at so low a rate as only to defray taxes, annuities, and other charges usually encumbering the estates. [1 *page.*]

April 24. **86.** List of sequestered persons in Cornwall, viz.:—

Sir Hen. Spiller.	Colan Bluett.
Rob. Walker, of Exeter.	Rich. Blyth.
Rich. Courtney.	Edw. Hoslyn.
John Billing.	Sir Rich. Prideaux.
Warwick, Lord Mohun.	John Munday.

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John Tavernor, dead.
John Trevillian.
Peter Trevillian.
John Wheare.
John Wheare, his son.
John Benoke.
Abel French.
Degory Collins.
Sir Wm. Courtney.
Pearse Edgcombe.
Capt. Battersby.
Sir John Glanville.
[Thos.] Masham, London.
Wm. Scawen.
Thos. Lower.
Edw. Trelawney.
Rob. Rous.
Sir John Grills.
Thos. Robinson.
Walter Langdon.
Dig. Tremaine.
Mr. Penpound.
George Trevellian, of Nettlecombe, Somerset.
Sir Hen. Killigrew, dead.
Joseph Jane.
Chris. Ough.
John Harris, dead.
Walter Hele.
Sir John Trelawney.
Wm. Gwavas.
John Roberts.
Edw. Kestle.
John Kestle, Pendenvow.
Walter Glyn.
James Mark.
Thos. Achim.
Sir Hen. Carey, Devon.
Sir Chichester Wray.
Ambrose Manaton.
Pearse Manaton.
Edw. Kneebone.
Wm. Corington.
Wm. Trevisa.
Ant. Rous, Haltmar.
John Conock.
Wm. Bond, Holwood.
Wm. Bond, Earth, dead.
Jonat. Trelawney.
Thos. Smith, *alias* Scawen.
Sir Rich. Grenville.
Nich. Hawk.
Nevill Bligh.
Sim. Cottle.
Rich. Porter.
John Vacy.
Tim. Browning.
Sir John Grenville.
Sir Wm. Godolphin.
Fras. Godolphin, of Godolphin.
Ezek. Arundel.
Renatus Bellott.
Rich. Pendarvis.
James Prade.
Wm. Pendarvis.
Hannibal Buggens.
Wat. Smith, Sussex.
Fras. Bluett.
Wm. Painter.
Fras. Jones.
Fras. Robinson.
John Bonithon.
John, Lord Poulett, of Somerset.
John Bassett.
Earl of Bath, Devon.
John Arundel, Sithney.
Thos. Harris.
George Sprey.
Sir Art. Bassett.
Sir Thos. Hele, Devon.
Sir Fras. Bassett, dead.
Sir Thos. Bassett, dead.
Sir Nich. Slanning, dead.
Rich Arundel.
John Wikes, Farenbridge.
Wm. Godolphin.
Rob. Henley.
Sir George Parry, Devon.
Sir John Ackland, Devon, dead.
John Prideaux.
John Trethewy.
Sir Peter Courtney.
Wm. Williams.
Sir Charles Trevanion.
Oliver Saul.
Rich. Edgcombe.
John Polewheele.
Jonat. Rashley.
John Hicks.
John Trefry.
Hum. Noy.
Rich Ley.
Al. Kemphorne.
Nich. Saul.
Sir Hen. Clark.
John Plumley.
Rosacleer Arscott.
Thos. Wood.
John Fortescue, Fallowpit, Devon.
John Roe.
Obadiah Reynolds.
Chamond Arundel.
Chamond Grenville.
Roger Polkenhorne.
Tavernor Lampford.
Petherick Jenken.
Wm. Sprey.
Sir Rich. Vivian.
Nic. Borlace.
Sir Sam. Cosworth.
John Arundel, of Trerise.
Sir John Arundel.
Phil. Sprey.

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April 29. **87.** List by Gilbert Loders, solicitor of sequestrations, of persons sequestered in co. Dorset, and not discharged, viz.:—

Earl of Bristol, Sherborne.
Sir John Strangways, and Giles, his son, Abbotsbury.
Marquis of Winchester.
Sir Edw. Lawrence, Grange, dead, and Robert his son
Sir George Vaughan, Gussage St. Michael.
Hen. Collier, Hermitage.
Hugh Grove, Holcombe.
John Crooke, ,,
Hen. Butler, ,,
Thos. Loope, Sturminster Marshall.
Thos. Phillipps, Corfe Mullen.
Baronet Portman's heir.
Angel Grey, Kingston.
John Daw, North Holt.
Barnard Bowyer, Frome St. Quinton, clerk.
Sir John Stowell, Higham, co. Somerset.
Sir Fras. Fulford, Toller.
Rob. Napper, Punchknowle, his estate in part under extent.
Jeffry Samways, Portsham.
John Frampton, Buckland.
Hen. Hastings, Woodlands. Case removed to the Committee for Sequestrations, where it is stopped these 2 years.
Nich. Page, Radipole.
Andrew and John Samways, Upway.
Art. Radford, Develish.
John Fussell, Blandford.
Sir George Moreton, his estate extended on several extents.
Brune Daccomb, Corfe.
John Minson, Symondsbury, revoked on certificate of the County Commissioners that he was discharged of delinquency.
John Turner, Whitchurch.
Robert Mohun, Buckham.
Rich. Payne, Bridport.
Rich. Bragg, Childhay.
Lady Poulett.
Wm. Gardner, Weymouth.
Wm. Gollop, clerk, Abbotstock.
John Hebbs, Caundle, dead.
Rob. Dowding, Kuniston.
Thos. Barnes, Duntish, [? Dantish] dead.
Hubert Hussey, Sidlin.
Heir of Edm. Heming, Poxwell.
Rich. Swayne, Gunfield.
Hen. Durnford, Sherborne.
John Fitzjames, Holnest.
John Freke, Helton.
Hen. Wolfryes, Marsh. His lands in mortgage, and no benefit to the State.
Fras. Frye, Iwerne.
Brune Rives, D.D.
John Scutt, Tincleton.
Ralph Conisby, Ham.
Joan Cole, Wickampton, widow.

Recusants.

Lord Stourton, of Stourton.
Lord Arundel of Wardour, and William Arundel his son.
Mrs. Mallett, Gussage St. Andrew.
Rich. Goulding, Motcombe.
Thos. Lanning, Orchard.
Sir John Webb, Canford.
Thos. Arundel, Corfe Mullen.
John Biddlecombe, Longham.
— Stone, Wimborne.
Allen Trym, Hampreston.
George Carey, Hamworthy.
Thos. Martyn, Parkpale.
Thos. White, Fittleford, in arms.
Lady Petre, and Lord Petre.
George Arundel, Netherbury.
Thos. Speere, Bere.
Earl of Worcester.
Isabel Wells, co. Hants.
John Limbry, sen. and jun., Chideock.
John and Ann Orchard, widow, Chideock.
Thos. Coppithorne, Chideock.
John and Widow Wakely, Chideock.
Hen. Gibbs, Corscombe.
Widow Mullens, Netherbury.
Edw. Codrington, Stoke Abbott.
Wm. Gayler, Abbotsham, in arms.
William and Widow Wareham, Ryle.
Eliz. Arundel, Chideock.
Rob. Constable, ,,
John Holcombe, ,,
Benedict Carpenter, ,,
John Browne, Hyde, in arms.
John Symes, Milton.
Mrs. Limbry, Stalbridge.
Thos. Stourton, Cannele.
— Knipe, Marnhull.
Alex. Kaines, Radipole, in arms.
Wm. Basing, Burton.
John Bright, Houghton.

List of those who have been sequestered, have compounded, and are discharged:—

Sir John Miller, Briddy.
John Tregonnell, Anderson.
Rob. Henly.
Thos. Chaffin, Chettle.
John Strode, Parneham.
John and Henry Hoskins, Beaminster.
Rob. Mallock, merchant of Exeter.

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Ann Marshall, Bridport, exor. of Wm. Marshall.
George Hussey, Hemsworth.
Giles Lockett, Charlton, co. Somerset.
Hugh Hodges, Sherborne.
Bullen Reymes, Maypowder.
Wm. Coker, Maypowder.
Wm. Larder, Loders.
John Colleton, merchant of Exeter.
George Bryant, Broadwinsor.
Edm. Hull, Tolpuddle.
Roger Knight, Burstock.
Joan Strode [Stoke], Under Hambden [co. Somerset].
John Symes, Pownsford, Somerset.
George Kirk, Westminster.
Rich. Newman, Fifehead [Magdalen].
Sir Edw. Berkley, Pill, Somerset.
Josias Cooth, Sherborne.
Wm. Collier, Motcombe.
Sir Hen. Carey, Cockington, Devon.
Mary, widow of Sir John Bankes.
Rob. Lawrence, Bagborough, Somerset.
Warwick, Lord Mohun.
Lady Foljambe, for Lady Beresby's estate.
Frances and Katharine Cornwallis, discharged by the Commissioners for Sequestrations.
John Jeffery, Catherston.
And. Overton, Babcary, Somerset.
Dr. Hum. Henchman, Sarum, D.D.
Hum. Weld.
Geo. Style, Maypowder.
Col. Windham, governor of Bridgewater, extended.
John Peason, dead, estate taken off by his wife.
John Loope, Westminster.
Anne, wife of Lord Rich, discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations.
John Churchill, Wootton Glanville.

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April ? —— to the Committee for Compounding. On the Parliament Order of 23 March last, we have viewed Worcester House. The garden abutting on the Thames, from Salisbury House garden to a passage belonging to the tenements in the Strand, is 238 ft. by 107 at the west, and 137 at the east end; and another garden, lying between this and the tenements, is 90 ft. by 82. It has 60 rooms, great and small, most of them ancient, a stable for 8 horses, and 2 coach-houses. There is also an ancient house next the street, which has always belonged to Worcester House. [*G* 133, *p.* 341, *damaged.*]

April ? **88.** List of the several returns of delinquents and Papists made from counties named, on the order of 22 March 1648. [2 *pages.*]

April ? John Ashe to Mr. Leech. Examine your books for delinquents of Cornwall, Dorset, Somerset, and Gloucester, and put their names into two ranks. 1. Those who have petitioned, but neglect to finish their composition. 2. Those who have compounded but not paid their full money, that the County Committees may imprison them all, seize their personal and sequester their real estates. Reprove the committees for letting estates at undervalues, and to delinquents or their agents, because delinquents raise tumults and incite to new wars in many counties, and Parliament is informed of their intention to do it in the West counties. To prevent this, new forces are to be sent. Therefore let the names be found out as soon as possible, that money may be raised to pay these forces. [*G* 119, *p.* 798.]

May 5. **89, 90.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Commissioners of Kent. Parliament having granted Alice, Dowager Viscountess Moore, of Drogheda, 4,000*l.* of her husband's arrears from delinquents' estates nominated by her, she presents to us Sir George Sands and 7 others, all of Kent, the profits of whose estates she desires to receive. We therefore desire you to allow her to receive the rents, and give her your best assistance in collecting them. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 196; 4, *p.* 201; 100, *pp.* 639, 751.]

May 6. Nantwich. **91.** Jas. Bullen, clerk of the Committee of Northwich Hundred, co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. I could not send my returns of delinquents sooner, on account of suits at the last assizes, &c. [¼ *page.*]

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May 6. **92.** List of Papists and delinquents discharged or under sequestration in Northwich Hundred, co. Chester:—

—— Ashmold, D., no estate here.
Sir Thos. Aston, Bart., estate discharged by the Commissioners for Sequestrations, being the right of his son, Sir Willoughby Aston.
—— Bramhall, brother to the Bishop of Derry, supposed delinquent, but not proved.
Rich. Brereton, Ashley, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Lawrence Booth, Twemlow, ,, ,, ,,
Lady Anne Brereton, sequestered for delinquency of Sir Gilbert Gerard, but discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations.
Lord Brereton discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Mary Bayliffe, Congleton, recusant.
—— Bosson, Newbold Astbury.
Judge [or Sir Rob.] Brerewood, lands in Wharton, made over to his daughter before the war, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
John Booth, Twemlow, D., no estate.
Wm. Booth, his brother, no estate.
[Fras.] Biddulph, Biddulph [co. Stafford], P. and D.
John Balkley, Brereton, D., no estate.
John Brereton, annuity of 100*l.* a year from the lands of his brother, Lord Brereton, not compounded for.
Roger Brooke, *alias* Grin, Congleton, D., no estate.
Thos. Barnes, Lowe, in Shropshire, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, and having compounded a few days after the discovery of his estate, nothing was received from it.
John Bellott, D., discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Jonathan Beckit, no estate.
Rob. Bromfield, D.
John Cleaford, Over, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Rob. Carter, Middlewich, ,, ,, ,,
Thos. Cholmley, ,, ,, ,,
Hugh Cholmley.
Jeremiah, Humphrey, and Edward, brothers of Rob. Carter, on whom his lands are entailed.
Mich. Crosse, Middlewich, no estate.
Sam. Carington, very poor, under value.
Lord Cholmley, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Ralph Comberbatch, Congleton, no estate.
—— Catterall, parson of Swettenham, no estate but the parsonage, which goes to the maintenance of the ministry.
James Carter, jun,, Brereton, no estate.
Thos. Church, no estate but in reversion after his mother.
Rich. Deane, Smallwood, deceased, under value.
Dr. Dodd, deceased, Astbury Rectory disposed of by Parliament to Mr. Ley.
Dean and Chapter's means were sequestered, but are now received, by ordinance of Parliament, by Mr. Glindall of Chester.
Earl of Derby.
Rob. Elcock, D., discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
[Ralph] Egerton, Ridley, small lands in Northwich.
John Fletcher, Morley, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Richard Fletcher, his son, no estate yet.
John Farington, Brereton, no means.
Ald. Ford, Congleton, discharged by the Committee for Compounding.
George Ford, his son, no estate.
Rich. Furnifall, Smallwood, estate in reversion after his mother.
Rich. Fithian, Congleton, no estate
Mr. Foster, Holt.
Sir Fras. Gamull.
Rich. Green, no estate.
Thos. Green, his brother, no estate.
John Gleave, sequestered only for a debt of 20*l.*
Edw. Grosvenor, Congleton, under value.
John Gibbons, Bradford, no estate.

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John Green, Congleton, small estate, active only when the enemy was prevalent.
Wm. Green, Congleton, no estate, very poor.
Rich. Hankinson, P.
Rich. Hayes.
Randal Harding, Minshull Vernon, under value.
John Holford, Davenham.
James Ingham, Congleton, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Lord Kilmorey, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
John Kinsey, Wimboldsley.
Sir Rich. Leveson, part of a lease, worth 4*l.* a year, in Middlewich, and compounded for at 2*l.*
Wm. Leversage, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
John Lawton, ,, ,, ,,
Peter Leicester, ,, ,, ,,
John Lawton, of Snape, ,, ,, ,,
Edward and John Latham of Congleton, acted only when the enemy was violent.
John Lee, Buglawton, no estate.
Fras. Leckett, no estate.
John Minshall, Minshull, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Wm. Moreton, Moreton.
Edw. Moreton, D.D., his son, no estate.
Lord Molineux.
Dean [Thos.] Mallory, lands restored to his wife as her dower.
Rich. Mallory, D., heir to the estate after his mother.
Thos. Minshall, Yardswick, lands all sequestered by the Committee for Sequestrations, except 20*l.* a year for life in another hundred.
Peter Mainwaring, jun., Smallwood.
Thos. Mainwaring.
Rob. Millington, Peover, no estate.
Sir Wm. Massey.
John Meek, Congleton, acted only when the enemy was prevalent.
Leftwich Oldfield, case being doubtful, the Committee for Sequestrations referred it to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
—— Parnell, merchant of Chester, deceased, lands discharged, being his wife's dower, and to descend to his brother Tobias, a friend to Parliament, but a wine license worth 18*l.* a year still sequestered.
Randle Pointon, Congleton, acted when the enemy was prevalent.
Phil. Prichard, has compounded at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Wm. Pierpoint, Brereton, questionable.
Rich. Pierpoint, D., his son, no estate as yet.
Thos. Pickford, Congleton, no estate.
—— Porter, P., a small thing.
Randle Peever, Rode, dead.
Rich. Peever, under value, and has since taken up arms for Parliament, and done good service.
Randle Rode, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, no estate.
Thomas Rode, his son and heir.
—— Rode, another son, no estate.
—— Robinson, parson of Brereton, has only books, which are sold, and timber reserved to repair the parsonage house.
Earl Rivers.
John Rathbone, Brereton, eldest son, no estate yet.
Hugh Rathbone, Brereton, acted only whilst under the power of Brereton garrison.
Thos. Smethwick, Smethwick, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Sir Thomas Smith, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
John Swaine, Brereton, not proceeded against yet, for lack of time.
Mat. Smallwood, clerk, eldest son, no estate found; enquiry will be made, his grandmother being dead, but the town is but lately freed from the plague.
Randle Smith, Congleton, no estate.
John Shaw, Brereton, no estate discovered.

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James Strongitharm, no estate discovered.
Thos. Savage, Beeston.
—— Tudman, late vicar of Sandbach, D., the vicarage will hardly find a minister.
Rich. Twiford, no estate.
John Tomlinson, under value.
Peter Venables.
Thos. Venables, his son and heir, no estate yet.
Hen. Vernon, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
John Whitelock, P., estate discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations, being his wife's.
Hugh Wilbraham, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Rob. Weaver, deceased, estate small.
Lawrence Winnington, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
John Wilson, sen. and jun.
Ald. John Walker, Congleton, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
John and Robert Werden, Chester, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Wm. Yate, discharged by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, but there is a debt of 135*l.* suspected not to be compounded for.
Dan. Yate, supposed to be under value.
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May 11. **93.** Hen. Cockson, solicitor of sequestrations, co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. I send a schedule of delinquents in Macclesfield Hundred. This is the last remaining; I hope those of the other hundreds have already reached you. [½ *page.*] *Annexing*

94. *County Commissioners for Macclesfield Hundred to Hen. Cockson. We send you a schedule of our delinquents and malignants, noting those who have got their pardons, or compounded for their whole estate. Those marked* (*a*) *have compounded for personalty only, and must compound for their real estates, if Parliament so appoint. Those who have compounded at Goldsmiths' Hall are marked thus* *. *We agreed with some about their personal estates, because we thought they would be concealed or embezzled, and their real estates are small, and under* 200*l. value. We beg you to send them to Goldsmiths' Hall. Bullock Smithy,* 8 *May* 1648. [1 *page.*]

May 11. **95.** Catalogue of sequestered delinquents in Macclesfield Hundred:—

John, Marquis of Winchester.
James, Earl of Derby.
John, Earl Rivers.
Sir Hugh Calveley, dead, estate not seized because extended by Lady Brereton.
* Sir Thos. Wilbraham.
Sir Cecil Trafford.
Sir Wm. Massey.
Dame Felicia Fitton.
Thos. Leigh, Adlington, dead, his son Thomas has sued out a pardon for himself, and Peter, Charles, and Henry, his brothers.
* Edw. Warren, Pointon, pardon sued for himself and his 2 uncles, Humphrey and Edm. Warren.
* Wm. Davenport, Broomhall.
Wm. Downes, Worth, real estate, mostly in jointure.
Rob. Tatton, Withenshaw.
* Peter Leicester, jun., Nether Tabley,
* Henry Leigh, High Leigh,
* James Massey, Sale,
} All live in Bucklow Hundred.
* — Ashton, Chatterton [co. Lancaster], lives in Lancashire.
Peter Worth, Tytherington.
* John Shalcross, Shalcross, Derbyshire man, and has sued out his pardon.
John Davenport, Widford.
John Davenport, Rode, lives in Northwich Hundred.

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PARSONS.

Wm. Nicholls, D.D., Cheadle.
Edm. Chalcross, Stockport, dead.
Sam. Shipton, Alderley.
Thos. Wright, Wilmslow.
Thos. Mallory, Northenden.
Thos. Hutchins, Gawsworth, dead.
a Rob. Wright, Pointon.

GENTRY.

Peter Davenport, Broomhall.
Wm. Davenport, Widford, dead.
John Davenport, his son and heir.
Humphrey and Edm. Warren, included in Edw. Warren's pardon.
Lawrence Warren.
Charles, Peter, Henry, and Urian Leigh, included in Thos. Leigh's pardon.
a Wm. Shirt.
Robert Stapleton.
a Thos. Stapleton.
Rob. Arderne.
a John Bannister.
Ralph Hollinshed, dead.
a John Bretland, attorney.
Thos. Bould, schoolmaster, } dead.
Wm. Burges, attorney, }
Thos. Piggott has a pardon for himself and James Wrenshaw, of Bucklow Hundred, his son-in-law.
a Joseph Ward.
John Davenport, of Hough.
John Rudyard, Staffordshire man.
*Dorothy Shirt, widow.
Fras. Mellor, recusant.
a Rich. Byron.
James Renshaw, late resident in Macclesfield Hundred, included in Thos. Piggott, his father-in-law's pardon.
* George Watts.
* Hen. Wood.
Oliver Hurst, dead.
a Roger Booth.
a Edw. Barlow.
a Hum. Blackshaw.
a Fras. Barton.
a Rich. Barton.
a James Clarke.
* Wm. Newton.
* Thos. Pickford.
Rich. Normansell.
a Peter Skelhorne.
a John Skelhorne.
a Edw. Shirt.
a Wm. Higham, jun.
a John Ridgway.
a Wm. Walker.
a Nich. Leigh.
a James Renshaw, Northenden.
a Rob. Renshaw.
a Roger Henshaw.
a Edw. Moreton.
a Edw. Sherman.
a John Halliwell.
a Hen. Pott.
a Thos. Bower.
a Wm. Hulme.
a Rich. Newton.
a Thos. Hibbert.
a James Clarke, Prestbury.
Edw. Burges.
Edw. Greene, dead.
a Ralph Barber.
a Hum. Harropp.
a Oliver Clarke.
a James Barber.
a Thos. Ridgway.
a Wm. Lowe.
a George Shore.
a John Barber.
a James Clarke, Adlington.
a Leonard Pownall.
a George Burges.
a Wm. Lucas.
a Thos. Greene.
a John Gee.
a Thos. Allen.
Thos. Hollinshead.
Ralph Burges.
a Isabel Pimlott.
a Edw. Crowder.
Rich. Bosson.
a Thos. Alcock.
a Wm. Holland.
a Thos. Downes.
Hugh Pickford.

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Phil. Hyde.
Edw. Oldham.
Edw. Orme.
Rich. Browne.
Jonathan Ward.
Hum. Clarke.
Wm. Skelhorne.
Reynold Ryle.
John Simson.
Edw. Johnson.
John Blackshaw.
Reynolds Allen, dead.
Rob. Coates.
Oliver Hollinworth.

The undernamed, of whom the 5 first are gentlemen, and the rest husbandmen, were very active against Parliament, continue extremely malicious, and should be remembered if Parliament imposes any further punishment on delinquents.

Urian Leigh.
Wm. Shirt.
John Bretland.
Jos. Ward.
John Davenport of Hough.
Edw. Barlow.
Francis and Rich. Barton.
Wm. Higham, jun.
Rob. Wrenshaw.
Roger Henshaw.
John Halliwell.
Edw. Bostock.
Thos. Alcock.
Wm. Walker.
Rich. Bosson.

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May 12. **96.** Thos. Garth [solicitor for sequestrations in co. Cumberland] to the Committee for Compounding. I send such a list as I could obtain in so short a time of the delinquents and recusants in this county.

DELINQUENTS.

Sir Patricius Curwen, Bart.
Sir George Dalston.
Wm. Laibon.
George Denton.
John Lamplugh.
Rich. Musgrave.
Chris. Richmond.
Rich. Eaglesfield.
Sir Wm. Huddlestone.
Sir Wm. Musgrave.
John Senhouse, of Seascale.
Thos. Salkeld.
John Stanley.
Sir Edw. Musgrave.
Wm. Carleton.
Wm. Latus.
Thos. Pattrickson.
Lancelot Relffe.
Wm. Musgrave, of Clea.
Edm. Page.
Thos. Stanwix.
John Cape.
Sir Rich. Graham, Bart.
Sir Wm. Dalston, Bart.
Sir Tim. Fetherstonehaugh.
Rich. Kirkbride.
Wm. Fleming.
John Aglionby.
Thos. Warwick.
Thos. Eaglesfield.
Sir Phil. Musgrave, Bart.
Sir Thos. Dacres.
Simon Musgrave.
John Ireton.
Wilford Ireton.
Rob. Highmore.
Hen. Askwith.
Ingleby Huddleston.
Rob. Fisher.
Lancelot Walker.
Rich. Baxter.
Hugh James, of Howend.
Wm. Wilson.
Thos. Routledge.

RECUSANTS.

Sir Edw. Ratcliffe, Bart.
Lancelot Salkeld.
George Skelton.
Eldred Curwen.
Chris. Curwen.
Wm. Mounsey.
Agnes, Lady Lamplugh.
Sir Fras. Howard.
Joseph Porter.
And. Huddleston.
Hen. Skelton.
Rich. Skelton, of Hyehouse.
Margaret, Lady Curwen.
— Wyvell, of Johnby.

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May 12. Form of an order for sequestering the estates of delinquents who, when ordered to settle rectories for maintenance of preaching ministers, neglect it through disaffection, unless within a month they produce a certificate of performance. [*G* 4, *p.* 202.]

June 2. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers put in suit all bonds entered into by delinquents who have compounded and not paid in their latter ½, and that they report proceedings from time to time.

Order that Mr. Rich put in suit all bonds entered by delinquents who have contracted to settle allowances on churches or chapels, but not performed the same, the treasurers paying Rich his fees and disbursements thereon. [*G* 4, *p.* 204.]

June 9. Goldsmiths' Hall. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers put in suit all bonds entered into by delinquents who have compounded, and their sureties; and if any refuse or delay payment by removing the action entered, the damages on forfeiture of the bonds and the charges shall be required by the treasurers, who are to report proceedings, and repay to themselves and Edw. Rich their expenses in their respective prosecutions. [*G* 4, *p.* 205.]

June 13. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall make a report of the cases of such compounders as are willing to pay in their money, so far as they are able, and who deserve the consideration of the House, but cannot be eased by the rules prescribed to that committee.

Like order, that on all discoveries of compositions at undervalues, made by any but the compounder or his agents, compositions be at a full moiety, allowing 12*d.* in the pound for the discovery. The Lords' concurrence to be desired herein. [*G* 1, *p.* 199.]

June 14. Goldsmiths' Hall. **97.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall [to the county commissioners.] In further prosecution of the orders of 5 and 22 March about delinquents, you having returned your lists of delinquents are to commit to custody all who have not compounded, and to send their names by the bearer, who is to see this order executed.

We renew our order for sequestration of certain estates named, and if the fines are not paid, the estates are to be sold for neglect thereof. [1 *page, damaged.*]

June 14. **98.** Draft of the above. [1 *page, much corrected.*]

June 15. **99.** Order of the House of Commons, appointing Col. Moore, Mr. Knightley, John Stephens, Col. Harvey, Sir Hen. Mildmay, Edw. Ashe, and Miles Corbett, a committee, to seize 20 men thought fit to be considerable for releasing Sir Wm. Masham, and the rest of the Essex Committee, and to send them to the General [Lord Fairfax], to have such usage as Sir Wm. Masham and the rest of the committee have, provided they do not seize those who have prosecuted their compositions, or accepted any act of indemnity, unless they have since acted against Parliament. [¾ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 199.]

June 16. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that as, notwithstanding the order of Parliament of 23 May, for all delinquents to leave London and not reside within 20 miles of it, without license from this committee, some still remain on pretence of former licenses, none such are to be of effect unless they refer to the order of 23 May, and the Militia Committee of London are to try to discover all offenders against the ordinance. [*G* 4, *p.* 206.]

June 20. **100.** Certificate by Simon Snowe, that the Christian name of the Major Hellyar, grandchild of Chanon Hellyar, of Exeter, who was nominated by Sir Walter Earle 1¾ years ago as the man from whose fine he begged allowance of moneys due to him, was by mistake put John instead of William, but the man is one and the same, and has now returned from Nantes in Brittany. [⅔ *page.*]

June 22. **101.** Petition of the reduced officers and gentlemen of Col. Sanderson's late regiment to Parliament.

Though worn with war and weakened for want of pay, yet served on their own charge from 14 Aug. 1645 to 17 Aug. 1646, and obeyed the first declaration for disbanding as quickly as they had taken up arms. Have waited 18 months

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for pay, but would not sue for it, knowing the need of money, and the pressure of State affairs, but are now plunged into the depths of necessity, an open reproach to malignants, and a burden to themselves, after fighting for law and liberty in times of distress. Beg speedy relief, and a settlement of their arrears, payable out of some certain place, as a State debt, so that they might, if needful, be ready to serve again. They would not be debarred from payment as reformadoes, abating ⅓ of their pay for quarters. [*Printed*, 1 *page.*]

June 22. **102.** Order of the House of Commons thereon, that the committees of cos. Bucks, Berks, and Oxon, by whom their accounts have been stated, make defalcation according to the ordinance to which their petition relates, and endeavour that the 10,000*l.* ordered out of the sequestrations at Guildhall be in full of the whole debt. [¾ *page.*]

June 23. Petition of Peter Welch and Jonas Harcourt to the Committee for Compounding, for allowance for their losses and pains, being sent last February to several counties to cause the county commissioners to bring in the arrears of their assessments for "our brethren of Scotland," or return their accounts to show how it was disposed of. Were also sent in April or May to remoter counties for the names of delinquents, which are returned. They hired horses, and often guides, because of the difficulty of way and danger of waters; one lost a horse, and the other lamed his, and provisions are so dear that their 5*s.* a day would not defray their charges. Referred 10 June to the treasurers. With their report that petitioners should be allowed 6*s.* 8*d.* a day, and 7*l.* for the horse lost. [*G* 129, *p.* 37.]

June 23. Order for the allowances recommended. [*G* 4, *p.* 207.]

June 23. **103–105.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons given of 19 June—discharging the restraint whereby the payment of Lord Ormond's money at Goldsmiths' Hall was checked,—that the treasurers pay the money as before ordered. [⅓ *page.*]

June 30. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the treasurers pay the principal of the money given to Pat. Young as soon as it grows due, and interest instantly. [*G* 4, *p.* 209.]

July 12. Petition of Alice, Viscountess Dowager Moore of Drogheda, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. Parliament appointed her 4,000*l.* towards her late husband's arrears, from fines of delinquents presented by her. Thos. Cooke, of Gray's Inn, late M.P., has 5 years' leases of the soke and wapentake of Wirksworth, co. Derby, and compounded for them 2 years since for 500*l.*, but the county commissioners respited prosecution of the composition. Begs the said 500*l.* in part of her ordinance, and an order to the clerk of the county commissioners to certify particulars. [*G* 100, *p.* 749.]

July 12. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Sequestration Commissioners of co. Gloucester, sitting at Westminster. Certify to us, on Lady Moore's petition, what has passed about Thos. Cooke, that we may proceed accordingly. [*G* 4, *p.* 211.]

July 12. Goldsmiths' Hall. **106.** The same committee to the County Commissioners of Sussex. As there are certain persons in your county who have neglected to pay in their fines and sue forth their pardons, according to the order of 6 March 1647, we declare the suspension of their sequestration void, unless they bring a certificate in 14 days that they are in actual prosecution of their compositions. [1 *page.*]

July 13. **107.** Order of the House of Commons, on letters from the Essex Committee of 11 July, that the House approves the intentions of the county to raise 500 horse and dragoons, and 1,000 foot, for its security.

That the sequestrations of delinquents in this insurrection in Essex shall be employed to maintain the forces raised.

Also the fines of delinquents in Essex not yet sequestered.

That the Lord-General take care for the release of Sir Wm. Masham, and the rest of the Essex gentlemen, by exchange or otherwise. [¾ *page.*]

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July 21. **108.** County Commissioners for Nantwich Hundred, co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We want to know what course we are to hold with delinquents who refuse to appear before us, and take the negative oath and national covenant, that we may have an order for our charges in sending them with a guard to prison; also what course we are to hold with the gaoler, in case he refuse to receive them on our warrant. [1 *page.*]

July 21. **111.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons given of 8 July,—that half-yearly interest be allowed on the 4,016*l.* ordered 6th March last to Major-General Rich. Browne, in part of his arrears of 9,016*l.*, as major-general and governor of Abingdon, abating interest for any part of the principal that is repaid;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 210; 4, *p.* 213.]

109, 110. Like order, on an order of the House of Commons given, of 22 July 1646, that 500*l.* be allowed from fines to the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and paid to Sir Thos. Widdrington and Rob. Scawen, burgesses (who are to account for the same), from the funds of Gilbert Swinhoe and James Ogle, delinquents, to be employed for repair of the bridge and walls, much ruined by the sea, and the great ice last winter;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 123; 3, *p.* 189; 4, *p.* 212.]

July 21. Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Committees of Kent and Surrey. Parliament has long since granted 1,000*l.* of the Earl of Thanet's composition for the use of your counties. The arrears of the first loans in your counties, and of the 4 months' assessment for the Scottish army, equal, if they do not exceed, 1,000*l.* Our treasurers are chargeable with all fines of delinquents, therefore bring into this committee the Parliament order, with a full account of all moneys received by you on the loans and assessments, that the committee may judge what sums remain in your hands; also that the treasurers may give in just accounts, and allowance be made to you of the 1,000*l.* [*G* 4, *p.* 212.]

Aug. 7. Order in Parliament, that the 115 reduced officers of Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax, deceased, have interest for 2 months' pay, viz., 3,526*l.* 12*s.*, from the estates of delinquents to be discovered by them. [*G* 1, *p.* 191.]

112. Order of the House of Commons that Adam Eyre and 4 others be authorised to receive all sums of money due to the said officers, viz., 4,000*l.* charged on Goldsmiths' Hall; 3,526*l.* 12*s.*, part of 27,092*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* due to them, charged on the excise and interest thereon, from their discoveries of delinquents. [⅔ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 191.]

Order in Parliament, that 3,000*l.* be advanced to the petitioners in a list of soldiers of Bradford, Leeds, and adjacent towns, co. York, late under Lord Fairfax, dated 1 May 1648, and remaining with the Committee of the Northern Association, to be paid them out of their discoveries of under-valuations in composition, or of concealed delinquents' estates not yet sequestered, which they are to discover to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, who are to proceed upon the said discoveries, and pay them the 3,000*l.* [*G* 1, *p.* 192.]

Aug. 12. Rochester. Order in the County Committee of Kent, on the Parliament order of 27 March 1648, for Lady Moore, and the reference thereof to them by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that they are not satisfied that the said orders empower them to dispose of the rents and profits of the estates therein named, or that her acquittance would be a sufficient discharge, but think the raising and paying of the moneys belongs to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. 4 signatures. [*G* 100, *p.* 748.]

Aug. 17. **113.** Parliament order that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall pay to Nath. Andrewes, of London, treasurer for the sums paid for arrears of officers mentioned in 4 lists, interest half-yearly at 8 per cent. for 30,700*l.* due to them since 9 Jan. 1646–7, being ⅓ of their debt, until the whole is paid. [1 *page; also G* 1, *p.* 211.]

Aug. 22. Order in Parliament for payment to Sir Art. Blundell of 940*l.* 3*s.* 1½*d.*, in full of all debts for goods or moneys by him brought to Lord Castle-Stuart, for the garrison of Foret Falkland, Ireland, to be paid in course by the commis-

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sioners of excise to Sir Adam Loftus, treasurer at war for Ireland; but if Sir Arthur discover any delinquents' estates, the money, with interest at 8 per cent. from 1 June 1643, is to be paid therefrom. [*G* 114, *p.* 445.]

Order by Sir Adam Loftus that the Excise Commissioners pay the sum to Sir Art. Blundell, or to his orders, instead of to himself. [*G* 114, *p.* 447.]

Aug. 22. Goldsmiths' Hall. **114.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the [county committees]. As the delinquents in several counties are active in raising tumults and exciting a new war, and have a design against the West, for the safety of those counties and the provision of money to pay the new-raised forces, you are to apprehend the persons and sequester the estates of those whose names are herewith returned. In proceeding against others, you are to notice who have paid their fines, or are in arrears for one part, and if they do not pay in 14 days, to sequester them. Those who have paid all, but not sued out their pardons, are to have their rents stayed in the tenants' hands. For those who have paid nothing, you are to sequester their real and seize their personal estates.

Notwithstanding the votes of Parliament, the estates of delinquents are let at under-value, and to persons from whom the delinquents receive the rents, and so are careless of compounding; take care that the delinquents receive no benefit thereby. [1½ *pages, damaged.*]

Aug. 25. **115.** Parliament order that 200*l.* be given to Major Berry, and 100*l.* to Edw. Sexby, from Sir Charles Kemeys' fine in Goldsmiths' Hall, for bringing "the very good newes of the wonderfull great successe obtained by the great mercy of God, against the whole Scots' army in Lancashire." [1 *page; also* *G* 1, *p.* 193.]

Aug. 25. **116.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall examine what sums are appointed to be paid to any persons that have been, or are in war against Parliament, or assisting thereto, and certify their names to the House, and meantime to forbear payment of any such sums to any such persons. [⅔ *page; also* *G* 1, *p.* 201.]

Aug. 28. **117.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall forthwith certify to the House a list of delinquents whose rents are secured in the tenants' hands, that have not paid in the moiety of their fines upon their compositions. With list of 40 persons returned on this order, all of whom are entered in their respective compositions. [½ *page; also* *G* 1, *p.* 196.]

Sept. 1. **118.** Parliament order that 100*l.* be given to Capt. James Pittson and 50*l.* to James Noble, messengers who brought particulars of the great success of the Parliament forces in the dissipating and total ruin of the Scots' whole army, and brought up the Scots' colours, and a list of prisoners taken at Warrington; to be paid by Goldsmiths' Hall, out of the fine of Sir Charles Keymish. [1 *page; also* *G* 1, *p.* 194.]

Sept. 4. **119.** Order of the House of Commons, that the persons that have been in the late insurrections in Kent, Surrey, Sussex, and Essex, whose fines and compositions are not already disposed of, be admitted to composition at Goldsmiths' Hall, at a full 4th part of their estates, unless any of them be already under some higher qualifications. [½ *page; also* *G* 1, *p.* 197.]

Sept. 5. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Chester. We wrote you that Rich. Frere, of Tufton, had petitioned us, acknowledging his delinquency, and setting forth the time of his surrender and taking the national covenant and negative oath, with an affidavit that he was not worth 200*l.*; and we ordered you to discharge him if, upon examination, you found his allegations true. He has presented us an order from you, declaring that you have taken an oath not to discharge any sequestrations without order of Parliament, and that you know no such order discharging estates under 200*l.* value. We send you the votes of 10 Nov. 1646 and 8 Dec. 1646, and the ordinance of both Houses establishing this committee, 6 Feb. 1647, and enabling us to act, and we beg you to proceed accordingly. [*G* 4, *p.* 217.]

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Sept. 8. Goldsmiths' Hall. **120.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Sir Ant. Irby report to the House what this committee has done on the Parliament order of 27 March about Lady Moore, and what was formerly passed by Parliament order, prohibiting the disposal of particular fines to particular uses, and that he request further orders therein. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

Sept. 8. **121.** Committee for Scottish Affairs to the Committee for co. Middlesex. We have sent you the orders of Parliament requiring us to bring in the arrears of the 4 months' assessments for the Scottish army, and our engagements in advancing money on the credit thereof, and we have had promises of expediting the arrears in your county, which the necessities of our treasury remind us to call on you to perform. As you have been levying them, send us your account, and let such moneys as you have received be speedily paid in. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; also* G 5, *p.* 2.]

Sept. 11. **122.** Order of the House of Commons, on a letter from Thos. Smith and Roger Tweedy, Navy Commissioners, to Sir Hen. Vane, jun., that the Navy Committee confer with the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall as to how the 40,000*l.* charged on them for the navy may be suddenly raised or advanced, for paying the wages of this summer's fleet, victualling the ships, and furnishing the magazines, and that they use their utmost diligence therein.

That the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall meet the Navy Committee thereon this afternoon, and choose out the most considerable and valuable compositions, and report them to the House first; these reports to be made every morning till ten o'clock. [1 *page; also* G 1, *p.* 206.]

Sept. 11. **123.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on the former part of the preceding order, that the treasurers be desired to extend their credit by exchange, or by moneys taken up on bond, for 10,000*l.* for the pressing affairs of the navy, joining in security with Sir Hen. Vane, jun., Giles Green, and others who may be willing to join; the treasurers to repay the same with interest at the times mentioned in the bond. [1 *page.*]

124–126. Like order on Parliament orders given of 31 Aug.—that whereas on departure of the Scottish army in 1646, 400,000*l.* was to be paid them for arrears, whereof 200,000*l.* was paid in ready money, and the public faith of this Kingdom given for the latter 200,000*l.*; and for better security, by order of 13 Jan. 1647, 50,000*l.* was assigned to be paid from fines of Papists and delinquents or sale of their estates, on 3 Feb. 1648, being 12 months after completion of the first 200,000*l.*, and at the same time 50,000*l.* more to make up the third 100,000*l.*, and on 3 Feb. 1649, 100,000*l.*, to make up the sum;—that of the latter sum, 50,000*l.*, part of the third 100,000*l.*, is to be paid as follows:—

To Sir Hen. Vane, jun., Navy Treasurer, by order of the Navy Committee	40,000*l.*
Sir Walter Earle, Lieut. of Ordnance, for furnishing the stores	7,000*l.*
Wm. Cottam, of Preston, co. Lancaster, for the Lancashire forces that left their county in the late expedition under Col. Ralph Ashton	3 000*l.*
	50,000*l.*

any ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding; the Navy Committee to have power to take up moneys at interest, on credit of their 40,000*l.* and of Earle's 7,000*l.*, and the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to pay the interest.

Also on an order of Parliament, given of 2 Sept.—that whereas by ordinance of Parliament 31 Aug. 1648, 50,000*l.*, part of the third 100,000*l.* appointed for Scotland in part of the 400,000*l.*, is to be employed for the pressing necessities of the navy, &c.; and whereas the other 50,000*l.*, part of the third 100,000*l.*, assigned to the Marquis of Argyle 13 Jan. 1647, with interest till paid, is by order of the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall 6 March 1648, appointed to be paid from fines of Papists and delinquents, and also from arrears; from the counties on the first Scottish loans, or the two 4 months' assessment,—and the 50,000*l.* first named is to be paid out of the said fines, in course after 10,000*l.* (*sic*) assigned by ordinance of 13 Jan. to the Marquis of Argyle, any other ordinance of Parliament or of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall notwithstanding;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 195, 196; 4, *pp.* 217, 218.]

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Sept. 11. **127.** Copy of the preceding order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, with assignment by Wm. Cottam, attested by Hen. Blundell, Mayor of Preston, and 3 others, of his 3,000*l.* to Jas. Wainwright, of London, and receipt of 2,400*l.* thereof in 3 sums. [1¾ *pages.*]

Sept. 13. County Commissioners for Somerset to John Arundel and others. We are ordered by the Committee for Compounding, 22 Aug., to sequester the persons hereunder written for not prosecuting their compositions, or paying their fines. You are therefore to seize their estates, real and personal, dispose of them to the best advantage, and return a speedy account of your proceedings. [*G* 90, *p.* 639.]

Sept. 14. **129, 130.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on a Parliament order given, of 8 June 1647—that 10,000*l.* more, with interest, be added to the 10,000*l.* assigned for the private soldiers by order of 5 June 1647, charged upon the same credit, paid to the same treasurer, and disposed of by order of the same committee as the former 10,000*l.*; and that both be disposed of for relief of the private soldiers that have served under the commanders mentioned in the said former order, and all others within the lines of communication, provided they bring in their names and tickets to the auditors sitting at Christchurch, named in the former order, before Friday next, and that the auditors begin their sittings early to-morrow morning for dispatch of these affairs—for payment of 4,000*l.*, part of the 10,000*l.*, to the treasurers for maimed soldiers, for relief of the soldiers who have served under the Earl of Essex, Sir Wm. Waller, Lieut.-Gen. Massey, Major-Gen. Browne, or within the lines of communication. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 204.]

Sept. 19. Order of the House of Commons that any 2 of the gentlemen appointed to go down on the disposal of the Scotch prisoners, joining with any one of the county commissioners, shall be a quorum to transact business.

That Col. [Ant.] Weldon, Major Strachan, and the other 2 appointed to go have 40*l.* each for pains and charges.

That the 160*l.* for them be charged upon moneys payable out of Goldsmiths' Hall to officers of the Scottish nation who formerly served Parliament, but have since been in arms against it. [*G* 1, *p.* 198.]

Sept. 19. **131, 132.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on a Parliament order given, on 2 Sept.,—for payment by the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall to John Rushworth, for good service in giving timely and constant notice of the proceedings of the Parliament's forces, of 50*l.*, to buy him a brace of geldings;—for payment accordingly. With his appointment of Sam. Bartlett to receive the money. Yarmouth, 12 Sept. 1648. [*Also G* 5, *p.* 4.]

[Sept. 20.] Petition of Alice, Viscountess Moore, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. Has been obliged to borrow money on hard terms for her urgent occasions. Gave a recognizance with security in 400*l.* for payment of 250*l.* at a day not expired, yet has been arrested in her own chamber for the money, and compelled to assign 714*l.*, the remainder of 1,000*l.* due from Goldsmiths' Hall to the creditor, John Oviatt, on pledge for the assignment to be void if 310*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* were paid him before 28 Feb. It was tendered, but he was not present to receive it, and now he intends to sell the 714*l.* for 400*l.*, thereby deceiving her of 300*l.* Begs a caveat to the assignment, and admission of no further proceedings without further information. [*G* 100, *p.* 637.]

Sept. 20. **133.** Order of the House of Commons, referring to the M.Ps who are members of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, a petition of Alice, Viscountess Moore, reported from the Committee for the affairs of Ireland, at Derby House, and also the petition of Stephen Smith, agent for the Duke of Ormond, touching moneys payable out of Goldsmiths' Hall, and an attachment laid thereon; counsel to be heard on both sides, and also the letter in Mr. Scott's hands about Lord Ormond. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 21. Parliament order, that as Parliament wishes to borrow 10,000*l.* of the City of London for the charges of the Treaty, all who advance it shall be paid out of the Grand Excise in course, and out of the moiety of compositions not

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engaged to the City for the 400,000*l.* lent, with interest at 8 per cent. ½ yearly; Gilbert Harrison, chamberlain of London, to be treasurer for the 10,000*l.*, and pay it by direction of both Houses. [*G* 1, *p.* 202.]

Sept. 26. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that the business referred from the House to this committee, between Lord Ormond and Lady Moore, be heard on Tuesday.

Order on a Parliament order given, of 4 Aug.,—for 1,000*l.* each to be advanced to Col. John Carter and Lieut.-Col. George Twistleton, towards their disbursements and arrears, from fines of the delinquents to be named by them in North Wales who joined with Sir John Owen in the late insurrection, or endeavoured the surprise of Denbigh Castle; also on a letter from Carter and Twistleton to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, from Conway, 26 Aug., naming Sir John Owen and 26 other delinquents—allowing so many of the names as have not been sequestered for former delinquencies; or if before sequestered, allowing the fines as far as contracted by this new delinquency. [*G* 5, *pp.* 6, 7.]

Sept. 26. **134.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the County Commissioners of Somerset. Several mistakes have arisen from the imperfection of your returns, giving no place where are several persons of one name; also names of persons who are not to be proceeded against, as waiting for their reports, or being discharged already. Against all others proceed as directed. [¾ *page; also G* 5, *p.* 7.]

Sept. 28. Order of the House of Commons, that the sequestrations of the lands and estates within county York of all sequestered upon their new engagements against Parliament, and all fines that shall be set upon such persons on composition to be hereafter had with them, and all arrears of the old compositions of Papists in county York, be applied for maintenance of the new militia and forces raised in the said county and in the City of York, and for defraying of other charges there; but this ordinance is only to continue in force until 12,000*l.* has been raised for payment and maintenance of the said forces, and 1,000*l.* for the payment and maintenance of the new militia and forces, and for other charges in the said city and county. [*G* 1, *p.* 215.]

Sept. 30. **135.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall sit next Monday, and so constantly, and give their best assistance for the present payment and bringing in of the 40,000*l.* assigned upon those receipts to the navy. [½ *page*; *also G* 1, *p.* 198.]

Sept. ? Petition of the reduced officers of the 4 lists to the Committee for Compounding. By orders of the House of Commons 9 and 28 Jan. 1647, the fines of sundry delinquents were given them, to raise 30,700*l.* for payment of ⅓ of their arrears, in expectation of which they are famishing. By an order of both Houses of 17 Aug. last, and of this committee thereon, 8 per cent. interest was to be allowed them, which they cannot obtain. Being unable to bear their great extremities, request enforcement of those orders on delinquents who will not compound, or who have paid nothing, or who have paid only the first ½ of their fines. [*G* 108, *p.* 793.] *Annexing,*

1. *List of* 21 *of the said delinquents who have not submitted to composition; of* 7 *who have submitted but paid nothing, and of* 9 *who have only paid the first half.* [*G* 108, *p.* 795.]

Oct. 3. **136.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Commissioners of co. Somerset. Enquiries about persons returned in their late list as sequestered, though having paid their fines, and about other names given to be proceeded against. You are not to seize the part of delinquents' estates allotted to their wives and children. Let the business be done effectually, but avoid clamour by a too speedy proceeding, where there may be any mistake. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 5. **137.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall meet this afternoon, and so constantly upon the days appointed, and the members of this House that are of that committee are enjoined duly to attend that service.

That 50,000*l.* be charged upon the receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall in course, and applied to the navy, and the Navy Committee are to prepare and bring in this ordinance.

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Oct. 5. That the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall report the state of the money there, and the grounds of the obstructions in getting in of delinquents' second payment of their fines, and prepare and bring in an ordinance for removing these obstructions, and for bringing delinquents capable of composition to compound.

That the sequestrations, fines, and compositions of the delinquents of North Wales who are liable to sequestration upon their engagements in the late insurtions in North Wales and Anglesey, after the engagements already charged thereupon, be applied to the navy; the Navy Committee to bring in an ordinance for laying on these sequestrations, &c.

That the Navy Committee treat with the Merchant Adventurers' Company for the loan of 20,000*l.* for carrying on the present affairs of the navy. [1½ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 203.]

Oct. 5. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on the preceding orders of the House of Commons, that the sub-committee meet and peruse the said orders, examine the obstructions in bringing in moneys, and report.

That the treasurers bring in an account of what is charged on them by Parliament order and yet unpaid.

That the clerk present a list of persons in arrears, in order that those whose fines are most considerable may be proceeded against with severity, as an example to others who neglect their payment.

That a letter be writen to the Commissioners of co. Dorset, and to others if needful, that any time beyond 14 days given for the payment of the remainders of fines is contrary to directions, and that any such orders must be revoked. [*G* 5, *p.* 11.]

Oct. 6. Order of the House of Commons desiring the Lords' concurrence to the order of the House of 3 April last, for 1,000*l.* to Col. Michael Jones. With certificate by Henry Elsing, clerk of the House of Commons, dated 14 Oct. 1649, that the order passed the Lords 7 Oct. 1648, and bears date accordingly. [*G* 1, *p.* 200.]

Oct. 16. **138.** Parliament order, considering the necessity of having guards of horse to attend Parliament, and their due and constant pay, that the sequestrations and compositions of George, Duke of Buckingham, Sir Edm. Bowyer, Wm. Stafford, Sir Thos. Harris, Bart., John Bill and Sir Hum. Tracy, be employed for them till 5,000*l.* be raised. If any will advance any part of the 5,000*l.*, it will be considered an acceptable service, and they shall have security on the compositions for what they lend, and also for as much more now owing them on public faith, and interest at 8 per cent. The Committee at Haberdashers' Hall are to receive such subscriptions, and give allowance of receipt tickets for money, goods, plate, horse, or arms, or loans on public faith; and they are to dispose of the said estates till 10,000*l.* be raised, with interest. This ordinance not to extend to the estates of the Duke, Bowyer, or Bill lying in Yorkshire and Surrey, these being granted to the county commissioners for county forces, nor to that of Wm. Stafford in co. Northampton, till 500*l.* be paid out which was granted to Col. Edm. Temple. [3 *pages; also G* 1, *pp.* 217, 218.]

Oct. 24 **139.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Commissioners of co. Dorset. We much dislike your allowing 8 or 9 weeks, instead of 14 days as instructed, to those in arrears to pay in the latter half of their fines. It is a great inconvenience to the public. Revoke any such grants, and act according to instructions. [⅔ *page; also G* 5, *p.* 17.]

Oct. 29. **140–142.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on a Parliament order of 21 October given that—as by Parliament order of 29 March 1647, given, 6,740*l.* was charged on Goldsmiths' Hall for the Commissioners of co. Hereford, for 2 months' arrears, and a month's advance for speeedy dispatch of Col. John Birch's horse and foot to Ireland, which forces went not as was intended, and so only received the arrears, the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall pay Col. Birch out of this sum 750*l.*, in part of his arrears, as certified by the Committee of Accounts, and approved by Parliament; also, that the Sequestration Commissioners of co. Monmouth pay him 200*l.* in part of arrears, from the sequestration of Sir Edw. Morgan, of co. Monmouth, Papist in arms; —for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 206; 5, *p.* 18.]

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Nov. 2. **143.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Commissioners of co. Leicester. On 9 Feb. we represented to you and to the Commissioners of co. Warwick the condition of the Earl of Stamford, and the orders made by Parliament for him, and requested payment of the moneys assigned. From co. Warwick he has been treated with all civility, and the rents paid, while with you there are obstructions, which is strange, as you have received full directions, and it concerns a person of so much honour and desert; it will be ill-resented by Parliament if he is put to much trouble about so small a matter. We therefore beg payment without delay of the rents due at Michaelmas. [*Draft, 1 page; also G* 5, *p.* 20.]

Nov. 6. **144.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that those who have been ordered to settle allowances on ministers settle them within 2 months, or be re-sequestered; and that those hereafter ordered to make settlements do it in 2 months, and the sequestration be not fully discharged till the settlement is made.

That Mr. Rich sue any who have settled rectories and have not performed the covenants, and that he be allowed fees and charges set down under his hand. [1 *page; also G* 5, *p.* 22.]

Nov. 6. **145.** Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Commissioners of Middlesex. You say you could not answer ours of 8 September because the clerks were not in town; but we understand you have done nothing about the arrears of the 4 months' assessments. We hope you will satisfy us. Send an answer by bearer. [1 *page; also G* 5, *p.* 22.]

Nov. 8. **146.** Parliament order that the Committee of Accounts in Lancashire audit the accounts of the soldiers there, according to rules passed 27 May 1646, and certify them to the Committee of Accounts here; and that the arrears be paid out of the county sequestrations, after the engagements for the former arrears of soldiers of the county. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 217.]

Nov. 9. **147.** Order of the House of Commons that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall have power to grant passes to any persons to come over and compound, if they are not of the 7 excepted from pardon. [⅓ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 197.]

Nov. 9. **148.** Note of the above, with note of revocation, 16 December. [⅓ *page.*]

Nov. 15. Penrith. **149.** Thos. Garth, solicitor of sequestrations for Cumberland, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. In obedience to your order, I delivered in last April a list of delinquents then in the county, the committee gave order to call the sequestrators to account, and I granted warrants; but by reason of the enemy's sudden incursion in that county, the imprisoning of divers of the commissioners and sequestrators, and the plundering the clerk and taking away the commissioners' books and papers, the accounts required cannot as yet be given; I will do it as soon as possible. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 16. **150, 151.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on a Parliament order given of 22 June 1648,—allowing 8 per cent. interest to George Thomason, citizen of London, on 500*l.* ordered to be paid him by Goldsmiths' Hall, for a parcel of MSS. bought of him by both Houses, and bestowed on the Public Library of the University of Cambridge, but not yet paid—for allowance accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 201; 5, *p.* 27.]

Nov. 16. Leicester. County Commissioners for Leicestershire to the Committee for Compounding. We have your order of 2 Nov. to pay to the Earl of Stamford what is due of the 250*l.* a year assigned him by Parliament out of the sequestered estate of Sir Charles Smith; but we are ordered by the trustees for speedy relief of Ireland to pay to them all the profits of his estate, through George Smith, their agent, and the tenants are ordered to pay their rents to him, and not to us. We have requested the tenants to detain their Michaelmas rents till we have further directions. Noted that there is no exception in the order as to former charges. [*G* 118, *p.* 219.]

Nov. 20. Gloucester. **152.** Henry Cugly, mayor of Gloucester, Wm. Sheppard, and James Dorney, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. Nothing could be done on yours of 22 August last because the commissioners did not meet till 3 November, when

an order was made thereon. The committee has 30 members, but hardly any assist, and leave the burden wholly to us, who cannot bear it, having other offices in the State. We have requested the House of Commons that the whole work may not fall on 3 or 4, but that the rest may be enforced to join us. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 23. List of 37 warrants charged on the ordinance for raising 50,000*l.* for the speedy relief of Ireland, and paid by the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. Total amount, 9,333*l.* 3*s.* 5¾*d.*

Also list of 19 warrants still unpaid. Total, 8,739*l.* 16*s.* 0¾*d.* [*G* 124, *pp.* 261, 263.]

Nov. 25. **153.** Order in Parliament, that, as on the late surrender of Colchester to Lord-Gen. Fairfax, it was agreed that a sum of money should be paid by the inhabitants to the forces, part of which Fairfax remitted, on account of the poverty of the town, and the great sufferings of the well affected, so that more money is wanted for the soldiers;—therefore 5,000*l.* is to be raised by the Commissioners for Sequestrations of Essex from the estates of delinquents in Colchester at the siege, and paid to Capt. Blackwell, deputy-treasurer at war, to be issued on order of the Lord-General. If it cannot be raised on those estates before 25 December next, the rest is to be paid from sequestrations and compositions of delinquents in Essex, and all commissioners where such delinquents have estates are to sequester them, and the money to be speedily paid. This ordinance not to extend to delinquents before 1 May 1648. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 25. Chester. **154.** Commissioners of the City of Chester to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. Proceedings against Rich. Broster and Sir Rob. Brerewood on orders of 24 October. We beg favour for Randal Holmes, sen., and Wm. Sparke, two ancient aldermen and justices of peace, who are serviceable in the government of the city; but when the place was a King's garrison, they were obliged to act with that party, and have since compounded. If they are displaced, we have not men to fill their rooms. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 28. **155.** Order of the House of Commons, on a letter from the Committee of Estates [of Scotland] from Edinburgh, of 21 Nov. last, in behalf of Sir Wm. Dick, that the restraint laid by the House on the moneys payable from Goldsmiths' Hall to Dick and others, by ordinance of 13 Jan. 1647, be discharged as to Dick, and that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall pay him next after the engagements for the navy, the stores, and the Lancashire forces; and also pay him now 1,000*l.* in part of the said sum of 19,018*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* [¾ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 208.]

Dec. 7. Weverham. **156.** Commissioners [for Edisbury Hundred, co. Chester] to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We have proceeded on your orders of 23 November in sequestrations in Edisbury Hundred. Particulars relative to Richard Egerton, Hugh Cholmondeley, Thos. Morris, Prichard, a minister, and Richard Fryer. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 11. **157.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that—six beds being charged on Goldsmiths' Hall towards provision of beds for the soldiers quartered in the city—the treasurers provide 2 beds, with furniture, the greatest part of the Hall being used by the committee. [½ *page.*]

158, 159. Like order, on an order of the House of Commons of 28 Nov. 1648, on petitions and letters from the committees, grand jury, and inhabitants of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and Durham—that these 4 northern counties, and Berwick-on-Tweed, shall respectively have the sequestration fines and compositions of new delinquents, and of old delinquents for new delinquency, in their respective counties, not disposed of, for paying and disbanding their late raised forces, and discharging other public engagements, the particulars to be returned from time to time to Goldsmiths' Hall, and [G.] Fenwick to bring in an ordinance to this purpose;—that this committee will not proceed upon the new delinquents till the ordinance is passed. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 198; 5, *p.* 35.]

Dec. 16. **160.** Order of the House of Commons, revoking their order of 9 Nov. giving the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall liberty to grant passes for compounders except to the 7 excepted from pardon, and ordering stay of proceedings

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with such, till further consideration of the persons and rates; any delinquent sent for out of prison to be remanded, and Mr. Rushworth to have notice hereof. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 18. **161.** Order of the House of Commons for the following additions to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall :—

Hum. Edwards.
[John] Dove.
[Nich.] Love.
[Wm.] Leman
[Thos.] Scott.
Col. [Phil.] Jones.
Col. [Godfrey] Bosevile.
[Augustine] Skinner.
Rich. Darley.
[Hen.] Smith.
Sir Gregory Norton.

[½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 199.]

Dec. 19. **162, 163.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall give an account of money due by delinquents upon their first and second payments, and how long the same has been due, and by whom, and the charge that lies upon the same, so that the surplusage may be known. Also that the estates of the delinquents who have not paid in their fines be forthwith sequestered until they pay, and that the said committee put the same in execution and report to the House; [Ald. Fras.] Allen to take care of it. [*Two copies.*]

164. That the said committee be enjoined to sit on the several days appointed in every week.

That an ordinance be brought in by them to enable them to send officers and messengers into the several counties, to sequester the estates of delinquents in arrears with their first and second payments, in case these refuse to make payment; John Corbett to bring in such ordinance to-morrow morning. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 207.]

Dec. 19. **165.** Abstract of the above order. [⅓ *page.*]

Dec. 21. **166, 167.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on a Parliament order given of 10 Nov.,—that as 4,000*l.* more is to be borrowed of the City of London, for further carrying on the Treaty, all who will lend the same shall be repaid from the Grand Excise, or the ½ of the compositions of delinquents not engaged for the 400,000*l.* formerly lent by the City, with interest at 8 per cent., from the Excise. Gilbert Harrison, chamberlain of London, to be treasurer therefor, and pay the money to Thos. Falconbridge, who is to pay it to Fras. Cressitt, for the above use—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 212.]

Like order, on the order of the House of Commons of [19] Dec.,—requiring this committee to make returns of delinquents in arrears of their fines, and for an ordinance to be brought in for registering the estates of such persons,—that a clause be inserted in the said ordinance to take off the suspension of any estate by order from Parliament that has been suspended for one year past, and is not yet determined at that committee.

That this committee sit henceforth every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday. [*G* 5, *p.* 38.]

Dec. 24. Nantwich. **168.** Thos. Malbon and Thos. Hurwar, Commissioners for Nantwich Hundred, co. Chester, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. On your order of 24 Oct. 1648, we certify you the name of one delinquent who has not paid his latter ½; five who have not sued out their pardons; seven who have taken the covenant and negative oath, and have certified before a master in Chancery that they are not worth 200*l.*; 16 poor men who live peaceably now, but were reduced to delinquency by their landlords, and pray the benefit of the resolve of 8 Dec. 1646; 33 who are sequestered, but have not compounded, some of whom were great delinquents; and four Papist delinquents remaining under sequestration. [2¾ *pages.*]

Dec. 28. Taunton. Charge sworn by Tristram Gill and 5 others before the Commissioners of co. Somerset against Capt. Benj. Mason, as favouring Papists and delinquents, and associating with the enemies of Parliament; with sundry particulars. [*G* 102, *pp.* 307–309.]

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Dec. ? **169.** [Proposed] ordinance of Parliament, to avoid loss and inconvenience by the non-keeping of courts in sequestered estates, that an Act be passed by both Houses, enabling certain persons to appoint stewards and officers to keep courts in the said manors, who may claim and accept surrenders, admit tenants, assess and take fines, and perform other duties to the court appertaining. [1 *sheet.*]

Dec. ? Notes of reports to be made to the House of Commons in several hundreds of composition cases, from Aug. 1644 to Dec. 1648, giving a brief statement of the delinquent, the nature and value of the estate, and the amount of fine. These being summaries of the legal reports for the cases, are not entered under the several cases, except when the legal report is wanting. [*G* 173, *pp.* 1–30, 32–115, 117–158, 160–326.]

1648 ? Petition of Nich. Hill to the Committee for Compounding, for the place of their messenger for Surrey, the man chosen not being employed by the county commissioners, because he is a delinquent, and has been at Oxford. Has always adhered to Parliament, but is much impoverished by the great decay of trade, and has a wife and 7 children. [*G* 92, *p.* 336.]

Petition of Robt. Sharpe and George Clarke, treasurers to the late committee of sequestrations in co. Durham, to the Committee for Compounding, for discharge for 147*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* ordered to be levied on them for arrears. They deducted this sum for salary on rendering their account, according to the ordinance of Parliament. Have been four years in service in Chester and Easington wards, and were drawn from their own occasions to serve the State. Beg order to the county committee to forbear to levy the said sum. [*G* 116, *p.* 763.]

Petition of John Sparrow, serjeant-at-arms attending on the House of Commons, to the Committee for Compounding. By desire of some of their members, has attended the Committee for Compounding 3 years without reward, and being very poor, and with a sick wife and small children, has had to pawn all his goods for food, and owing a year's rent, his landlord threatens to take away his bed. Begs payment. [*G* 119, *p.* 5.]

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Jan. 1. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that it be reported to the House that this committee will proceed with new delinquents till they receive peremptory orders to the contrary.

Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, allowing the names presented by [John] Jackson to the committee, as those from whose fines Col. Thos. Mitton is to receive the 5,000*l.* allowed him by Parliament order of 14 August last, and order for payment thereof out of their fines, as they are paid in. [*G* 5, *p.* 40; 101, *p.* 787.] *Annexing,*

I. *Order of Parliament alluded to, for payment to him of* 5,000*l. from the fines or estates of delinquents not formerly discovered nor compounded for, to be discovered by him.* 14 *August* 1648. [*G* 101, *p.* 803.]

II.–XVIII. *List of names of delinquents presented on behalf of Col. Mitton, September* 1648—17 *April* 1649. [17 *papers; G* 101, *pp.* 786, 789–802, 805–812.]

Jan. 5. **1.** Order of the House of Commons, that the General be desired to prohibit all delinquents and Papists from coming to or staying in London or its liberties, or within the late lines of communication, or within ten miles of the city, and to secure such as shall be found within the limits aforesaid six days after date, except those licensed by Fras. Allen and Saml. Moyer to come to prosecute their compositions, or such as have already compounded and paid in their money. [⅔ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 199.]

Jan. 5. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that no review be henceforth admitted in any case where the fine has passed in both or either Houses. [*G* 5, *p.* 42.]

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Jan. 6. Order of the House of Commons for the following additions to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall :—

Lord Grey.
Ald. Atkins.
Thos. Boone.
— Harby.
Col. [Thos.] Waite.
Nich. Gould.
John Corbett.
Col. Thompson.
Greg. Clement.
Augustine Garland.
Col. Purefoy.
Sir Wm. Allenson.
Lord Mounson.
[Dan.] Blagrave.
[John] Fry.

[*G* 1, *p.* 199.]

Jan. 11. Blank form of licences to be granted by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, for persons to continue in London to prosecute their compositions, the order of the House of Commons of 5 January to the Lord General, to prohibit all Papists and delinquents from being in or near London, notwithstanding. [*G* 5, *p.* 44.]

Jan. 16. Petition of Edw. Curle, sequestrator for Catsash Hundred, co. Somerset, to the Committee for Compounding, for allowance for his discovery of 300*l.* a year omitted from delinquents' compositions, of which Sir Hum. Mildmay has already compounded for 75*l.* a year, and Sir Rob. Banister for 108*l.* Will discover more in other hundreds. [*G* 79, *p.* 103.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Note of particulars omitted in compositions for delinquents' estates in co. Somerset, and presented by petition to Edw. Ash, one of the Committee for Compounding. Total,* 397*l.* 10*s.* 0*d. a year.* [*G* 79, *p.* 105.]

Jan. 17. **2.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall state the matter of fact touching the moneys that were to be paid to Scotland, and the particular assignments thereof, and present a report thereof to the House this day week; the care of this business referred to Mr. Fry. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 208.]

Jan. 18. **3.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on an order of the House of Commons given, of 17 January, on report by Miles Corbett of the reasons given by the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall why a stop is made of the payment of 40,000*l.* to the use of the navy,—that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall be required to give warrant to the said treasurers to make payment of the remainder of the 40,000*l.* to the use of the navy, according to the former order of this House—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 208; 5, *p.* 52.]

Jan. 22. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the Navy Committee be desired to meet this committee on Thursday afternoon, concerning the money to be paid to the navy.

Like Order, on an order of the House of Commons given, of 26 Sept. 1648,—that the county committees to whom the liberty of compounding with delinquents is granted certify to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall particulars of the estates on which they compound, and the sums paid on compositions, to be there recorded,—requiring returns accordingly within 10 days after composition. [*G* 1, *p.* 195; 5, *p.* 49.]

Jan. 23. **4.** Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall pay or order payment of the remainder of the 40,000*l.* to the navy, according to former orders, before they pay Sir Wm. Dick, notwithstanding the order of this House for that committee to state the matter of fact about moneys to be paid to the Kingdom of Scotland, and the assignations thereof. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 209.]

Feb. 5. **5.** Blank summons for appearance before the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee on 8 February, to answer charges. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 12. **6.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding.
Kendal. The House of Commons, on representation of the heavy pressures lying upon this county, granted the fines of delinquents here towards disbanding the forces, and discharging other public engagements. On this order, we

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endeavoured to pay 4,000*l.* out of the first moneys raised to the Lancashire forces under Major-Gen. Ashton; but finding that the charge of the quarters upon this county by the said forces would nearly equalize that sum before it could be raised, we borrowed it of the county, and engaged ourselves to repay it from sequestrations; this we are disabled from doing by your *supersedeas* for stay of proceedings in the sequestration of the personal estate of Sir Henry Bellingham, which we had pitched upon as most considerable for the county's satisfaction. As he and Sir Thomas Strickland, two of the most considerable men here, are prosecuting their compositions, we desire that their fines, or any other in this county, may be paid here, towards reimbursing the said 4,000*l.* and for paying the disbanding of the soldiers, which are a great cumber for so small a county, there being five troops of horse, and five foot companies, most of which are disbanded, and have their accounts stated, and are daily calling upon us for satisfaction. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Feb. 24. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that this committee will now sit every Tuesday and Thursday on compositions, and Saturday for hearing reviews, motions, and receiving petitions. [*G* 5, *p.* 65.]

Feb. 27. **7, 7A.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on an order in Parliament of 10 Feb. on report of Sir John Danvers from the Committee for Irish affairs, sitting at Derby House—that the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee pay 2,638*l.* to Sir Adam Loftus, treasurer-at-war for Ireland, which sum was by a former order to be lent to this committee out of the 40,000*l.* at Weavers' Hall appointed for the service of Ireland, for present satisfying what was to be paid to Lord Ormond out of the moneys of Goldsmiths' Hall which were not then ready, with proviso that it should be paid back to the Irish service out of the first moneys that should come into Goldsmiths' Hall not then disposed of;—for payment accordingly. Receipted 3 March 1649. [1 *page; also G* 5, *p.* 70.]

March 1. Order that from this day no persons who have surrendered on any articles of war, and not prosecuted their composition to effect, and paid and secured their fines, shall have any benefit by the said articles, and that no petition in which such benefit is claimed shall be referred to the sub-committee. [*G* 5, *p.* 78.]

March 5. Order in Parliament, that the 6,500*l.* arrears due to the Prince Elector be paid forthwith out of the estates assigned for raising him a revenue of 8,000*l.*; that those estates be not otherwise disposed of till the sum is paid; and that in case they are compounded for, the composition money shall go towards the said sum. [*G* 87, *p.* 1,115.]

March 10. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that those to whom reviews have been granted shall prosecute them with effect within 6 weeks, on pain of losing the benefit of the grant and paying the full fine.

That those who have compounded and had their fines set 3 months ago, and have not yet petitioned for a review, shall not be admitted to petition.

That no future compounders shall be admitted to a review, unless petitioned for within 3 months. [*G* 5, *p.* 75.]

March 13. Goldsmiths' Hall. **8.** Order at the Committee for drawing up the Act touching delinquents, that as to the Earl of Winchester, Sir John Stowell, Mat. Wren, and David Jenkins, who were excepted for life and are in custody, the House be consulted whether they shall be tried for life or sentenced to perpetual imprisonment, or to banishment and confiscation.

That the following 12 be presented for perpetual banishment and confiscation, Charles and James Stuart, the late King's sons, being supernumeraries:—

John, Earl of Bristol.
William, Earl of Newcastle.
Sir Wm. Widdrington.
George, Lord Digby.
Sir Phil. Musgrave.
Sir Marm. Langdale.
Sir Richard Grenvile.
Sir Fras. Doddington.
Edward, Earl of Worcester.
Sir John Winter.
Sir John Culpeper.
Sir John Byron.

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That all who have plotted or assisted the rebellion in Ireland be excepted from pardon.

That these and the 12 before named shall be proscribed as enemies and traitors, and die without mercy if found within the limits of the State, and that their estates be forthwith confiscated.

That Sir John Winter have convenient time to depart into any foreign parts.

RULES FOR COMPOSITIONS.

That all delinquents not excepted as above be admitted to compound within certain days of April.

That they must submit to their fines, pay ½, and secure the remainder at 3 months, within 6 weeks from filing their petitions.

That delinquents beyond seas come in before 1 June.

That the rents and profits of sequestered estates due at Lady Day be stayed in the tenants' hands till 1 June.

That the estates of all who neglect to compound be confiscated.

That delinquents formerly excepted from pardon, but now admitted to compound, pay ½ the true value of their estates.

That Papists in arms compound at ½.

That Members of Parliament, judges, all law officers, and all clergy or fellows of colleges, and members of schools or hospitals, pay ⅓.

That all servants of the late King, Queen, or Prince, not engaged in or contributing to the war, pay $\frac{1}{10}$.

All other delinquents ¼ of their estates.

That all who have concealed or under-valued any part of their estates may compound at the same rate as before, if they discover it themselves before 1 June, otherwise it is forfeit.

New delinquents engaged in the latter war only to pay ⅙, except those included in any particular qualification. [3 *pages.*]

March 13. **9.** Copy of part of the above, adding other names proposed to be excepted from pardon, viz. :—

[Prince] Rupert.
James, Earl of Derby.
Francis, Lord Cottington.
Sir Robert Heath.
H. Jermin.
Sir R. Hopton.
Sir Edw. Hyde.
Sir John Morley.
Sir Charles Dallison.
Col. Grey.
James, Earl of Castlehaven.
Sir Nich. Cole.
Sir Thos. Riddle, jun.
Endymion Porter.

[2 *pages.*]

March 17. Parliament Order that the Ladyday rents and profits of all sequestered persons (saving those excepted from pardon), be detained in the tenants' hands till 1 June next. With note in Sir Hum. Bennett's case to stay discharge of the goods till the composition is perfected. [*G* 135, *p.* 673.]

March 20. **10.** Order by the Committee for Compounding with delinquents at Goldsmiths' Hall that the above vote be printed and sent to the several counties of England and Wales and to all committees and sequestrators. [1 *sheet printed; also G* 5, *p.* 80.]

March ? **11.** Note of the estates of 4 delinquents compounded for in 1646 and 1649, all calendared under their respective cases. [1 *page.*]

April 3. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for letters to the county commissioners to examine whether Thos. Bond; Capt. John Webb, Vincent Goddard, and Alex. Staples, of county Wilts; and Edw. Stevens, county Berks—nominated by Capt. Wm. Parsons for payment from their fines of 1,092*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* granted him by Parliament order of 3 Aug. 1648,—be delinquents. [*G* 111, *pp.* 61, 63; 5, *p.* 80.]

April 3. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall on a Parliament order of 2 April —revoking a Parliament order of 28 March last, for payment to Col. Mich. Jones, Governor of Dublin, of the fine of Sir Francis or Sir Marmaduke

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Lloyd, and ordering that the fine of Sir Fras. Lloyd, of Machevellin, county Cardigan, be forthwith paid to Goldsmiths' Hall, and thence 1,000*l.* be paid to Col. Jones with interest, as by orders of 3 April and 7 Oct. 1648;—for payment accordingly. [*G* 95, *p.* 113; 5, *p.* 81.]

Order on an order of Parliament of 5 March 1649—for payment forthwith of 3,000*l.* for sick and maimed soldiers, to be repaid by the Committee for sale of the late King's goods,—for payment accordingly. [*G* 5, *p.* 82.]

Order that Mr. Moyer be desired to enter such orders and particulars as shall be proceeded on at this committee, that no mistake may be pretended in either. [*G* 6, *p.* 1.]

April 3. Certificate by Edw. Curle of his discovery of 50*l.* a year omitted by Hen. Durnford, of Sherborne, in his composition at 50*l.* a year from Taunton Dean Manor. He also begs allowance for discovery of 75*l.* a year omitted by Sir Hum. Mildmay. [*G* 79, *p.* 102.]

April 9. Parliament order, on report from the committee for drawing up the Act touching delinquents, for further rules touching composition.

That whoever compounds at $\frac{1}{3}$ shall pay a full third of his chattels and personal estate, and 5 years' value for estates of inheritance, and also for estates for life with remainder to his issue, if they have clauses of revocation since 1641, by which the estate may be unsettled by the compounder.

For all estates *bonâ fide* settled before 1641, without power of alienation, he is to pay 3 years' value.

Those who compound at $\frac{1}{6}$ are to pay $\frac{1}{6}$ of chattels, and personal estate, and 3 years' value on estates of inheritance not settled before 1641.

Where the estate was settled inalienably before 1641, the payment is to be 2½ years' value, but 2 years if for one life only, without reversion.

Like order that Sir Peter Wentworth be added to he Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 1, *p.* 199; 6, *p.* 1.]

April 10. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that the treasurers pay Col. [Mich.] Jones the first payment of Sir Fras. Lloyd's fine, and reimburse themselves from the fines that come in upon the new delinquents in Essex, Kent, and Wales. [*G* 5, *p.* 84 (2); 6, *p.* 13.]

April 10. Eling, near Southampton. George Strode to John Ashe. Pray shew favour to this gentleman, a near kingsman of Sir John Mill, and a very great and loving friend of mine. [*G* 119, *p.* 812.]

April 17. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall,—on complaint by Capt. Venner that the County Committee of Cheshire will not pay the 50*l.* a year, part of an impropriation bought of Sir Orlando Bridgman, and settled on the minister of Nantwich,—that a letter be written to the committee to request payment. [*G* 5, *p.* 86; 6, *p.* 15.]

Like order that the solicitor of co. Hereford be required to send up the names of delinquents who are legally impeached, but cannot be proceeded against because of the committee not sitting. [*G* 6, *p.* 17.]

April 21. Hereford. Major Wroth Rogers to the Committee for Compounding. On 10 Jan. last, I had an order from the county committee to receive 5*l.* a week towards the maintenance of my table, and repairs of the breaches of the works. Last November I was obliged to use 200*l.* of the contribution money for the army for victualling and repairing the castle, when Sir Hen. Lingen, by a desperate plot, attempted its surprisal. I had the command of the Army Committee to do this, and the county commissioners engaged themselves to make it good to the Treasury, but they are disabled therefrom by the late order for all moneys to remain in the tenants' hands till further order. I beg you to grant an order for my allowance, and for the 200*l.* [*G* 114, *p.* 691.] *Annexing*

1. *Order of the county committee that Major Rogers, governor of Hereford Castle, be allowed from the next quarter's sequestrations* 5*l. a week towards his charges, and that he have* 10 *loads of wood.* 10 *Jan.* 1648–9. [*G* 114, *p.* 695.]

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11. [*Army Committee to the County Committee for Herefordshire.*] *On your complaint that Major Rogers has received from your treasurer, Mr. Blayney, 500l. for victualling Hereford Castle, and used menaces to the treasurer if he did not pay it, we wrote to reprove Rogers, and to say that we would not allow any part of the money raised for the army to be converted to such use, but must deduct it out of the pay of the garrison. We find however by his letter, that of 490l. received, but 200l. was army money, and the rest sequestration money. We desire you to repay this 200l. to the army treasurer, it being more fit for sequestration money to supply such occasions than army money, the whole assessment not sufficing to discharge the pay.* [*G* 114, *p.* 693.]

May 7. Parliament order that the reports from Goldsmiths' Hall, touching persons whose cases are ordered to be particularly reported by that committee, be made next Monday, and none such to receive prejudice meantime. [*G* 1, *p.* 212.]

12. Like order, that the sequestrations and fines of delinquents in the late Essex insurrection be applied to the maintenance of the forces raised in that county for its defence, after payment of 5,000*l.* to Lord Fairfax's army, and the remainder to go towards the losses suffered by the well-affected of Colchester in the late insurrection. Also that the standing committee of the county have power to compound with delinquents, according to the rules given to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [1¼ *pages; also G* 76, *p.* 389.]

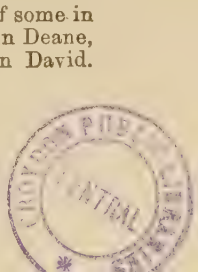
Like order that 10,000*l.* be allotted to the town of Liverpool, Lancashire, for satisfaction of its losses, from the estates of Sir Wm. Gerard, of the Bryn; [Wm.] Blundell, of Crosby; [Thos.] Blundell, of Ince; [Rich.] Chorley, of Chorley; [Rob.] Fazakerly, of Walton; and [Edw.] Scarisbrick, of Scarisbrick, Papists in arms, who were commissioners of array, and colonels and captains for the King, and whose estates were not otherwise disposed of at the taking of Liverpool. [*G* 139, *p.* 455.]

May 8. **13.** Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on vote of Parliament of 5 May,—that the sums reserved for use of the State on receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall and the Excise, in lieu of like sums transferred on the security of Dean and Chapters' lands, shall be employed for the forces in England and Ireland, and for the use of the navy, and shall be issued by warrants from the Council of State, who have required 10,000*l.* to be sent to Col. Jones, and 20,000*l.* to be sent to Holland to buy wheat and cheese for Ireland—that the said 30,000*l.* be paid accordingly. [⅔ *page.*]

Like order that, notwithstanding the votes of Parliament of 17 March for the rents of sequestered estates to remain in the tenants' hands, the augmentations granted by the Committee for Plundered Ministers out of the estate of Sir Philip Hungate are to be paid to Alex. Robertson, minister of Sherborne, co. York, and all other ministers concerned. [*G* 93, *p.* 802.]

May 10. Chelmsford. **14.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. Some delinquents concerned in the late insurrection are applying to you for a composition for their estates, although some of them have already submitted to be fined by us. We enclose the votes of the House of Commons of 13 July 1648, an ordinance of both Houses of 25 Nov., and a late Act of 2 May, by which you will see what money we are necessitated to raise; and for this end the compositions of the county are given to our committee and the management to us. You will see of what ill consequence it is for delinquents to be treating in two places at the same time, and if you do not desist from further proceeding with these delinquents, we shall be disabled from satisfying our engagements. Those of the army concerned in the 5,000*l.* gratuity press so hard for that money, of which there is yet very little raised, that we shall be constrained to keep the estates of the said delinquents under sequestration, unless freed by compounding with us. We will send an account of the compositions that have been made. [1 *page.*]

May 11. Edw. Curle to the [Committee for Compounding]. As delinquents and their solicitors do not give a true value of their estates, I give particulars of some in my division who are intending to compound, viz., Phil. Day and John Deane, of Ditcheat. Rob. Albyn of Bruton, and Chris. Chappell of Barton David. [*G* 79, *pp.* 107, 108.]



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May 11. **15.** Order by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall,—in pursuance of an order of Parliament of 13 April 1647, empowering them to issue warrants for payment of 6,368*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* on the ordinance for reducing Newcastle-on-Tyne, with 8 per cent. to those who advanced money therefor—for payment to Thos. Adams, treasurer for the moneys so lent, of the sums advanced by the several lenders, with interest at 8 per cent. Receipted. [1 *page.*]

May 12. **16.** Order by the Committee for Compounding that,—whereas the Committee for Plundered Ministers have granted 40*l.* a year augmentation out of West Wycombe parsonage, belonging to Rob. Dormer, recusant, to Joel Barnard, minister of Medmenham, Bucks, which is withheld by the purchaser of the estate, on pretence of letters from this committee suspending Dormer's sequestration,—it is hereby certified that the purchaser is not to receive the Lady Day rent due to the minister, but it is to be paid to Barnard. With note of a like order of 31 May for Mr. Poule, minister at West Wycombe. Sent to the committee of co. Bucks, to Rob. Dormer, and to the purchaser of the estate. [1 *page.*]

May 12. Leicester. **17.** County Commissioners of Sequestrations for Leicestershire to the Committee for Compounding. As Sir John Pate, formerly excepted from composition, is now admitted to it, we make bold to say that our ministers in this town, having small means belonging to their churches, had augmentations allowed by order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers, out of Sysonby [rectory] sequestered from Sir John Pate, and we beg that these augmentations may be allowed and that they may be excepted in his composition; the rather that the minister would be left destitute of maintenance if deprived thereof, having small hopes of supply elsewhere. [1 *page.*]

May 15. **18.** Order of the Committee for Compounding to pay to the Scottish officers nominated in a list lately filed in the Treasury, the interest due to them before the passing of the late Act for transferring charges on the Treasury to the security of Dean and Chapters' lands, as also the interest for all other sums charged on the said Treasury, for which interest was payable every six months. [*Also G* 2, *p.* 85.]

19, 20. Like order on a Parliament order given of 10 May, on petition of the reduced officers of co. Dorset,—that they deliver to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall a list of such persons within that county as are sequestrable and not sequestered; that the committee give order for their sequestration if they find cause; and that the moiety of the fines and compositions of such of the said delinquents as they shall discover within three months be allowed towards their arrears,—for payment thereof to Sam. Bull, of Dorchester, on behalf of the said officers. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 217.] *Enclosing,*

20. I. *List of* 41 *persons in co. Dorset who are sequestrable but not sequestered, with their residences, &c.* [2 *pages.*]

20. II. *Like list, noting that a moiety of their fines is assigned for the reduced officers of co. Dorset.* [1 *page.*]

May 16. Order of the House of Commons, that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider how the State may not be prejudiced by judgments, extents, &c., laid on the estates of such as have been, or are sequestered, and how the fines may be brought in, notwithstanding such judgments, extents, &c.; also how such fines, imposed by both, or either of the Houses of Parliament, as are just and fit to be brought in, may be brought in; the care hereof to be recommended to Major Salway. [*G* 1, *p.* 213.]

May 18. York. Certificate by the County Commissioners for Yorkshire of their payment from Sir Hen. Griffith's estate of 443*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, in part of 1,500*l.* ordered by Parliament 20 Jan. 1648, to Frances, widow of Sir Wm. Fairfax. [*G* 86, *p.* 11.]

May 19. **21.** Order in Parliament, that all such delinquents as have compounded at Goldsmiths' Hall, and their compositions been reported and allowed, and their ordinances passed both Houses, shall pay in their money according to their compositions, without expecting any further review; and that all those whose

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reports are made, and whose ordinances passed this House and not the House of Peers, upon what pretence soever, except for breach of Articles, shall pay in their money without expecting any review.

The cases of all such delinquents as were appointed by order to be considered this day, referred to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, who are to determine them according to the rules formerly given by this House. [*Printed, ½ sheet; also G* 1, *pp.* 213, 217.]

May 21. Petition of Alice Powell, Mary Hoyle, and Mary Dawson, wives of 3 distressed captains in Potter's List, to the Committee for Compounding, for one month's pay, being miserably poor, having 4 or 5 children each, and having pawned all they had. Have waited 3 years for their husbands' arrears, and 5,000*l.* is ordered for those in Potter's List, and their husbands are so in debt as to be in danger of prosecution. [*G* 110, *p.* 599.]

May 23. **21.** Order in Parliament that the reports of all such fines as have not passed either House be drawn up, and presented to the commissioners mentioned in the Act for prescribing certain times to delinquents for perfecting their compositions, for their approbation in order to a final discharge.

The reports to be made in order of time as they were set.

The reports being made, and the fines being allowed by such commissioners, a final discharge shall issue to every such compounder, according to the direction of the Act; and if any compounder shall not pay in his whole fine within 6 weeks after his composition, he shall incur the penalties expressed in the Act.

The cases of all delinquent compounders who have petitioned for mitigation of their compositions, and all whose reports are not yet made to this House, and are ordered to be specially reported (except those secluded by the vote of 19 May 1649), are referred to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to determine according to the rules given by the House, and according to such articles [of war] as the compounder has a right to, if they have been confirmed by both or either House of Parliament. [*Printed, ⅔ sheet.*]

May 24. **22.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, on an order of Parliament of 6 May 1647—for payment of 10,000*l.* for relief of certain indigent persons, in a list presented to the House by Auditor Wilcox, except those who were engaged against Parliament about July or August 1647,—that the treasurers at Christchurch pay, out of the 9,000*l.* reserved from Goldsmiths' Hall moneys, such officers and soldiers in the list presented as the moneys hold out for. [*⅔ page.*]

May 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Monday week be appointed to hear petitions and cases referred to this committee. [*G* 6, *p.* 70.]

May 26. **23.** Order in the Committee for Compounding, on a Parliament order of 26 May given—that all the rents and profits of the estates of sequestered persons not excepted from composition, which were due at Ladyday last or since, and shall be due before 24 June next, be retained by the tenants until 1 July next, and that the Commissioners for Compounding with delinquents give notice hereof to all concerned; and that the rents and profits of the estates of such delinquents as perfect their compositions before 1 July next, and which were due 25 March last or since, be paid to such persons—that this order be printed and circulated throughout England and Wales. [*Printed, 1 sheet.*]

May 29. **24.** Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners for Cheshire. By authority of Parliament, we have power to dispose of impropriations to be compounded for to the places where they are most needed, and which are worst provided, and the Committee for Plundered Ministers are not authorised to make any grant except during sequestration. Sir Orlando Bridgman has valued Plemstall rectory at no more than it was formerly let at, therefore it is to be disposed of as formerly directed, and the arrears and profits paid as ordered by this committee. [*¾ page.*]

May. **25.** John Browning, sheriff of Gloucestershire, to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. I have caused the Act concerning delinquents to be published in Minchinhampton, Tetbury, Dursley, Wotton-under-Edge, Cirencester, Northleach, Cheltenham, and Tewksbury, and shall publish it in 2 or 3 other towns; but I was delayed by having only one printed copy of the order, which I had to send from town to town. [*⅔ page.*]

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June 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that—whereas by Act of Parliament, the rents of delinquents are to be detained in the tenants' hands till 1 July, for the benefit of those that perfect their compositions by that time, which Act has a clause that, out of the estates of other Papists or delinquents who do not compound within that time, the public engagements made by the Committee of co. Gloucester for raising and disbanding the forces in that county, shall be made good—letters be written to the said committee that, from the said rents, they make good the engagements to Capts. John Wells, Thos. Roberts, Rich. Castle, and Griffantius Phillips. [*G* 6, *p.* 86..]

June 13. Order of the House of Commons, that Peter Temple be added to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 1, *p.* 199.]

June 21. **26.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, for payment to John Leech of —— to be distributed to the under clerks attending Parliament, for their pains and service. [½ *page.*]

June 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding, to move the House to enlarge the time for detaining rents till Aug. 1649.

Also that Mr. Temple, Ashe, Salway, and Garland form a sub-committee of the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 6, *p.* 116.]

June 27. **27.** Order in Parliament—on report from the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, that they think the time for persons to come in to compound should be enlarged, and touching compositions with Papists,—that the time for compositions and continuance of rents in tenants' hands, be prolonged to 1 August next. Also—

June 27. Order in the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee that this vote of Parliament be printed and sent to the county commissioners of England and Wales, who are to observe the same. [1 *page, printed.*]

June 28. **28–30.** Order of the Committee for Compounding on a Parliament order of 1 March 1648,—that 1,000*l* be paid to Col. Wm. Sydenham, in part of arrears, from estates of delinquents concealed to be discovered by him to the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall, or from those undervalued in compositions, to be discovered at Goldsmiths' Hall, both committees to receive and examine his discoveries, determine according to justice, and take course to bring in the moneys; also on a like order for Col. John Bingham—that the same be paid from the fine of Sir Thos. Leigh, of Stoneleigh, co. Warwick, set on an undervaluation of his estate, of which they were joint discoverers. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 200, 219.]

June 29. Order that the Bristol Committee return the charges of delinquency brought by the solicitor for sequestrations, or any other, against [Alex.] James, late alderman, —— Hicks, [John] Creswick, and the rest of the citizens of Bristol who have not compounded. [*G* 6, *p.* 138.]

July 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that letters be written to the members of the County Committee of Dorsetshire, that special care be taken that the tithes of the impropriation of Winfrith, bought of Col. Laurence, be collected and disposed of according to this committee's orders.

That letters be written to the committees and treasurers of the Scottish loans in cos. Kent and Sussex, to pay in their money and perfect their accounts. [*G* 6, *p.* 139.]

July 5. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, in answer to a paper sent from the committee for [relief on] Articles of War, that this committee took no notice of their order as to the discharge of the Bristol delinquents, because they had no power by the Act to meddle in Bristol Articles, and therefore resolved to proceed against them, that paper notwithstanding. [*G* 6, *p.* 151.]

July 5. Chelmsford. **31.** Alphabetical list of 175 delinquents who have compounded in Essex, with the value of their respective estates, personal and real, the amount of their debts, and the sums paid by them for composition, total 21,857*l.* With note

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that some of the real estates are for life, others in reversion; that some compositions are not finished; there are some debts about which the committee are not satisfied, and some abatements to be made. [*Double sheet.*]

July 5. **32.** Blank form of a certificate to be made thereon. [$\frac{1}{8}$ *page.*]

July 12. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that in the case of compositions with such as purchase the estates of recusants not in arms, this committee will proceed as formerly with those already received and referred, and the treasurers shall receive their moneys as deposits, till the sense of Parliament be understood. If such fines be not there allowed, the moneys shall be repaid to the depositors. Also that no petition of that nature be received from henceforth, till further resolution be taken. [*G* 6, *p.* 157.]

July 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the order for [John] Hampden's children be signed according to the order of the House. [*G* 6, *p.* 158.]

July 21. Cornwall. **33.** Edw. Herle, sheriff of Cornwall, to the Committee for Compounding. On 17 July, I published as ordered yours of the 5th instant, in all the market towns and corporations of the county not infested with the plague. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

July 26. **34, 35.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, for printing of the order in Parliament prefixed of 25 July, that the tenants of sequestered estates who are to retain their rents until 1 Aug. keep their rents for such estates until 1 Sept., except the Parliament shall otherwise order; it is to be sent down to the several committees of England and Wales, who are to see it strictly observed, or answer at their peril. [*Printed,* 1 *page,* 2 *copies; also G* 6, 175; 172, *p.* 675.]

July 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that this committee will not hear any motions, reviews, or other business than compositions, till the 1st of August be passed. [*G* 6, *p.* 178.]

July 31. Bradford, Wilts. Thos. French, solicitor for sequestrations, to John Leech. I left a paper with you 4 months since, but lest it should have been overlooked, I enclose a copy. I beg you to present it to the committee, and to stand my friend. I hope no one has interposed to deprive me of my employment. You thought they would not displace those who had been faithful, but would add to their powers, and many Parliament men know that my defects have been want of authority and a better committee. I have been prevented coming to London, but will come if you think it needful. [*G* 85, *p.* 259.] *Annexing*

I. *Representation by Thos. French to the Committee for Compounding. Many delinquents have enjoyed their lands ever since sequestered, on payment of a small fine to the County Commissioners, who have discharged their persons and estates, and received nothing from the lands, though sequestered* 5 *years since, which is contrary to the resolves of* 14 *March* 1649.

Some rent their own estates by themselves or others, at undervalues, contrary to the said resolves. On the late Parliament Order of April 9, *staying the receiving of rents till next June, the County Commissioners have postponed their sittings till Ladyday, so that the leases which fell in at Ladyday cannot be improved, and many Papists' and delinquents' estates still unsequestered cannot be sequestered. Begs authority and instructions to a fit person for timely amendment thereof.* [*G* 85, *pp.* 251, 261.]

II. *Queries:—*

1. *Whether the estates of delinquents who died before sequestration are to be sequestered?*
2. *Whether those discharged by the County Committees as not worth* 100*l. are liable for any greater estate that may come to them?*
3. *Whether arrears of rents due before discharge from Goldsmiths' Hall may not be required after discharge, and levied in case of refusal?* [*G* 85, *p.* 249.]

Aug. 4. **36.** Note of hand by Waring and Herring, Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers, for 1,500*l.* received from Alex. Holt, goldsmith of London, to be repaid with 8 per cent. interest. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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Aug. 10. **37.** Act for admitting the 6 counties of North Wales to a general composition for their delinquency, assessing 24,000*l.* upon them, viz., 3,000*l.* each Montgomery, Denbigh, and Merioneth; 2,000*l.* Flint; 4,000*l.* Carnarvon; and 9,000*l.* Anglesea—the first half to be paid in 10 weeks, and the next in 10 weeks following, to the treasurers-at-war for the army; also appointing 52 commissioners to rate and collect it. Also payment is not to be accepted from the following:—

(1.) Persons who are well affected, and those who are excepted from pardon.
(2.) Members of Parliament that deserted to the enemy.
(3.) Aiders of the Irish rebellion.
(4.) Those who have been in arms and remain abroad.
(5.) Corresponders with Charles Stuart or his agents abroad.
(6.) Scandalous ministers who are sequestrable, or who plotted the revolt of the Isle of Anglesea.
(7.) Papists in arms, ⅔ of whose estates are sequestered.
(8.) Prisoners of war.
(9.) Public accountants who hold moneys.

Compounders at Goldsmiths' Hall are not to be discharged from their fines by this Act, nor any persons thereby to be made capable of offices of trust.

All worth less than 4*l.* a year lands, or 40*l.* personal estate to be freed, provided they will declare their adherence to the Commonwealth. Sums not exceeding 4,000*l.* promised to the well-affected from delinquents' estates there to be paid.

The said commissioners are to sequester the estates of all delinquents who do not come under this Act, and to hear complaints as to inequality of assessment; and allowance to be made by landlords to tenants for taxes. Charges of collecting limited to 100*l.* in each county; the commissioners to have 5*s.* a day.

All suspensions of sequestrations made by Sir Thos. Middleton, by Parliament ordinance, are to be taken off.

Payment of this fine is not to be construed into a confession of delinquency.

From the first receipts 2,000*l.* allowed to Col. Thos. Mason, Capts. Rich Pine, and Thos. Ball, and Rich. Cheadle, who have had their houses burnt and their estates kept from them for years by the enemy; and 1,000*l.* for the debts of Wm. Lloyd, deceased, high sheriff of co. Carnarvon. [*Printed*, 12 *pages.*]

Aug. 13. **38.** Committee for Compounding to the county solicitors. On the order of Parliament of 9 Aug. for bringing in rents, &c., you are to take special care to collect all dues in the hands of tenants of sequestered estates uncompounded for, and pay them into the Treasury, with a list of the names and the rentals of the estates still sequestered. Also the names of any tenants or collectors who refuse to pay, that effectual course may be taken with them; and you are to give account personally before 10 Sept. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 13. Stafford. **39.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. A great part of the assessments of our county was assigned by the Army Committee to Col. [Rob.] Duckenfield, governor of Chester, for the pay of his regiment, and thereupon he sent Capt. Philip Eyton with a party of horse to collect the same, amounting to 3,369*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* Eyton spent 140*l.* to defray his own and his men's quarters, being 8 months in gathering it. His colonel refusing to allow him the 140*l.*, we, in regard of his civil carriage, had resolved, with your approbation, to pay it him out of the sequestration rents, but cannot in regard of your orders for detaining the rents in the tenants' hands. We beg you to empower us to receive so much out of estates uncompounded for, and to dispose of it to that use. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 15. Act of Parliament settling 2,000*l.* a year on John Bradshaw, serjeant-at-law, and president of the Council of State, from the forfeited estates of Francis, Lord Cottington, in Middlesex, Wilts, Berks, Hants, Somerset, and Kent; also from Somerhill and Tunbridge park, Kent, sequestered from Ulick, Earl of St. Alban's and Clanricarde, Papist, and rebel in arms in Ireland; to be held of the manor of East Greenwich. He is to receive the Michaelmas rents; with saving of all claims on the estate before 4 July 1640, except those of Papists and delinquents.

Such portion of the said estates as were before settled by Parliament on Sir Wm. Parsons and other [Irish] trustees, for certain payments, is exchanged by their consent for lands of equal value in co. Derby, sequestered from the Earl of

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Newcastle, and not yet appropriated. The claims of the Earl of Northumberland and Sir Rob. Pye on the Earl of St. Alban's estate to be settled out of the residue of his estate in co. Herts. [*G* 71, *pp.* 133–141.]

[Aug. 15.] Request signed W. R.—that notice may be given to the Commissioners of co. Derby, that these manors are set over to the trustees for raising 50,000*l.* for Ireland, and they asked what money has been paid into the Treasury therefrom. [*G* 71, *p.* 131.]

Aug. 21. **40.** "A collection of what horses are charged by the country to be taken by Capt. [John] Potter and his officers;" also, "a collection of several charges brought in by the country against Capt. Potter." Being notes of free quarter taken by his men, and of money and horses raised for him.

41. Collection of assignations received by him; with references to the pages of a book missing. [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 21. **42.** Petition, without signatures, of about 2,500 persons comprised in a list commonly called Potter's List, to Parliament. On the army's approach to London, in June 1647, there was order for a month's pay to all the reduced officers and soldiers about London, except such as, unwilling to engage in that quarrel, were cautious of bringing in their accounts. Petitioners, amongst others, were excluded from the benefit of the list of the tickets, whereas those who brought in their accounts had them listed, and a month's pay, without exception of such as served in particular counties, or deduction of free quarter, which would have excluded many from the benefit of the month's pay, as having nothing due to them.

Upon Potter's former addresses to Parliament, their accounts were ordered, 1 Oct. 1647, to be examined, listed, and a month's pay given them, but the list was made up with many cautions and limitations, whereby all who served in particular counties, all who did not produce such evidence as fell within the five first qualifications of the list, and all who, after deduction of free quarter, had not a full month's pay due to them, were excluded, to the number of 3,000 persons. Petitioners are such as still remain listed, notwithstanding the said exceptions, are of the poorer sort, and had always the most tender regard from Parliament during the continuance of Sir Thos. Dacre and Col. Moore, who were chairmen to the committee to whom the examination of their accounts was referred.

By ordinance of 19 June 1648, 42,000*l.* was charged upon the sequestrations at Guildhall, of which petitioners were allotted 17,000*l.*, but they hear that there is but about 7,000*l.* as yet come in, and no likelihood of the rest in any reasonable time. Beg that effectual means may be used for the advance of 10,000*l.* from Goldsmiths' Hall, which though it may straighten Parliament otherwise, will preserve some and deliver others of petitioners from imprisonment and famine. "And God, whose opportunities have ever been your difficulties, shall not fail to be more seen in providing for your other occasions." Endorsed, "A Petition upon Potter's List, Aug. 1649, read 21 Aug. 1649." [1 *page.*]

Aug. 21. **43.** Like petition of the reduced officers and gentlemen of Colonel [Nich.] Sanderson's late regiment of horse, for present payment of 10,000*l.* out of the fines imposed on North Wales, or out of the arrears of rents remaining in delinquents' hands, and ordered by Parliament 9 Aug. [1649], to be kept in a distinct treasury. Have served with the fidelity of gentlemen ever since the first insurrection, and concluded their services with the best sacrifice of obedience, in laying down their arms. Parliament ordered petitioners this 10,000*l.* out of the 42,000*l.* payable out of the Guildhall sequestrations, to the three lists of Wilcox, Potter, and Sanderson by equal divisions, according to ordinance of 19 June 1648. Against this rule of proportion, Wilcox's list, called the printed tickets, has received 2,400*l.* of their 15,000*l.*, and obtained order for payment of 9,100*l.* more, now ready for them in Goldsmiths' Hall. But petitioners, upon agreement to take 10,000*l.* for 17,940*l.*, delivered up their debentures, and signed a release, yet received only 900*l.* instead of their proportion of 4,000*l.*, and are now, after 14 months' expectation, cast in behind the rest. Some are in prison, and some starving. Endorsed "Sanderson's list's petition, read 21 Aug. 1649." [1 *page.*]

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Aug. 21. **44, 45.** Order in Parliament referring the petitions of Sanderson and Potter's soldiers to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, to advise with the treasurers of the maimed soldiers and the Committee of Sequestrations at Guildhall how to pay the sums due on the respective lists, and to consider whether the 9,100*l.* ought not to be part of the 42,000*l.*, and report. [2 *copies.*]

Aug. 24. **46.** [Wm. Hill, solicitor for sequestrations, co. Somerset,] to the sequestrators of the several hundreds. I have received order from the Committee for Compositions at Goldsmiths' Hall to issue warrants for collecting the rents due from the tenants of sequestered estates, and to cause the same to be brought into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall; also to take special care for collecting and receiving all rents and arrears remaining in the hands of tenants who hold sequestered estates in this county, and who have not yet compounded. You are therefore, in pursuance of the said order, to collect and receive all such rents, and bring them to me by 4 Sept. next; and in default of payment by any tenants, to bring a list of their names, and the rentals of the estates of such persons as stand sequestered within your division or hundred, so that I may pay in all such moneys before 10 Nov. next, and an effectual course may be taken against the defaulters. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 25. Taunton. **47.** William Hill to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of the 13th inst., I have taken speedy course for collecting the arrears of rent arising out of sequestered estates, or remaining in the hands of tenants, which services I shall prosecute to my best endeavours, and give a good and speedy account thereof. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 27. Cambridge. **48.** William Pickering [solicitor for co. Cambridge] to the Committee for Compounding. I received your order of the 13th inst. to gather in the arrears on the sequestrations in this county, and we will put it in execution immediately; but I send this intimation, as the carrier is very urgent for a letter signifying his delivery of yours. [⅓ *page.*]

Aug. 30. **49.** Order by the treasurers-at-war empowered to receive 24,000*l.* compositions from the inhabitants of North Wales, and to pay 4,000*l.* thereof to well-affected persons, for payment of 2,000*l.* thereof to John Jones on a Parliament order of 7 Oct. 1648; this is to be a sufficient discharge to any inhabitants of North Wales who shall pay him any part thereof. [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 31. Derby. **50.** County Committee for Derby to the Committee for Compounding. Having perused your order of the 13th inst. to the solicitor for sequestrations in this county, made in pursuance of an order of Parliament of the 9th inst., we conceive ourselves bound to certify that in the latter insurrection, we were by necessity constrained, and by authority of Parliament required, to re-advance forces of well-affected persons for the security of this county, and the assistance of our neighbours, and had not wherewith to pay them but out of sequestered estates, which we were also authorised by ordinance of Parliament to disburse for that service. We are not only in arrears to the soldiers 1,500*l.*, which we stand engaged to pay, but also have laid out 585*l.*, which the Earl of Stamford should have from us by order of Parliament, seconded by late orders from you; also other sums for payments to many people, to whom the same have been long due, for accommodations for the soldiers in the first and second war.

We have not yet subtracted one penny for any allowance for ourselves in attending upon this service, nor know how to repay those we shall be forced to employ upon necessary service for the public; if the whole revenue of sequestrations be commanded from us without any allowance, it will be a great discouragement to us. The sequestered revenue stands still charged with 500*l.* a year to the Earl of Stamford, and 400*l.* odd enacted by Parliament to be paid to the relict of Col. Thornhaugh. The revenue of the Earl of Chesterfield is received by order of Parliament by Lord Grey, and many sequestered estates are discharged, so that the income is not great to pay our engagements, which not being discharged, we cannot act in peace or safety. We therefore desire to receive the rents of the sequestered estates until the said engagements are

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discharged, and in future to have all necessary charges defrayed, and we will cheerfully improve our endeavours to the service of the State. 8 signatures. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 31. **51.** Copy of the above, 4 signatures, but differing from those in the preceding letter. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Scott and Goodwin report to the House the demands of Capt. Benj. Bracey, as discoverer of the delinquency of Thomas Hull, of Godalming, for an allowance out of his fine, this committee having no power to make such allowance, but concurring with the opinion of the Surrey Commissioners declared in a certificate annexed to the report. [*G* 6, *p.* 204.]

52. Like order on a Parliament order of 21 Aug. 1649, on report from Goldsmiths' Hall—for payment of 4,600*l.* for disbanding the Lancashire forces, revoking the Parliament order of 9 April for payment thereof to [James] Wainwright, out of the latter half of Lord Molineux's fine, and confirming that of 24 Oct. 1648 for payment of 3,155*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, formerly granted to Lord Willoughby, of Parham, in part of the 4,600*l.*;—ordering payment accordingly, and charging the balance, 1,444*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* on their treasury to be paid in course. With receipt 5 Sept. 1649, for the 3,155*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* [2½ *pages.*]

Sept. 1. **53.** Another copy receipted 19 Feb. 1651 for the 1,444*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 1. **54.** Walter Blithe, solicitor for the County Committee of Warwick and Coventry, to the Committee for Compounding. According to your warrant to collect the rents and profits in the hands of delinquents and their tenants, stayed in their hands by orders of Parliament, and to pay them in, I, well knowing that they were received from the tenants by the county committee's treasurer, demanded them of him. He answered that he had received them by authority of the committee there, and paid them for the use of the soldiers of the county, who are still greatly in arrear. The committee conceive that those orders of restraint did not extend to any Papist sequestered as a Papist, but only to delinquents capable of composition, and therefore I ought not to demand the same by that authority. In all which, as also what order you will give touching the rents payable 29 Sept. next, I desire your pleasure. I will return you the rentals required by your order. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 3. Worcester. **55.** County Committee for Worcester to the Committee for Compounding. You order our solicitor to return the rents of sequestered delinquents remaining in the tenants' hands by former orders of restraint; but by ordinance of Parliament of 21 Sept. 1644, our sequestrations are granted towards raising and paying the officers of this county. On credit thereof, we raised several regiments of horse and foot, maintained them in the service, and disbanded them when required. Towards this work, we contracted divers debts, besides great arrears still due to officers and soldiers, there being nothing else allowed by Parliament towards defraying this charge. If the small remainder of sequestrations be taken from us, we shall be left in the lurch for those debts and arrears, contrary to the faith of Parliament held out to us in the ordinance. We refer you to Lord Chief Baron [John] Wilde, Mr. Salway, Mr. Lechmere, and such other members as serve for our county. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 3. Llanwenog, co. Montgomery. **56.** Lewis Price to the Committee for Compounding. The time allowed by your order of 13 Aug. for collecting the rents in the hands of the tenants of sequestered estates is so short that I cannot attend on the day appointed, unless I forego levying the rents, which will come in very slowly, there being no power to distrain. Our assizes began 27th Aug., and I was driven to attend all the week, so that I could not to this day begin. I will neither be slow nor negligent, but must ask a fortnight's further time, the days being so short, and my journeys tedious. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 4. Lancaster. **57.** Peter Harrison, solicitor to the Committee for co. Lancaster, to the Committee for Compounding. I received your order of 13 Aug. requiring a personal account by the 10th inst.; but as it is impossible to give it in so short a time, excuse my non-appearance until I can give a further answer. [½ *page.*]

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Sept. 6. Order in Parliament that Cols. [Alex.] Popham and Pyne, Dr. Palmer, and 3 others, be authorised to distribute the composition of Sir Wm. Portman, given by Parliament to the town of Taunton, amongst the persons for whom the same was intended by the order of 10 June 1648, upon such certificates from that town as they shall approve of.

On Dr. Palmer's report from the Committee for reparations of Houses and Towns, order that there be an addition of 2,000*l.* to the 10,000*l.* reported for Taunton, and Cols. Popham and Pyne, and the others, are to bring in an Act for satisfying the 5,000*l.* residue of the said 10,000*l.*, and also this additional 2,000*l.* out of the estates of Sir Francis Doddington or Sir John Stowell, or some other way. [*G* 110, *p.* 277.]

Sept. 6. **58, 59.** Order in the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, that the order of the House about Col. James Hopton be considered on Tuesday.

The petition of Col. Sanderson and his officers, with the order of the House thereon, referred to the Treasurers of Sequestrations at Guildhall, and the treasurers of this committee, to report. With their report that if Parliament orders the sequestration rents now stayed in the tenants' hands, and all sequestration money in future, to be paid in, as by original ordinance it ought to be, at Guildhall (*sic*), the requisite sum would be had; and that where any sequestration money shall be found, the power already granted to the treasurers at Guildhall should be applied for bringing it in. They certify that the 9,100*l.* named in the list is part of the 10,000*l.*, which, by order of the House of 6 May 1647, was to be paid to those of Wilcox's list, and has been paid accordingly at Goldsmiths' Hall, and is not any part of the 42,000*l.*; the whole sum remaining to be paid is 26,000*l.* With account of receipts towards the 42,000*l.* [*Also G* 6, *p.* 206.]

Order to counties Kent and Sussex to return the arrears of the Scottish loans. [*G* 6, *p.* 207.]

Sept. 7. Nottingham. **60.** William Richards, mayor, and four others,—being the Committee for co. Notts—to the Committee for Compounding. We were enforced, for preserving many poor soldiers' widows and children, and maimed soldiers in this garrison from utter perishing, and for appeasing the great discontent of the soldiers in Col. White's regiment of horse, for want of pay and accommodation, after their return from the last service before Pontefract Castle and other places in the North, by order of the then Lieut.-General Cromwell, to permit their receipt of such rents as were payable at Ladyday last, out of such delinquents' and Papists' estates in this county (which are very few) as were not within the votes for compounding; which, with a large assessment raised in this county by the much impoverished inhabitants thereof, rendered us in some capacity to prevail with the soldiers to disband, so that the State or the country should be no longer charged with maintenance of them and the assessments for the established army be more cheerfully paid, and the Parliament's service, which it is our zeal to promote, be the more advanced. [1 *page*]. *Enclosing,*

60. I. *John Mason, solicitor for sequestrations, co. Notts, to the Committee for Compounding. I received your order of the* 13*th of August, for collecting and receiving such rents of sequestered estates as, by a former order, were to remain in the tenants' hands, and have made such enquiry as the short time will allow. I find that the tenants of the lands have paid the Ladyday rents to Peter Rudder, employed by the Committee of Nottingham to collect them. Rudder, upon my demand of them, alleged that he paid them over to the committee, and I thereupon attended them, and showed them your orders, and desired the money. They owned the receipt, but alleged that the sum was already issued and disposed of for important affairs of the garrison, and that they would certify you thereon. As this is all the account I am able to give, I hope my personal attendance will be dispensed with; I am now utterly unable to travel, as by the enclosed certificate may appear. Nottingham,* 8 *September* 1649. [¾ *page.*]

60. II. *Certificate by Rich. Elkin, M.D., and Wm. Lettin, surgeon, that John Mason, of Nottingham, gentleman, is unable to leave his house without prejudice to his health, through an imposthume in his neck and other distempers.* 7 *September* 1649. [¾ *page.*]

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Sept. 8. Carnarvon. **61.** Thos Wynne, solicitor of sequestrations for Carnarvonshire, to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of your order, I summoned the tenants of all the delinquents in the county to pay in their moneys at Carnarvon Town Hall, when Edm. Glynn, of Brynygho, a chief delinquent, in the name of the rest, and in the presence of many who had their money ready, declared that they would not pay, because an Act of Parliament had passed for a general composition for North Wales, which they all take hold of. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 8. Taunton. **62.** William Hill, solicitor for the Committee of co. Somerset, to the Committee for Compounding. On receipt of your order for gathering all the rents of delinquents' lands remaining in the hands of tenants, I sent warrants to the several collectors for their speedy bringing in, but as yet can receive little or none. The tenants generally desire time until Michaelmas, and have mostly given bond for payment then. I have used my best endeavours, and desire an order for gathering them in at Michaelmas or a few days after, as the tenants are unwilling to part with their rents before quarter day. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 11. Note of returns this day presented in the Committee for Compounding from cos.—

Derby.	Notts.	Somerset.
Montgomery.	Lancaster.	Wilts.
Cambridge.	Kent.	Dorset.
Berks.	Cornwall.	Suffolk.
		Devon.

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Sept. 11. **63.** Peter Harrison, solicitor for co. Lancaster, to the Committee for Compounding. By this order you require me to collect all money due from, or remaining in the hands of, any tenants holding estates of persons sequestered, who have not compounded and received letters of suspension or discharge, and to bring it into your treasury; also to bring a list of the names and rentals of all persons sequestered in my division.

In 1643, the whole of the sequestrations of this county were given to our soldiers for their pay, by order of Parliament, and with arrears, by virtue whereof the officers and soldiers have hitherto been constantly paid, as far as it would extend. In 1648, the sequestrations were confirmed to the same purpose, by order of Parliament, and upon this the late soldiery depend, as their main security for the vast arrears due on their accounts. Although the revenue of sequestrations is very small, by reason of the great number of quality who have compounded, and is insufficient in a long time to satisfy their arrears, yet hitherto they have not been very pressing upon Parliament for larger security or speedier satisfaction.

I was once required by the treasurers at Guildhall to solicit that the money arising out of sequestrations here should be paid into that treasury, but upon notice of the former of these two orders, they were satisfied. Other gentlemen of this committee wrote you in behalf of the officers and soldiers here to the same effect. Under these circumstances, I hope you will dispense with my appearance. [1⅔ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

63. I. *Order in Parliament, that the deputy-lieutenants and committees of Parliament in cos. Lancaster and Chester choose an able person in each county to be auditor, and to perfect accounts of all money, goods, and profits taken or seized under any order or ordinance of either House; and to that end the auditors are to have power to send for parties and writings. Also they are to choose a treasurer, to whom all moneys collected for maintenance of the soldiers in the said counties are to be paid, and who is to issue the same on warrant from 7 or more deputy-lieutenants resident in either county, which warrants shall not be paid until entered with one of the auditors, and attested by him; such deputy-lieutenants are to have special care that all the soldiers are indifferently paid, as well for their arrears as for the time to come.* 7 *September* 1643. [¾ *page; copy.*]

63. II. *Order in Parliament, that the Committee of Accounts in Lancashire audit the accounts of the soldiers there, according to the ordinance and rules passed by both Houses in May* 1646, *and certify the same to the Committee of Accounts here; and that the arrears be satisfied out of the sequestrations of the county, next after the engagements charged thereon for the former arrears of the soldiers of the county.* 8 *November* 1648. [*Copy;* ½ *page.*]

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Sept. 13. Parliament order authorizing the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to issue warrants to Thomas Appletree and Wm. Draper, of the County Committee of Oxon, for receiving the profits of sequestrations in that county for 6 months' pay of Captain Smyth's troop, continued under command of the General, to secure the highways from thieves and robbers. [*G* 118, *p.* 175.]

Sept. 13. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that the Parliament order of 7 September 1649, referring to this committee the petitions of the reduced officers, be considered on Tuesday.

64. That [Dan.] Blagrave report to the House that there are several depositions returned from the committee of co. Dorset against delinquents whose names were presented to the committee by the reduced officers, which should be transferred to Haberdashers' Hall, or some select committee.

That the case of Sir D. Watkins, who has suffered much by delay thereof, should be presented to the House.

That orders be sent to the committee of co. Wilts to suffer Mr. French to peruse their books and writings, to enable him to make the return directed to this committee. [*G* 6, *p.* 209.]

Sept. 13. **65.** Nich. Row [solicitor for the east and south divisions of co. Devon], to the Committee for Compounding. I received your summons on 25 August, and the week following delivered a copy thereof and a warrant to the several agents and collectors for sequestrations in my division, requiring them to collect the money remaining in the tenants' hands, and pay it Edw. Anthony, of Exeter, goldsmith, whom I appointed to receive it, and thereupon hastened up to present this list as commanded.

Very few of the Committee of Devon have acted constantly as the ordinance directs since 24 July 1647; some affronts they received by soldiers at that time, and the great alterations since in the Commonwealth, have indisposed many of them to act, whereby the sequestrations have not been improved to the utmost. I advise therefore that Hen. Walrond, John Tyrling, Christopher Savery, Rich. Wood, Major Rich. Pearse, Christopher Martin, William Nottell, and Charles Pearde, of Barnstaple, and Walter Deeble, of Totnes, merchants, be added to the Committee for co. Devon, being of known integrity and good affection to Parliament.

There were several sums taken up in the beginning of the wars in our county for the public service on interest, for which the then deputy-lieutenants became bound, and are now sued by the creditors, viz., 200*l.* of John Hele, merchant of Plymouth, 200*l.* of Wm. Putt, 200*l.* of Moses Goodyeare, merchant, and several others paid very considerable sums to soldiers in that county for their arrears; they have warrants upon the treasurer of the county for their payment, and he has no means to satisfy them but out of the sequestrations. I am commanded by our committee to propound this to you, and crave direction how the same may be paid. The north division of this county is not in my charge, but belongs to Robert Spry, solicitor there.

With list prefixed of delinquents and Papists under sequestration in the east and south divisions of co. Devon, with the annual value of their respective estates, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
John, Earl of Bristol, Therverton	30	11	0
Edw. Reynell, Malston	260	0	0
Edw. Reynell, Broadclist, unset 120*l.*		—	
Thos. Marsh, Rewe, P.*	72	0	0
Thos. Kirkham, Newton Cyres, P.	35	0	0
Wm. Kirkham, Pinhoe, Boson, and Ringmore	47	10	0
Art. Trevelyan, Littleham	37	0	0
Edm. Tremaine, Church Taunton	4	15	1
,, lands at Cullacomb, South Sydenham, and Rakelet	122	19	6
John Gifford, Tiverton	62	0	0
George Moore, Collumpton	80	0	0
Nic. Beare, Silverton and Bovy Tracy	16	0	0
John Holwill, Sampford Peverell, P.	17	0	0
Rob. Hill, Woodbury	43	12	0

* P. stands for Papist.

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	£	s.	d.
Sir Edw. Carey, Staunton, Marychurch, and Stokenham, 160*l.* 0*s.* 2¼*d.*, of which ⅔ go to the State. He has many manors in the north division	106	13	4
Dorothy Risdon, P., Harberton, by agreement for ⅔ of her jointure	50	0	0
Phil. Plumleigh, Townstall	48	10	0
John Rowe, Staverton, P., 59*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, agreed to pay for ⅔	39	0	0
Rich. Browne, Sherford, one tenement	10	0	0
George Bagge, Saltram [? Saltern], 61*l.*, out of which he pays his grandmother's annuity of 50*l.*	11	0	0
Rob. Harris, Staddon	58	5	0
Jonathan Rashleigh, Plymouth	1	2	0
Thomasine and Rob. Wakeman, Beere Ferris	30	0	0
Rich. Galhampton, Newton Ferrers	65	0	0
Alex. Balfour, Plympton, 14*l.* unlet		—	
Thos. Lawes, ,, 16*l.* unlet		—	
Thos. Reddall, Tavistock, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* unlet		—	
Charles Grills, of Landreth, Tavistock, and Lamerton	5	0	0
Moses Langford, Bratton Clovelly, unset, 80*l.*		—	
Wm. Patchcot, Broadwood Widger, unset, 20*l.*		—	
John Corindon, Broadwood and Germansweek	80	0	0
Also in Bratton and Bratton Clovelly, unset, 65*l.*		—	
Thos. Prestwood, Totnes	48	0	0
John Trenicke, Ugborough	34	0	0
John Somaster, Plympton Mary	30	0	0
Earl of Marlborough, Beere Ferris	6	13	4
Col. Rich. Arundel, Shaugh, Bickles, and Walkhampton	145	0	0
John Furlong, Tamerton Foliott	62	0	0
Obadiah Reynolds, Sampford Spiney	33	4	0
Hen. Maddick, South Brent	30	0	0
Lady Wray, P., Sourton	6	13	4
Thos. Wood, Germansweek	51	2	4
Hen. Bidlake, not let, 42*l.*	8	0	8
George Westcombe, Linridge, unset, 178*l.*		—	
Rob. Bayly, P. in arms, unset, 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*		—	
John Morish, P., he has also land in the north division	7	6	0
Sir Edw. Seymour, Bart., unlet, 250*l.*	7	17	6
Thos. Rich, Ermington	60	0	0
Rich. Lane, Marychurch	90	0	0
John Littlejohn, Tavistock	24	0	0
Hen. Strode, Dittisham	29	0	0
George Blunt, P., Ashcombe	24	18	10
John Jacob, sen. and jun., Tavistock, unlet, 100*l.*		—	
Sir Charles Trevanyon	4	5	0
John Seymour, Halliwell, 40*l.*, but let only	4	0	0
George Walrond, Tiverton, unlet, because he is on appeal before the Barons of Exchequer, 52*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*		—	
John Lewis, Churston, unlet, 41*l.*		—	
Fras. Giles, Pinhoe, unlet, 50*l.*		—	
Thos. Eastchurch, Chudleigh, unlet, 15*l.*		—	
John Fortescue, Fallowpit, Halston, and Scruft, unlet, 280*l.*		—	

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Sept. 13. **66.** Alex. Maxton, deputy solicitor to the Sequestration Committee for London, to the Committee for Compounding. I have acquainted the committee with yours of 13 August last, requiring me to bring into Goldsmiths' Hall the arrears of rents in the hands of the tenants to sequestered estates uncompounded for (which by former orders were to be detained until 1 September inst.), that they may be kept in a distinct treasury, to be disposed of as Parliament shall appoint, and they instruct me to inform you that there are no other estates under sequestration by them save some few rents of delinquents and Papists, much of the arrears of which, by reason of the late votes for the tenants to detain the rents in their hands, are lost, and likely to be,

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by insolvent tenants and others quitting their dwellings. That out of these rents, they are to pay the taxes and assessments to the army, quit rents to landlords, $\frac{1}{5}$ to delinquents' wives and children, the salary and dues of officers employed under them since 1643, the rent for the house they now sit in, and the taxes, duties, and quit rent incident thereto. That as they hold it fit that those employed under them should receive their wages, if the House shall think fit that the rents for the time to come shall be received by others, they shall gladly resign, and account it a great favour done them by this committee to move the House that they may be discharged from their long and constant attendance in the sequestration service. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 13. London. **67.** W. Harvey, solicitor for sequestrations in co. Lincoln, to John Leech. On receipt of the warrant from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, I sent to the collectors to gather the rents due Ladyday last, and to pay them to me; but the county committee detained them till the pleasure of Parliament is known, because there are several sums which they have received out of the estate of persons who are discharged on appeal, and they have orders for restitution, which they are unable to make, unless they may receive the rents. In case the county committee may not enjoy these rents, but must pay them in, how shall they be returned, and who shall bear the hazard thereof? I am unwilling to be in contempt, and yet loath to engage further than I am able to perform, and therefore hope some way may be taken for payment of the money in Lincoln, where it lies, to prevent the danger in the return. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 14. Chester. **68.** Henry Cockson, solicitor to the County Committee for Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of your order and warrant for collecting the arrears and rents of sequestered estates in this county, remaining in the hands of tenants by virtue of former orders and restraints requiring them to be detained until 1 September, I have made demands thereof through the several hundreds; part I find are already paid to the committees of the hundreds; some are not due until Michaelmas, and the rest not until Candlemas or Ladyday. The committees' allegation of their non-payment of what has been received by them is to be excused, until they have your answer to their letter herewith sent; other committees of hundreds stand upon the same terms, and such answer will put an end to all these demurs.

The deputy-lieutenants of the county stand engaged for payment of several sums, and there was an order of Parliament to allow them 10,000*l.* or 12,000*l.* out of the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, from the compositions to be raised out of Cheshire delinquents, for the satisfaction, use, and employment, expressed in their letter. Whether this order of Parliament has been observed, the treasurers can best inform you; if not, pray order that all the rents of sequestered estates in the county be forthwith collected as they become due, and that if any moneys are behind to be paid out of the compositions of Cheshire delinquents on account, they may be paid as they are raised thence, and not otherwise, without any further obstruction in the collecting of the arrears of any sequestered estates. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

68. 1. *Committee for the county of Chester to the Committee for Compounding. Our solicitor has shown us your warrant of* 13 *August last, importing an order of Parliament of 9th August to you, to take a course for collecting the arrears of rents arising out of sequestered estates, and paying them into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall; also to send an account of the names and rentals of the estates of all who still remain under sequestration.*

We enclose such accounts for the several divisions with which we are entrusted; as to the profits of all sequestered estates of the said county, by an ordinance of Parliament of 26 *March* 1644, *all the rents and profits are ordered to Sir Wm. Brereton, and the rest of the deputy-lieutenants of the county, for payment of the soldiers; and the deputy-lieutenants stand engaged by bonds in great sums for moneys borrowed by them for payment of arrears to soldiers, who detained several of the deputy-lieutenants prisoners until they had borrowed the money; for several of those sums the deputy-lieutenants are impleaded at law, and will be forced to pay out of their own estates, if these rents be taken from them; therefore the said order of Parliament must be observed within this county.* 13 *Sept.* 1649. [1 *page.*]

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68. II. *Account by Thomas Robinson of* 14 *estates of delinquents and Papists under sequestration within Broxton Hundred, co. Chester, with particulars of rental,* 5 *September* 1649. [2 *pages.*]

68. III. *Like account by the same of* 30 *estates in Edisbury Hundred,* 13 *September.* [4 *pages.*]

68. IV. *Like account by Thomas Warburton of* 23 *estates in Bucklow Hundred,* 7 *September* 1649. [2½ *pages.*]

Sept. 15. Winchester. **69.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. We received your letters, with the orders of Parliament of 9 August, directed to our solicitor of sequestrations, intimating that you have power to receive the sequestered rents remaining in the hands of tenants by former orders. We never received any such orders, and therefore caused our officers to receive the rents due to Ladyday last, and they have paid them to the troop of horse, and to one company of foot, raised for the safety of this county, as by former ordinances of Parliament we had power. This course we were constrained to take, there appearing such imminent dangers by the malignant parties gathering together to rise against the Parliament and us, and it is by these means that we are not in the condition that Kent and Essex were last year. 15 signatures. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 15. Taunton. **70.** William Hill, solicitor to the County Committee for Somerset, to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of your order of 13 Aug. for collecting and paying in at Goldsmiths' Hall the arrears of rents of sequestered lands remaining in the tenants' hands, I have spared no pains, and have twice given you an account of the progress made, and hoped by this time to have some good sums ready to be sent up; but I find it has been resolved otherwise by the sequestrators first appointed by the committee of this county, and they refuse to obey any command of mine, and allege they were put in by the committee and act under them, and have received their orders not to pay over any of the rents to me, or to any other but the committee here.

Finding this, I went to the committee sitting at Bridgwater, and informed them of what the sequestrators had told me, and desired, if they had not given any such order, to require the sequestrators to pay the money to me, and to further the work what they could; but as they would do nothing of the kind, my endeavours will be fruitless, except you give direction to this committee to give me their assistance. They made it a part of their excuse when I pressed them that they had not received any order from you. You should also command the sequestrators to pay me what they have already or shall hereafter receive, many of them having good sums in their hands. I shall not then despair shortly to show you that my endeavours have been to good purpose, and produced a large income to the State.

I enclose copies of the warrants I sent to the sequestrators for collecting and paying me the arrears of rents, and the moneys arising from sequestered lands remaining in the tenants' hands. [*Damaged.* 1 *page.*]

Sept. 17. Gloucester. **71.** Order in the Committee for county Gloucester. John Maunsell, of Thorpe Malsor, county Northampton, has this day desired a discharge of the sequestration of lands in the parish of Avening sequestered by this committee from Thos. Haslewood, a delinquent. It appearing that Haslewood held the lands in right of Dorothy, his late wife, who had a life interest therein, and that she died 18 Aug. last, when the profits came to Robert Maunsell, son of the said John Maunsell, and to Lieut. John Maunsell, now in the Parliament service under the Lord Governor of Ireland, for the residue of a term of 99 years, the possession and profits of the said lands are to be left to them for the remainder of the term aforesaid; what rent was due from the tenant before the death of Dorothy is to be paid to this committee, and all subsequent rent to Robert and Lieut. John Maunsell. [1½ *pages.*]

[Sept. 18.] Petition of Col. George Dodding to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. As by order of the House of Commons of 20 Oct. 1645 given, he was to receive 1,039*l.* 10*s.* arrears from the fines of delinquents to be discovered by him, and he discovered to the said committee [Thos.] Swingfield, of Surrey, who has come in and compounded for 500*l.*, but paid no money; begs that the said fine when paid may be applied towards the arrears for which he has long waited, to his very great charge. [*G* 80, *pp.* 676, 677.]

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Sept. 18. Order in the Committee for Compounding on a Parliament order of 30 Aug. 1649 in Dodding's case, that he should have Swingfield's fine, and that if the money be paid before the report is made, it should be reserved till the pleasure of the House is known. [*G* 6, *p.* 210.]

Order on a Parliament order given of 13 Sept. last—for payment to Thos. Lister of 1,000*l.* out of sequestrations in Lincolnshire, and 2,000*l.* more from estates not compounded for or undervalued to be discovered by him, and for authority to be given him to prosecute such discoveries—for payment of the 1,000*l.* accordingly. [*G* 100, *pp.* 127, 129.]

[Sept. 18.] Petition of John Grosvenor, citizen and ironmonger of London, to the Committee for Compounding. By Parliament order of 1 May 1647, 5,706*l.* 18*s.* 1½*d.* was charged on Goldsmiths' Hall for relief of Scottish officers named in a list then presented to Parliament, and on 25 May interest at 8 per cent. was allowed till payment. On 2 June, you ordered the said sum to be paid to any that would advance it. On the credit of this I bought an assignment of 391*l.* 12*s.* 8½*d.* due to Major Wm. Balfour, and applying for the interest, the treasurer delays it, on pretence that it is forfeited by some miscarriage of Balfour, which would be punishing me for Balfour's offence. I beg an order for payment. [*G* 89, *p.* 81.]

Sept. 18. Order granted accordingly, this committee being satisfied that Balfour was "not engaged in the Scottish engagement." [*G* 6, *p.* 210.]

Sept. 18. **72.** George Thorne, solicitor for sequestrations in the county of Hereford, to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of your order of 13 Aug. last I have caused the rents of the tenants of all sequestered estates, since the first order for their restraint in the hands of tenants, to be demanded to be paid to me, that I might answer them to your treasury; but I find that notwithstanding your orders, the treasurers for this county and their officers have received the rents quarterly, as the same grew due, and being demanded to repay them, they answer that there is no money remaining in their treasury, it being paid out by order of that committee. As for the rents of delinquents' estates, the tenants have promised to pay them speedily with the rents of Michaelmas next, when I shall carefully bring in a perfect list of all delinquents and Papists within the county, and of all tenants and others who have received sequestered rents, and make default of payment, according to your order. I want further power for bringing in of all such as shall oppose the said order and direction. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 20. Petition of Wm. Ford to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, for payment of 30*l.* 10*s.* for a parcel of bandoleers delivered to the late Lord Brooke, as appears by his account in Herring's hands. [*G* 85, *p.* 264.]

Sept. 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding on a Parliament order of 21 Aug., —requiring this committee to consider touching the 9,100*l.* and the 42,000*l.*,— that it be sent to the committee of auditors at Worcester House, who are to return an account of all persons that should have the benefit of the order, and whether the month's pay is due to them as it is expressed in the lists, that this committee may report to the House. [*G* 6, *p.* 211.]

Sept. 22. Penrith. **73.** Thomas Garth, solicitor for sequestrations, county Cumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. In obedience to yours of 13 Aug., I appointed collectors and issued warrants for payment of the rents therein expressed, but have received none, because the Committee of Cumberland alleged that all the sequestrations of real and personal estates were last October granted by Parliament to the county, for payment of the officers and soldiers in Carlisle garrison and elsewhere in the county. There are some delinquents who have made their compositions with you, paid ½, and obtained letters suspending their sequestrations, but have not paid the other ½, and there are others who have compounded, and have not paid anything. I enclose a list of their names, and desire orders to seize their estates, and detain them until the whole of the fines with interest be fully satisfied; also directions to the governor of Carlisle to assist me with soldiers upon their refusal to obey your orders. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

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73. 1. *Note by Garth, that those that have compounded and paid in one moiety are Sir Edw. Musgrave, Bart., of Hayton, and John Lamplugh of Lamplugh; and that Sir Tim. Fetherstonhaugh of Kirkoswald, and John Aglionby of Dravedykes, have paid nothing. There are divers others who have compounded much under value, and he begs an order to enquire on oath or otherwise as to the true value of their estates, that the State may not be wronged.* 22 *Sept.* 1649. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 22. Penrith. **74.** Thomas Garth to Mr. Leech, secretary to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. I enclose a letter to the committee, and desire you to get me an answer and further direction, as unless some speedy course be taken about sequestrations in this county, there will be little or no benefit made thereof; also to move them to call the late committee and sequestrators to an account, by granting an order to some honest men here. I have written my cousin Hutton to move you in getting a confirmation of my commission as solicitor in Cumberland. If you desire a duplicate of sequestrations of real and personal estates, I will send or bring it up. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Blagrave offer what he thinks fit to be done upon the petition of the officers of Plymouth, and the order of the House thereon. [*G 6, p.* 212.]

Sept. 24. **75.** [Committee for Compounding to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall.] By Parliament order of 2 Aug. 1648, 558*l.* 13*s.* due to Col. James Hopton for arrears was to be paid from the estate of Sir John Hewitt, Bart., but he having compounded, Parliament refers it to us to see how it is to be paid. Certify us what sums have been paid to the Colonel on the said order. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 24. Shrewsbury. **76.** Col. H. Mackworth [governor of Shrewsbury], Thomas Nicolls, and John Corbett, to the Committee for Compounding. Having seen your order of 13 Aug. to the solicitors for sequestrations here, to collect moneys in the hands of tenants of delinquents that have not compounded, due the 25th March last and since, and to return the same by the 10th inst., we certify that Parliament, for the encouragement of us who were to be engaged for reducing this county to obedience, by ordinance of 13 June 1644, constituted us a committee, and authorised us to seize upon, sequester, receive, and dispose of all the personal estates and rents of Papists and delinquents in the county, towards maintenance of forces there raised by us for the service; and we did, by these forces, reduce this county to obedience, engaging them on assurance that they should be paid out of the rents and estates of Papists and delinquents.

By ordinance of 10 Dec. 1646, it was ordered that all that served in any county or garrison where they were under the command and pay of particular committees should make up their accounts with the said committees according to musters, deducting all free quarter, horse money, and goods with which they could be charged; and the accounts so stated the respective committees should cause to be paid out of such moneys raised by authority of Parliament. According to this, the officers and soldiers raised by this committee, employed by us in actual service for reducing of this county, perfected their accounts, upon which there were several thousand pounds due and in arrear to them, and thereupon this committee issued orders for satisfying the arrears out of the rents and estates of Papists and delinquents, as they should become due. There are thousands of pounds yet in arrear to them, which they expect from this committee. The forces that have been under our command have not been clamorous or troublesome to Parliament for their pay, nor engaged in any indirect course to obtain it, but have acquiesced in hope of satisfaction, and have been ready and willing to serve. We therefore beseech you to consider how disheartening it will be to men that deserve so well to have their hopes of satisfaction for their blood and trouble taken out of their hands, when they are ready to receive it. [1¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing*

76. 1. *Order in Parliament alluded to, of* 10 *Dec.* 1646; *with order* 4 *Feb.* 1647 *that it be printed and published, and sent to the several counties.* [¾ *page.*]

[Sept. 25.] Petition of Col. George Dodding to Parliament. On 20 Oct. 1645 was ordered 1,039*l.* 10*s.* disbursed and borrowed for the service, but has only received 240*l.* Discovered and proved Thomas Swingfield of Surrey a delinquent, before

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the County Committee, but he compounded at Goldsmiths' Hall, and his fine was set at 340*l.*; this the treasurers will not pay petitioner without special warrant. His arrears are 3,000*l.* more; he served in both wars, was plundered to the value of 1,100*l.*, and several times imprisoned. Begs payment, and interest meanwhile for his subsistence, or his family will be utterly ruined. [*G* 80, *p.* 675.]

Sept. 25. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that Mr. Garland report Dodding's case to the House, with the committee's opinion that the remainder of the sum due to him should be paid out of such further discovery as he shall make.

Like order, on motion of the Earl of Derby in behalf of the Earl of Stamford, that a letter be written to the County Commissioners of Derby to return their rents, and that the allowance ordered by Parliament to the Earl be paid therefrom. [*G* 6, *p.* 214.]

Sept. 27. **77.** Order of the Committee for Compounding that the committee appointed to consider of raising money for Col. Sanderson's regiment, advise how the month's pay in arrear to the persons in Potter's List may be paid, and report. [½ *page.*]

Like order on a Parliament order of 30 Aug. 1649, for this committee to consider how the money ordered Col. James Hopton should be paid,—Sir John Hewitt, from whose sequestrations it was ordered, having compounded—recommending that it be allowed out of Hewitt's fine, and that part be forthwith advanced for present relief of his wife and family, he being on service in Ireland, and they in great extremity here.

Order that a copy of the letter from the Committee of Auditors at Worcester House be sent to the treasurers for maimed soldiers, who are to send them forthwith the copy of the list therein expressed. [*G* 6, *pp.* 219, 220.]

Sept. 27. **78.** Certificate by William Darell, solicitor for sequestrations in co. Herts, made by virtue of an order of the Committee for Compounding of 13 Aug. 1649, that there are not any delinquents in the county, nor any money remaining in the hands of any tenant by virtue of former orders and restraints, but all are compounded for and discharged, either by order from Parliament or the said committee. [⅛ *page.*]

Oct. 1. Goldsmiths' Hall. **79, 80.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Trenchard and Edw. Ashe report to Parliament that the account of Col. Sanderson's regiment is just, and should either be paid by the 6,000*l.* now in their treasury lately paid in from Weavers' Hall, and the remainder out of the profits and arrears of sequestrations returned to Goldsmiths' Hall by order of Parliament, or otherwise the whole should be satisfied out of the said sequestrations and arrears. [2 *copies.*]

Oct. 9. Lincoln. **81.** W. Harvey, solicitor for sequestrations, co. Lincoln, to Mr. Leech. Our committee has not met since my coming from you, so that I cannot answer your desires. I have left space in the enclosed return to put in what every estate is let for at present, and will complete it on my coming to town this term. Our committee not sitting much obstructs business. I shall speedily send particulars of what I have received out of every estate for Ladyday last; say whether I may receive the Michaelmas rents before I come up. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 11. **82.** Order of the Committee for Compounding on a Parliament order of 21 Aug. last,—referring it to them to consider how money may be raised for satisfying the remainder of the 42,000*l.* due to the persons in the respective lists, and whether the 9,100*l.* due to Col. Sanderson's regiment be part of such before-mentioned sum,—that Edward Ashe and Daniel Blagrave report that the committee finds that the 9,100*l.* is part of the 42,000*l.*; that 5,000*l.*, part of the 11,000*l.* to be repaid out of Weavers' Hall to the treasury of this committee, is yet undisposed of, and may be used for present payment of the persons mentioned in Potter's List; and that the remainder may be paid out of the profits of sequestered estates not compounded for, and ordered, by several late votes, to be detained in the tenants' hands, and out of the profits of such estates as shall hereafter grow due, until the whole arrear of 42,000*l.* is satisfied. [¾ *page.*]

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Oct. 11. **83.** Draft of the above, with note by J. L[eech], secretary to the committee, to Thomas—to see the order to which this relates, and perfect this by it, "as the women will be clamouring here for it before 7 o'clock." [1 *page.*]

Oct. 12 Astbury. **84.** Committee for Northwich Hundred, co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. We could not observe the time for sending up the rentals of delinquents' lands uncompounded for and under sequestration, but now enclose them. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing*

84. I. *Accounts by Rich. Brooke and two others of the rack rents of the lands of delinquents and Papists in Northwich Hundred, total yearly value* 332*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* [5 *pages.*]

Oct. 18. **85.** Order in Parliament that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall be required to sit this afternoon, and so daily, to prepare an account of the true state of the revenue and treasury there, and of the condition of the sequestrations, and what else may be requisite for settling this business. The quorum to be 3, and Mr. Trenchard is to take care thereof. [½ *page; also G* 9, *p.* 1.]

Oct. 19. Goldsmiths' Hall. **86.** Account of sums yet due between 31 Dec. 1644 and 18 Oct. 1649, on bonds from delinquents who made their first payment before 18 Oct. 1649; total 218,212*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*, to which should be added 3,000*l.* lent to the treasurers for sale of the late King's goods by Parliament order, for present relief of sick and maimed soldiers. [*Book of* 50 *pages.*]

Oct. 20. Order in the Committee of the Council of State for the Treasury, that Mr. Leech, clerk of the Committee for Compounding, certify in writing the state of the compositions, which have not given bond to the Treasury, and also an estimate what is likely to be raised in fines not yet set. With note of order to Leech accordingly. [*G* 97, *p.* 517.]

Oct. 23. **87, 88.** Report of the Committee for Compounding, on the order of Parliament of 18 Oct., for a true account of their revenue and treasury, that the condition of the sequestrations is as follows—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Due on delinquents' lands	213,325	9	4
The charges thereon are—			
Out of particular fines	3,849	9	6
To Ald. Bunce and Weavers' Hall Treasurers, to pay officers	*5,000	0	0
,, ,, ,, ,, to pay soldiers	*6,000	0	0
,, the State of Scotland, of which the navy is to have 2,000*l.*	50,000	0	0
,, Chamberlain of London, for charges of the late treaty	*14,000	0	0
,, Widows and soldiers, per week	*230	0	0
,, Mrs. Needham	*200	0	0
,, Balance of 35,000*l.* for fortifying the Isle of Wight	*32,571	10	0
Due on unpaid fines	156,447	0	0
Of which Lord Deincourt's fine is	18,287	0	0
,, the Earl of Chesterfield's fine is	8,698	0	0

These depend upon the contingencies of their lives, and may be lost unless speedy course is taken.

John Scrope's fine of 7,000*l.* is lost, because he died before it was paid, and the sequestration is discharged.

As to sequestrations, the Committee for Compounding cannot report, the county returns being few and imperfect, and the decision of the House being needed as to the course with delinquents excepted from pardon, Papists in arms, and those who have lapsed the time for their fines. Also many estates have been granted away which have not been surveyed, and great numbers of cases are still depending before the Barons of the Exchequer.

The committee desire—

1. Some course for bringing in the Michaelmas rents, and those stayed in the tenants' hands.
2. Directions as to what shall be done with those who lapse the time for their fines, and those who will not compound?
3. Orders to the barons to dispatch their cases, as many who have been very long sequestered, and are exempt from composition by their delays, file their petitions there, hoping the same rates as were granted by those who compounded before 1 Aug. last.

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4. Inventories and rentals to be made of sequestered estates.
5. Accounts taken of receipts from sequestered estates granted to particular uses, and all sequestration receipts brought into one treasury.
6. The 24,000*l.* composition for North Wales to be disposed of towards this service.
7. Could not the delinquents' estates settled for advance of 50,000*l.* for Ireland be recalled, Ireland being otherwise provided for?
8. Order needed as to what shall be done with the Prince Elector's estates, when the 6,500*l.* charged on them is satisfied.

[*Also G* 9, *pp.* 1, 2.]

Oct. 23–25. Order in Parliament upon the above report, continuing the charges to which an asterisk is prefixed, and deciding that after the charges now on Goldsmiths' Hall are paid, all sequestration money shall be applied to maintain the army, in order to abate assessments.

That no part of the 50,000*l.* be paid to the Scots [in Ireland] till further order. [*G* 9, *p.* 3.]

Oct. 25? [Propositions made to the Committee for Compounding] as to the "main business" of raising money, the best visible means of which, beside assessments, is the well managing estates under or liable to sequestration.

The present mode cannot conduce to the end, which is to raise considerable sums in a reasonable time, whereas now it comes in by driblets, passes through many hands, and comes in a dilatory way.

The old [county] committees should certify to this committee the names of every Papist and delinquent sequestered, and whether the sequestration is suspended or discharged, with details of the value of and incumbrances on their estates. Letters to this purpose have been thrice issued, but the returns are few and imperfect. In the directions given are so many useless particulars that they hinder progress.

In letting estates, no tenants are treated with except the commissioners below (*i.e.*, the county commissioners) certify them to be fit tenants, and to have made the best offer, and then they have to come up [to London]—which they will never do—or stay till order is issued from [London] for letting.

Query, whether it would not be better to choose in every county 3 or 4 men of the best quality, who would undertake the business for its own sake, allowing them the wages of an auditor, treasurer, clerk, and agent, with power to let, after they have returned the full improved value of the estates; an auditor-general to be appointed here to correspond on this business. The present officers have business enough in allowing deeds, compounding, receiving discoveries, and hearing appeals, and this plan would avoid the confusion of having so many things under one management.

Also that officers in the country may let leases, take examinations against delinquents, and sequester them on testimony of 2 witnesses, but with consideration for those who, though formerly of the other party, have been faithful to Parliament the last 3 years. [*G* 63, *pp.* 807, 808.]

Oct. 25? Suggestions [by Reading] that it be declared what is a cause of sequestration, and what aiding, holding intelligence, &c., shall be cause to sequester any one.

That no one now well affected be sequestered for delinquency whilst under the power of the enemy, unless he voluntarily left his habitation to go into the enemy's quarters, or was active in bringing the forces into those parts. With marginal note that recusants will take off most of their estates by deeds before conviction; that taxes will be saved out of them, and that they cannot let but for a year, and so none will take them at half value. [*G* 63, *p.* 809.]

Oct. 25. Order in Parliament that all treasurers, sub-collectors, committees, and other officers of sequestrations in the several counties, be enjoined from henceforth not to make payment of any rents, issues, or profits of sequestered estates received by them, or any other person, save to the treasurers of Goldsmiths' Hall, or such as those treasurers shall appoint, on penalty of making good out of their own estates such sums as they pay contrary to this order. [*G* 1, *p.* 230.]

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Oct. 26. Order in Parliament that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall present fit rules for quickening appeals of delinquents.

That the lands of Papists in arms and of persons excepted from pardon be sold, in order to abate assessments, and the committee is to prepare Acts accordingly.

That no Papist in arms shall be admitted to compound, saving on articles of war confirmed by Parliament. [*G* 9, *p.* 4.]

Oct. 30. Thos. Richardson to Mr. Leech. I beg you to peruse the enclosed, and help the poor widow all you can. [*G* 111, *p.* 17.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Petition of Marg. Pratchet, of Wichmalbank, co. Chester, widow, to the Committee for Compounding. Had the judges' reference and the deputy-lieutenants' order for payment of 6l. half-yearly by the Committee of Nantwich Hundred, until repaid, 46l. 9s. 6d. arrears for quartering wounded, and maimed soldiers when Nantwich was a garrison, but has only received 12l., and now hears that by the order of 9 Aug. 1649, the arrears due and in the tenants' hands are to be paid into Goldsmiths' Hall treasury, to be disposed of by appointment of Parliament. Is 75 years old, and has grandchildren to keep. Has lived in credit and sufficiency, and relieved others, but must go a-begging if her stock is detained from her. Begs an order for payment of the balance by 6l. half-yearly. With certificate by Thos. Malbone and Thos. Hurwar, two of the county solicitors, to the truth of the petition.* 23 *Oct.* 1649. [*G* 111, *pp.* 12, 13.]

Oct. 31. Order in Parliament that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the estates of Papists and recusants in their own hands, or those of others in trust for them, be sequestered, any pretence of mortgage, &c., notwithstanding. [*G* 9, *p.* 4.]

Nov. 2. Order in Parliament that Sir Thos. Wroth, H. Nevill, Sir Mich. Livesey, Thos. Challoner, and Cols. Wren and Birch be added to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.

Also that the said committee adjourn to the rooms where the House of Lords were, and sit there. [*G* 9, *p.* 5.]

Nov. 5. Report of the Committee for Compounding on the order of Parliament of 2 Nov., that for the first 3 months there can be no abatement of the assessment of 90,000*l.* a month, as 110,917*l.* more than the 90,000*l.* is needed, there being 3 weeks between the 10th and 25th Dec., when the first 3 months' taxes begin, which will need 76,183*l.*, and 37,734*l.* is needed for the 3 months.

For the second 3 months, if the assessments are reduced to 60,000*l.* a month, 124,734*l.* extra will be needed, making a total of 268,301*l.* To meet this, there is due 369,772*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* But the collecting of it is uncertain, and there is a charge of 61,580*l.* on it, beside the charges of the Council of State and army.

The committee can propose no probable way of supply but by remodelling the Excise, clearing it of charges, and reserving the 200,000*l.* growing due next August. Also by the surplusage of 130,000*l.* from Dean and Chapters' lands, by the sale of estates of Papists in arms, and by keeping the receipts free from anticipations. [*G* 9, *pp.* 4, 5.]

Nov. 5. **89–91.** Drafts of the above, and other notes thereon. [3 *papers.*]

Nov. 7. **92.** Order in Parliament that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall proceed according to former directions, give in an account thereof to the House next Tuesday, and prepare the Act directed, as also what they further think fit, for effectually putting in execution the votes and resolutions of the House. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page; also G* 9, *p.* 5.]

Nov. 9. **93.** Order in Parliament that the Committee for Compounding provide chairs, stools, &c., to make the late House of Lords and other rooms adjoining convenient for them. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page; also G* 9, *p.* 5.]

Nov. 9. Committee for Compounding to the Council of State. We beg a supply from the wardrobe for the furniture of the said rooms, and our treasurer will wait your orders. [*G* 9, *p.* 5.]

Nov. 10. Brecon. **94.** Edw. Williams, sequestration solicitor for co. Brecon, to the Committee for Compounding. I did not receive your order of 13 Aug., for receiving and paying in the rents and arrears of sequestered delinquents by the 10 of Sept.,

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till 20 Oct. I sent to demand the same; and being on my journey to attend you thereon, on 2 Nov., William and Thos. Powell, and other ill-affected persons, dangerously wounded me, and I yet lie in peril of my life. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 11. Boynton. Wm. Strickland to the Committee for Compounding. You intended a favour to Bridlington, a port and market town; let me inform you of its sad condition. Although you granted Burton Agnes rectory, sequestered from Sir Henry Griffith, to Leeds, fifty miles from it, yet in May or June last,—on learning that Bridlington was but four miles distant, and, by order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers, had an augmentation of 50*l.* a year, its minister having 18*l.* a year at most, and three villages dependent on it,—you revoked your order for Leeds, granted 100*l.* a year to Bridlington, 50*l.* a year to Kilham, and 50*l.* to Hedon, and forbade Sir Thomas Widdrington and Mr. Bosvile, feoffees for Leeds, to levy the money.

Bridlington is nevertheless deserted by its minister, and the lecturer, who still conscientiously preaches, has received no allowance for the last year. Mr. Grimston, a parishioner, attends you. Please send by him the effect of your good intentions, that the gospel may not be removed from this place, "where of late it hath had soe good Successe, both for advancing of the honour of God and alsoe for knitting the hearts of all good Christians to the Parliament, whose prayers wilbe for you att this distance, and within a short time, by God's permission, you shall receive a personall acknowledgment thereof." [*G* 70, *p.* 819.]

Nov. 12. Order that the room at the south end of the late Lords' House be appointed for the constant sitting of the Committee for Compounding, but that they sit in the Lords' House till it be furnished.

That Parliament be requested to empower the Council of State to furnish the House with hangings, &c.

That all former sequestrators cease to act, and that three Commissioners for Sequestration be appointed for each county, and three for each riding of York.

That these Commissioners have power to let for three years estates of delinquents not compounded for, and copyhold estates according to the custom of the manor. [*G* 9, *p.* 6.]

Nov. 16. Order in Parliament that Colonel Harrison and Mr. Herbert consider how the arrears due to Colonel [Thos.] Horton may be paid to his son, and report. [*G* 1, *p.* 235.]

Nov. 16. Order in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall that—as Rich. Waring and Mich. Herring, appointed treasurers by the first ordinance of Parliament to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for the Scottish Affairs, are ready to give in their accounts for receipts and disbursements, by order of Parliament, and of the Committee for Scottish Affairs, but they find many of the orders short and imperfect;—Sir David Watkins, Sam. Moyer, and Mr. Leech examine and rectify them, that they may be confirmed and allowed, and the accounts perfected. [*G* 2, *p.* 85.]

Nov. 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding that this committee sit henceforth on Tuesdays and Thursdays for compositions, and on other days for dispatch of business referred to them by the House.

Order on the Parliament order of 7 May 1649 for Liverpool, presented by Col. Thos. Birch, that as soon as the sequestrators for estates of delinquents and Papists in arms are settled, a course will be considered for reparation for the inhabitants. [*G* 9, *p.* 8.]

Nov. 21. Petition of James Rumsey, solicitor and agent for sequestrations in cos. Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan, to the Committee for Compounding. Several persons of great fortune living in England have estates in South Wales, which they enter on without compounding for them, by virtue of the Act for clearing the delinquency of the malignants in South Wales. Begs directions whether to permit this, or to continue the sequestration till they compound. With order for letters to the Committees for South Wales, that no delinquent is to be discharged from sequestration for any other estate than what he has compounded for. [*G* 114, *pp.* 1009, 1011.]

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Nov. 21. **95.** Order of the Committee for Compounding on a Parliament order of 15 Nov. 1649,—recommitting to them the reports on Sanderson's and Potter's lists, to state the facts, and consider what should be done;—that Mr. Trenchard report the state of the accounts of Sanderson and Potter's lists, viz.:—

That on Wilcox, Potter, and Sanderson's lists, 42,000*l.* was ordered to be paid by the Sequestration Commissioners at Guildhall. That 16,900*l.* has been paid, but there remains 7,670*l.* due to Sanderson, 14,570*l.* to Potter, and 2,860*l.* to Wilcox.

That this committee thought 11,600*l.* from Weavers' Hall,—being an engagement on this Treasury not disposed of,—might go towards the arrears; but Parliament has since ordered the 11,000*l.* and all the profits of sequestrations which were formerly assigned to this use, to go towards the abatement of the monthly taxes; therefore this committee cannot propose any way for payment, but must leave it to the House. [*Also G* 9, *p.* 9.]

Nov. 21. Goldsmiths' Hall. **96.** The treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall to the Committee for Compounding. We have brought in our accounts according to the late Act, but on account of their largeness, we beg further time. As we have no moneys in our hands, the State would not be prejudiced thereby. Before 3 months, most of the delinquents' fines will be fully paid, and so our accounts will be the more clear and perfect. If we can do it sooner, we will. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 22. **97.** Order of the Committee for Compounding. By Parliament order of 10 May last, the reduced officers of co. Dorset are to present a list of persons in the county sequestrable, but not sequestered, which they have done, asking leave to prove their charges, and the list was sent to the county committee. We now authorise James Baker and 3 others to examine the books of the committee, and transcribe all proceedings against the persons in the list, with the judgments, and to take examinations on any new charge of delinquency against any of them. [1 *page*; *G* 9, *p.* 10.]

Nov. 22. **98, 99.** Drafts of the above order, with differences, and naming John Browne and others differing from the above, as Examining Commissioners. [2 *copies.*]

Nov. 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Act of 9 April last, inflicting a penalty of ¼ more, with interest, on all who have made default in payment of their fines, be speedily executed, and that the clerk add this sum to the fines yet unpaid. [*G* 9, *p.* 10.]

Nov. 22. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for South Wales. Divers delinquents who have compounded in England evade composition for their estates in South Wales, on pretence of being cleared by the Act of South Wales, though they never lived there. No one should pretend to any benefit of the Act for any other estate than what they have compounded for, and no estate is to be discharged, without special order from this committee. [*G* 9, *p.* 10.]

Nov. 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding that this committee dispatch all reports of fines, whether ordinary or special, before any other business; and that the cases on review be then stated.

That Mr. Trenchard report the Act for settling sequestrations. [*G* 9, *p.* 11.]

Like order, adding to the former order touching the officers of Dorsetshire, 5 more commissioners. [*G* 6, *p.* 241.]

[Nov. 27.] **100.** List of the said commissioners, viz.: James Baker, Robert Metyard, Christopher Weare, John Vincent, James Mew, James Dewy, John Trottle, Edmond Kennell, and Edward Cheek.

Dec. 6. **101.** Warrant of the Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Leicester, on a Parliament order given, of 4 September 1648,—for payment of 2,010*l.* to Col. Thos. Wayte, in full of all arrears, respites on public faith, and demands for service, from the estates of John Pate and Lord Beaumont, co. Leicester, and Wingfield Bodenham, co. Rutland;—that the said commissioners pay him all rents grown due since last Michaelmas out of Pate's estate, and remaining in tenants' hands. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 218; 6, *p.* 243.]

Dec. 11. Parliament Order committing to John Ashe, Sir Arth. Hesilrigge, and 32 others, a Bill for managing the letting the estates of Papists and delinquents. [*G* 9, *p.* 14.]

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Dec. 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the Parliament order of 2 November, touching raising 50,000*l.* for Ireland, be sent to the Trustees for Irish affairs, who are to certify what charge remains on the estates granted for that service, and how the profits have been employed. They are not to let or sell the estates, or fell any timber thereon until further order.

To represent to the House that this committee cannot continue to sit in the late Lords' House with any convenience. [*G* 9, *p.* 11.]

Dec. 12. Order in Parliament that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider how 300,000*l.* may be timely raised for the public use, either by sale of delinquents' estates or otherwise. [*G* 1, *p.* 219.]

Dec. 12. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Sir John Trevor should pay to Mrs. Johnson, whose husband was an apothecary and delinquent, 2*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* due to him. [*G* 6, *p.* 247.]

Dec. 17. Petition of John Redman, for himself, and his brothers and sisters, to the Committee for removing Obstructions in the sale of the lands, &c., of the late King, Queen, and Prince, for leave to enjoy his premises for the short remainder of his lease. The surveyors appointed by the trustees for the sale of the said lands add to their survey of Tottenham Court Manor, whereof petitioner is acknowledged by them tenant in part for 10 years to come, the copy of Mr. Beale's oath before the surveyor general of Dean and Chapter's lands, that petitioner's father made a compulsory surrender thereof. He was, before the pretended surrender, and has been many years, out of England. Petitioner has the lease, being a grant of the whole term that Queen Elizabeth's surviving lessee had in the manors, which, on the late King's taking a new lease for 3 lives, needed not to be surrendered. The trustees declared that in equity petitioner ought to enjoy the remainder of his term, and so would have determined, but that it properly belonged to this committee. Petitioner prays undisturbed possession, his father having disbursed above 1,000*l.* in improvements, and left it as petitioner's only maintenance towards his breeding at Cambridge, and provision for his brothers and his sisters. [*G* 113, *p.* 569.]

Dec. 17. Order by the trustees for sale of the lands of the late King, Queen, and Prince, on John Redman's petition,—touching his interest for 10 years in part of Tottenham Court, whereof he is, by the surveyors of Middlesex, returned tenant —that Col. [Wm.] Webb, surveyor-general, be advised with about the said return and the copy of an oath certified by the said surveyors, so that nothing prejudicial to Redman be done, and that, if need be, the contractors be acquainted with Redman's petition and case. [*G* 113, *p.* 565.] *Annexing*

1. *Statement of the case of John Redman, that on* 26 *June,* 2 *Eliz., Thomas Watts, prebend of Totenhall,* alias *Tottenham Court, within the cathedral church of St. Paul, demised to the Earl of Leicester and others the manor and lands of Tottenham Court, for* 99 *years, rent to the crown* 46*l. a year; that the Earl survived all his co-lessees, and died, leaving sole executrix Lady Lettice, who afterwards married Sir Christopher Blunt, and they two,* 20 *Feb.,* 42 *Eliz., demised to John Parker, yeoman of the guard, a cottage and land, part of the said premises, which by lawful conveyance is come to John Redman.* [*G* 113, *p.* 567.]

Dec. 17. Bradgate. Henry, Earl of Stamford to Mr. Leech. You will see by the enclosed how peremptory the Commissioners for Sequestrations are in disposing of men's estates as they please, contrary to instructions. This one in co. Derby has put me to excessive charges; I have spent 100*l.* charges in getting 600*l.* They have disposed of what Parliament gave me, and force me to rely on my old friends at Goldsmiths' Hall for help to get my own. When your committee is full with my old friends, get me a peremptory order to the county committees of Derby and Stafford to pay my arrears out of those estates, with continuance of the same in future. [*G* 120, *p.* 597.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Council of State to the Committee for Compounding. We have had much experience of the great service of the county troop of Oxfordshire in preserving the peace there. It has hitherto been maintained by the county sequestrations, but as they are now ordered to be brought in to Goldsmiths' Hall, the troop is like to be broken, which will be very injurious to the State. We have there-

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fore taken the orders of the House, and we consider that the vote of 25 Oct. does not null that of 13 Sept., ordering the maintenance of the troop for 6 months; you are therefore to order their payment. [*G* 108, *p.* 403.]

Dec. 18. Order of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, on the letter from the committee of co. Dorset, that the proceedings upon a former order of 22 Nov. 1649 granted from the House to some great men of that county for discoveries be respited, and that no proceedings be taken till the great men receive further directions from this committee; and that a letter be written to the committee of co. Dorset to give them an account of this order, and to answer their letter.

Order on sight of an ordinance of Parliament, and an order of the Council of State, that the treasurers pay the fines of Wm. Stafford and Sir Thos. Harris to the Haberdashers' Hall Committee, for the end therein appointed, and that there be no abatement thereof for rectory tithes or otherwise. [*G* 6, *p.* 249.]

Dec. 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Dorset. We will soon answer more particularly yours of the 12th. Meanwhile stay all proceedings on our order of 22 Nov. last. We are not jealous of miscarriage of your committee in any cases before us. [*G* 6, *p.* 254.]

Dec. 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the treasurers reimburse themselves of 100*l.*, which at request of the committee they advanced in Oct. 1647, to Capt. [Sam.] Playford, on the benefit of his ordinance, with interest at 8 per cent., the same being omitted in the report to the House for transferring debts upon that treasury. [*G* 6, *p.* 258.]

Dec. 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Trenchard report to the House the amendments of the Act recommitted to them. [*G* 6, *p.* 259.]

Dec. 27. Committee for Compounding to the Council of State. We would have complied with your order by paying the county troop of Oxford, knowing its necessity, but by Parliament order of 25 Oct., we have only power to receive such orders as lay any charge on those receipts, and to report them to the House. Parliament has required the whole sequestration revenue to be brought into our treasury, and will dispose of it towards maintenance of the army and abatement of taxes, to which the payment desired by you does not refer, and therefore we have no power to assign it. [*G* 6, *p.* 262.]

Dec. 27. Committee for Compounding to the Lord President and Commissioners for relief on articles of war. You ask why Sir Gervase Scrope and others comprised in the Articles of Newark were not admitted to compound for estates of inheritance at 2 years' value, and for other estates proportionably. We answer that by order of the House of Commons of 1 June 1646, all in the Articles of Newark were to compound as though they came in before 1 May last, and their rule was 3 years' value for an estate in fee, and so in proportion, and by that rule 100 persons in Newark Articles have compounded. Nor did Sir Gervase and the others object at the time, but they only complain now that they are threatened with the penalty of the Act for non-payment of their fines. [*G* 6, *p.* 262.]

1649? **102.** Petition of Thos. Cheshire for a messenger's place to the Committee for Compounding; he and his two sons, who helped him in his trade, having served Parliament in the wars, and been utterly ruined thereby. [¾ *page.*]

Petition of Judith Clansey, widow, to the Committee in Grocers' [Goldsmiths'] Hall or Haberdashers' Hall, or elsewhere, for relief of poor distressed widows, for such relief as other widows have had from the moneys dedicated to pious uses, or she must perish. [*G* 75, *p.* 118.]

Petition of Geo. Combe, agent for Wilts, to the Committee for Compounding. Has endeavoured to discharge his place faithfully as messenger, doorkeeper, and collector, but his outing was determined on from his first entry into employment. Having lost 20*l.* in bringing his wife and 5 children to New Sarum, beside the danger of it, begs payment of his charges and dues, and will willingly relinquish his employment. [*G* 75, *p.* 347.]

Petition of Phil. Darell, heretofore auditor for recusants' revenues, to the Committee for Compounding, for continuance in office. The late King, in order to better regulating recusants' accounts, which were lost in the great roll of the pipe, by patent of 30 Oct. 1639, created the office of auditor thereof, appointing Hen. Stanley and the petitioner, and setting apart the revenues for

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maintenance of the navy, &c. Has continued to make up these accounts since, and has large experience, and he, with John Pulford, Stanley's agent, has all the accounts, both south and north, for discovery of fraudulent conveyances of recusants' estates. [*G* 79, *p.* 836.]

Petition of John Pulford and Philip Darell to the Committee for Compounding. To like effect, adding that Pulford was the deputy of Hen. Stanley, and was besides appointed special agent for recusancy in the southern parts, wherein he has done service for the State, and expended 750*l.* Beg to be continued auditors. By reason of their knowledge in the business of recusancy, touching relapsed recusants and fraudulent conveyances, they can perform better service than others less experienced. [*G* 111, *p.* 973.]

Petition of Thos. Hall, prisoner in Peter House, London, to the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee, for an order for his attendance on the Committee for Compounding, to give satisfaction concerning the departure of his son, he being committed by the said committee for conveying his son beyond seas to avoid payment of money according to its order. [*G* 89, *p.* 696.]

104, 105. Certificates sent by John Bateman to Mr. Leech, of fines paid by Francis, Lord Seymour, and Charles, his son, of co. Wilts; also by James Albine and William and And. Overton, of co. Somerset; also of a settlement on Flamborough Rectory, co. York, by Edw. Wilsford, co. Kent. [1½ *pages.*]

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Jan. 1. Denbigh. Order by the County Commissioners, appointing Peter Moyle of Ruthin to the office of steward of the lordship of Ruthin, *alias* Dyffrinclwyd, sequestered for delinquency of John Thelwall, who had a grant thereof from King James; with the keeping of courts leet and baron, &c. Deposed to before the Committee for Compounding, 18 October 1653. [*G* 101, *p.* 35.]

Jan. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Leicester. By Parliament order of 21 July 1649, 1,500*l.* was to be paid to Peter Temple, M.P., for arrears and losses, out of the sequestrations in that county, of which 1,200*l.* have been paid. By Parliament order of 25 October last, the whole revenue of sequestrations being brought into Goldsmiths' Hall, the said county commissioners think they cannot pay the remainder, but it is to be paid out of Michaelmas rents, the said order notwithstanding. [*G* 6, *p.* 264.]

Jan. 8. **1.** Order in Parliament that the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee report how the 300,000*l.* formerly voted is likely to be raised, and that they meet this afternoon, with power to adjourn to any place within Westminster. [½ *page; also* *G* 1, *p.* 219.]

Jan. 8. Westminster. **2.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, summoning George Vaughan of London, and John King of Greenwich, to give evidence before them on such things as shall be proposed to them. [½ *page.*]

Like order, that Mr. Leech, their clerk, go to the officers of the Exchequer, and of the Revenue Committee, and require him to give in to this committee an account of the yearly value of the fee-farm rents belonging to the Crown.

That Mr. Jackson, solicitor for sequestrations in Westminster, be desired forthwith to inquire what house there will be convenient for this committee to sit in. [*G* 7, *p.* 1.]

Jan. 25. **3.** Parliament order that the Commissioners of the Great Seal take care that writs be sent down requiring the sheriffs of counties to proclaim the Act for better managing the estates of delinquents under sequestration. [⅔ *page.*]

4–6. Like order that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider the business of the Lancashire soldiery and ministers, and take care that they be satisfied out of the county sequestrations.

Also that the said Committee take care that the troop of horse in co. Oxford be paid out of the county sequestrations.

Declaration that in the rules touching delinquents, the House intended that all whose fines have been set at Goldsmiths' Hall, who have been in both wars,

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and have paid no part of their compositions for their first delinquency, shall pay their composition for both delinquencies according to the rules now set. [1¼ *pages; also G* 9, *p.* 12; 172, *p.* 701.]

Jan. 25. **7.** Note of the above declaration. [¼ *page.*]

Jan. 25. **8.** Parliament order that John Field, printer, be joined with Edw. Husbands, stationer, in printing the following and all other Acts and proceedings of Parliament, with equal benefit. [*On the title page of the following.*]

Jan. 25. **8A.** Act for better managing the estates of Papists and delinquents. That from 10 December 1649, the business is settled in the Committee for Compounding, who are to have the authority of the Committee for Sequestrations, and all sequestration moneys to be paid in to Goldsmiths' Hall. All county committees to certify in 6 weeks the names of Papists and delinquents, and their estates, with leases, charges, &c., thereon, and the arrears unpaid; and henceforth the said committees are to cease to act or to let sequestered estates, receive rents, sell woods, &c., and the Committee for Compounding, or whom they nominate, are to manage the estates; all farmers, tenants, &c., to pay in their moneys to Goldsmiths' Hall before 1 April 1650, on pain of fine.

The commissioners to be appointed by the Committee for Compounding are to have power to peruse all the papers of the former committees, who are to be imprisoned or fined if they refuse them. The commissioners to be persons faithful in the last war, and to sequester the estates of Papists in arms and all other delinquents, and ⅔ of the estates of other Papists; to survey the estates, and consider how the rents can be improved, what profits can be made by wood sales, &c., and to let the estates to the highest bidder, for not more than 7 years. The said commissioners are to keep courts, receive fines, &c., and act on instructions, and to have 2*d.* in the pound salary; the other officers to be named by the Committee for Compounding.

The said committee is to examine charges on sequestered estates, and allow them if made before sequestration. The wives and children of Papists in arms and delinquents are to have ⅕ of the estates for subsistence.

The clerk of the late County Commissioners is to return the names of all delinquents whose sequestrations are discharged, or who are now on appeal before the Barons of Exchequer, and all suspensions on cases under appeal not determined before 1 March are to be made void.

All profits on sequestered estates to be accounted for to the Committee for Compounding only, and paid in at Goldsmiths' Hall. All persons sequestered since 1 August 1649 to be admitted to compound on the votes of Parliament of 14 and 21 March 1649, if they prosecute their compositions within six weeks after they are adjudged delinquents.

All settlements by the Committee for Compounding of rectories and tithes on ministers shall stand good against delinquents' claims, and against all others who do not claim before 1 June 1655. The lands of recusants and the ⅓ remaining to the recusant discharged of all fines and arrears. Proviso that this Act is not to take away the powers of the Committee for Advance of Money, or Haberdashers' Hall Committee. Nor to enable the Committee for Compounding to sequester the mansion house of any recusant not in arms; nor to debar the lords of manors from entering copyhold estates of recusants sequestered, nor to cut down timber on the ⅔ of the sequestered estates of recusants. Nor to take away the power of the committee for sequestering and removing scandalous and delinquent ministers and schoolmasters. This Act to remain in force for two years. Copy certified by Francis Royley, 25 October 1662, and with his marginal notes. [*Printed,* 12 *pages.*]

Jan. 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all petitions and orders for allowances on sequestrations be numbered, read, and determined as received.

9, 10. Like order on an order in Parliament given, of 17 January 1650, on the representation of the Commissioners for soldiers' accounts sitting at Worcester House,—that the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee give a warrant for payment of 5,000*l.* residue of the 11,000*l.* which was to be paid into Weavers' Hall by the Treasurers of Goldsmiths' Hall after the moneys already charged to treasurers for mained soldiers, to be paid to the persons in Potter's list, except the 16 formerly certified, having respect to those who are most

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necessitous, and have not sold their debentures; none to be paid to those whose debentures have been sold, and allowed at Gurney House to be satisfied out of Dean and Chapters' lands; also deducting from each what they have received by way of pension;—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 219; 7, *pp.* 5, 6.]

Jan. 29. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the County Commissioners be presented to this committee for approval by the county members, who shall subscribe a paper to be answerable for the names so presented. If there be no county member, this committee is to appoint the commissioners. [*G* 7, *p.* 8; 9, *p.* 13.]

Note that Capt. Hamlyn enters as his discovery lands in Ibstock, co. Leicester, undervalued by Wm. Stafford of Blatherwick, co. Northampton; also the names of Thomas Arme of Nelson, and Nich. Mervin of Thornton, co. Leicester, the benefit of whose compositions he desires. [*G* 7, *p.* 8.]

Jan. 29. Committee for Compounding to Thomas Appletree, Wm. Draper, and the rest of the Commissioners for co. Oxon. In pursuance of a Parliament order of 25 January, we require you to certify what the weekly pay of the troop of horse in your county is; what money you have paid them from sequestrations, and what is still in arrear, and what the sequestration revenue of the county is, that we may proceed on the said order. [*G* 7. *pp.* 7, 8; 9, *p.* 13.]

Jan. 29. Committee for Compounding to the county committees. We send you the Act of Parliament of 25 January for regulating sequestrations, this day presented, whereof you and all others therein concerned are to take notice. With list of 31 counties, &c., to which it was sent by post. [*G* 9, *p.* 12; 10, *p.* 10.]

Jan. 30. **11, 12.** Order of the Committee for Compounding on the Parliament order of 25 January, that Peter Holt, Robert Cunliffe, and George Pigott be Sequestration Commissioners for co. Lancaster. That they, with 3 of the Militia Committee, have power to issue moneys raised out of sequestrations in the county due before 24 June next, according to Parliament orders of 8 November 1648, and 26 January 1650. That whoever receives any allowance or pay from them, out of sequestration money, is first to subscribe the engagement.

Like order, that nothing be debated at this committee till those things are executed that are necessary for settling the business intended in the late Act.

That letters be written to the several counties to make returns of sequestered estates and of unpaid rents and arrears, and forthwith to return moneys in hand. [*G* 9, *p.* 14; 10, *p.* 10.]

Jan. 30. **13.** Adrian Scrope to John Ashe. I write on behalf of this honest man, Lawrence Chislett, whom I know very well; the service he has done for the Parliament has been very much. He has adventured himself to the hazard of his life oftentimes. Being aged, he has no means of repairing his losses, but the favour of his friends. Please to afford him what assistance you can for his relief. With note from Col. Philip Skippon to John Ashe, of the same purport. 1 Feb. 1649. [*Copies, ¾ page.*]

Jan. 30. Committee for Compounding to the Treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. We ordered on 1 Sept. last a report to the House in the case of Capt. Benj. Bracey, for allowance for his pains in discovering the delinquency of Thos. Hull, of Godalming, co. Surrey, and bringing him to compound; but the report not being made, Hull has paid in the remainder of his fine, being 382*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* You are to keep it in your hands till further order. [*G* 7, *p.* 11.]

Jan. 30. Notes of persons presented for employment as sequestration commissioners in cos. Oxon, Wilts, Hants, Middlesex, Worcester, Kent, Notts, and Cornwall; also in the city of York and town of Hull. [*G* 9, *pp.* 12, 13.]

Jan. ? Petition of Thomas Dawson, ironmonger of Loughborough, co. Leicester, to the Committee for Compounding, to be employed as their agent, or in some other office, on putting in security. Has always been faithful to Parliament; was made prisoner by the King's forces at the taking of Leicester, and at other plunderings lost most of his estates. [*G* 79, *p.* 771.]

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Jan. ? Petition of John Freeman and 5 others, messengers to the Committee for Compounding. Were employed by the late Committee for Compounding in the several counties of England and Wales, served faithfully, and received no salary, but some allowance towards their charges. Beg their arrears and further employment. [*G* 85, *p.* 586.]

Jan. ? Petition of Capt. Hen. Roe to the Committee for Compounding, for employment as a messenger or otherwise; served in the late wars, and expended his means, so that he is reduced to great want. Was a messenger to the surveyors for cos. Oxon, Gloucester, and Hereford. [*G* 114, *p.* 376.]

Jan. ? Petition of Roger Wilford to the Committee for Compounding, for employment as a clerk to the Commissioners for Middlesex and Westminster, where he lives, having been bred a clerk, and always adhered to Parliament. [*G* 131, *p.* 203.] *Annexing*

1. *Certificate by John Brigham and 6 others on his behalf.* [*G* 131, *p.* 205.]

Jan. ? List of agents to the sheriffs of the several counties in England and Wales, giving the county and the agent's name, and London address, but not the name of the sheriff. [*G* 116, *p.* 945.]

Jan. ? List of 21 persons who have compounded in Surrey, and of 10 more, including the Earl of Arundel and Sir Edw. Sydenham, who continue under sequestration. [*G* 120, *p.* 813.]

Feb. 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Col. Ludlow report to the House the case of Capt. Benj. Bracey, with the committee's opinion that he should receive the second half of Thos. Hull of Godalming's fine, discovered by him, in part of his arrears. [*G* 7, *p.* 12.]

Like order for engrossing the following commission to the county commissioners:—

By virtue of the Act of 25 Jan., authorising us to appoint in every county and place sequestrators who are inhabitants, and have always adhered to Parliament, we appoint you commissioner for sequestrations, to act according to our instructions; proviso, that you are not to act if you are accountable to the State for moneys which you do not pay in within 20 days.

Like order, that Reading and Leech examine the Act, and draw instructions for the sequestration commissioners.

Request that by next Wednesday the M.Ps bring in the names of persons whom they think fit to be employed; a copy of this order to be set on the door of the House, that the members may take notice.

That [Wm.] Say, Col. [John] Jones, and Rich. Darley treat with the Lord Chief Baron and the other Barons of Exchequer concerning the clauses in the late Act referring to their power, and know whether they are unsatisfied with the power settled in them by Parliament for determining appeals. [*G* 9, *p.* 15.]

Feb. 1. Westminster. **14.** Committee for Compounding to the committees, treasurers, solicitors, collectors, and agents for sequestrations in the several counties. By Act of Parliament of 25 Jan. last, the ordering estates of all delinquents and Papists under sequestration is referred to us, and in order to our better proceedings therein, you are hereby required, on or before the 20th inst., to certify to us the names of all delinquents and Papists now under sequestration in your county, with particulars of their estates, where they lie, their full value, and what leases are made of them, to whom, for what time, and under what rent; also what rents and arrears and other profits remain in the hands of any of your officers or tenants. You are forthwith to pay into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall all money due the 25th March 1649, or grown due since, according to the orders of Parliament of 17 March, 26 May, 27 June, 25 July, and 9 Aug. 1649, and the orders of this committee thereupon, when you shall receive further directions. [*Also G* 9, *p.* 14.]

Feb. 2. Note of the 7 messengers to whom the committee's letters to the old county commissioners for returns of delinquents and Papists were delivered, to be sent to the several counties, with the instructions, which they were ordered to deliver to the chairman of the late committee, or any other that has lately acted; and to take notes of the party, place, and time of delivery.

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Order to advance 5*l.* each to the said messengers for their expenses in carrying the said orders.

Order that no one who has money in hand belonging to the State be chosen a sequestration commissioner. [*G* 9, *pp.* 15, 16.]

Feb. 4. **15.** Order in Parliament, that the Barons of Exchequer determine the causes depending before them touching sequestrations, in the same manner as heretofore, notwithstanding the Act for the better ordering of Papists' and delinquents' estates. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 216.]

Feb. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that a Parliament order prefixed of 2 Feb. 1650,—ordering payment of 600*l.* from the copyhold estates of the Earl of Derby, to Col. Thos. Birch and 3 others, for repairs of Liverpool garrison,—be sent to Peter Holt, George Pigott, and Rob. Cunliffe, appointed sequestrators for co. Lancaster, who are to raise and pay it. [*G* 9, *p.* 18.]

Feb. 4. Durham. Isaac Gilpin to the Committee for Compounding. I received the Act for discharging the county committee, who were dismissed before by a letter from Sir Art. Hesilrigge, Bart., and Col. Fenwick. The committee were then sitting to let sequestered lands, but they broke up. This is the letting time for farmers, and unless care be taken, they will not be let at their value for this year. Are the leases which they had already made to stand?

There is a library belonging to Durham Cathedral. When the Scots' armies lay here, many of the best books were carried away by them, as is known to Sir Wm. Armyne and the Commissoners of Parliament then in the North, who have made me keeper of the library, which I have laboured to preserve since.

The soldiers have hurt the leads by getting on to them, and wet has got into the walls behind the books and done them some hurt, and more will be done unless the leads are repaired. There was a poor stipend from the Dean and Chapter's revenues for keeping the library, which will be taken away on sale of their lands. Something should be done to preserve the books, or they should be sold for the use of the State. There was also some very good plate, and rich copes conveyed away about the Earl of Newcastle's time. I cannot tell what has become of the copes, but Dr. Duncan had the plate; then it was sent to Lady Hamond, and she sent it to Ant. Maxton, one of the late prebends, who died a delinquent. He had it buried in a garden at Harporley, where Joseph Craddock, who married his daughter, lives. He pretends the plate was due to him, because the dean and prebends owed him more than its worth. Pray consider my petition enclosed. [*G* 88, *pp.* 557, 558.] *Enclosing*

1. *Petition of Isaac Gilpin to the Committee for Compounding. In the late troubles, suffered under the prelatical faction and their agents. The Earl of Newcastle thrust him and his family from their home and spoiled his goods, so that he had to disperse his children, and was himself taken prisoner by Col. Clavering's troopers, but soon delivered. Has since been constantly employed by Parliament commissioners and county committees, and has been diligent and faithful. In* 1646, *the Revenue Committee granted him the keepership of Bear Park, which was the only reward of his service, and is now taken away on its sale. When the Scots took Berwick and Carlisle, and were making their approaches, he and his son took horses and arms, and assisted the militia* 6 *months without recompense. His son is still in the service, and he keeps divers horses for it, and has a wife and* 6 *children. Begs a keepership, or some other allowance to provide for them.* [*G* 88, *p.* 555.]

[Feb. 5.] Notes [by Reading and another] of directions required from Parliament about instructions to be issued to the county committees, as to what are to be considered causes of sequestration, and provisos in favour of those who acted with the enemy per force. [*G* 63, *p.* 809.]

Feb. 5. **16.** Instructions by the Committee for Compounding with delinquents to the county commissioners, according to the Act of Parliament of 25 Jan. 1649-50.

1. To inform themselves of the names, and the estates, with their value, of all Papist-delinquents and other delinquents, with the rents, arrears, and profits, and who has received them since the sequestration.

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2. To sequester the estates of all Papist-delinquents and ⅔ of the estates of other Papists already sequestered.
3. To ascertain their value, and how they may be best improved.
4. To treat with tenants for leases of 7 years and under.
5. To inquire into property not yet sequestered, or sequestered and since freed; and by whose warrant it was done.
6. To bring charges and proofs against persons liable to sequestration, and certify such as were discharged without composition at Goldsmiths' Hall.
7. To inquire into allowances granted to any minister from delinquents' estates.
8. Not themselves, in their own name, or that of others, to farm or rent any sequestered estate.
9. To preserve the timber, and allow none to be cut without leave of this committee.
10. To inquire into all rents and profits due 29 March 1649 or since, that they may be paid into Goldsmiths' Hall.
11. To take into charge all deeds, evidences, and writings of delinquents and recusants.
12. To appoint a treasurer and receiver amongst themselves, keeping exact accounts, and see that the money is paid into Goldsmiths' Hall, deducting allowance of 12*d.* in the pound.
13. To keep a book of accounts of all proceedings, and transmit it when required.
14. The county committees having had power to let leases for one year, to take care that no lease is granted before the determination of former leases.
15. To enquire what delinquents have compounded, and had the sequestration removed.
16. To certify what courts are held in sequestered estates, and what copyhold estates are to be granted, and what profits can be made thereof, that order may be given for holding the courts.
17. To obey any orders of the Barons of Exchequer, if they require certificates or discharge of sequestrations in any case taken before them on appeal. [*Printed sheet. Also G 9, pp.* 16, 17.]

Feb. 5. Committee for Compounding to the county commissioners. We expect you to return accounts of delinquents' estates, &c., as ordered in ours of 1 Feb. We now wish you within 6 weeks to certify the names of all Papists and delinquents sequestered in your county, and when and why estates were discharged; also what incumbrances are on any of the estates, and what allowances are made therefrom. [*G 9, p.* 18.]

Feb. 7. **17.** Order of the Committee for Compounding that the treasurers pay Mr. Vincent, their usher, 20*s.* a week salary from 2 Nov. 1649, for his pains and charge since their removal from Goldsmiths' Hall. [*½ page; also G 7, p.* 15.]

Feb. 7. Allowance in the Committee for Compounding of the following as sequestration commissioners in the several counties:—

Derby: Ralph Clerk, Gervase Bennett, Rob. Mellor.
Dorset: Edw. Cheek, Sam. Bull, James Dewy.
Essex: Abr. Barrington, John Maidstone, John Mann.
City of York and Kingston on Hull: Thos. Dickinson of Kirby Hall, Mat. Alured of Walkington, Ralph Rayner of Hingerskelf, John Geldart of York, John Oddingsells of Rosse Park.
Middlesex and Westminster: Roger Calcott, Wm. Turpin, Fras. Blake.
Notts: Fras. Bland, Michael Brett.
Herts: John King, Wm Hickman, both of St. Alban's.
Kent: Capt. Edw. Peake of Sandwich, Capt. John Brown of Orpington, Alex. Roberts of Maidstone.
Cornwall: John Jago of Erme, Sam. Kekewich of St. Germans, Hum. Lower.
Bedford: Edw. Cater, Jos. Barber, Thos. Arnold.
Rutland: John Clarke, Matthias Barrey.

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Wilts: Wm. Ludlow, Bennett Swayne, Nich. Greene.

Hereford: John James, Mat. Berrow, Walter Merrick.

South Wales: Thomas Evans of Eglwys Extan, Wm. Morgan of Neath, Jenkin Francklyn, Wm. Watkins, John Hughes, Fras. Blethin.

Monmouth: Rob. Jones, Thos. Evans, Thomas Jones. [*G* 9, *pp.* 19, 20.]

Feb. 8. Like allowances of County Commissioners:—

Worcester: John Latham of Hanley, Walter Giles of Wichenford, Abel Richardson of Worcester.

Berks: Edw. Jennings of Long Wittenham, Thos. Bateman of Reading, John Rusden of Wallingford.

Oxon: Thos. Appletree of Deddington, Wm. Draper of Nether Warton, Rob. Warcup of Stanton Harcourt; Rob. Leicester of Adderbury, agent.

London; John Price, Wm. Mullins, Wm. Allen.

Warwick and Coventry: John Hawford, Edw. Chamberlain, Wm. Thornton.

Note that the letters consented to on 1 Feb. were this day signed, and sent off to the late commissioners in the several counties. [*G* 9, *pp.* 20, 21.]

Feb. 8. Salop. Col. Wm. Crowne, County Commissioner for Salop, to the Committee for Compounding. I hear that there is a wood in a park belonging to the sequestered estate of Sir Walter Blount worth for present sale 500*l.*, and yields but 5*l.* a year. Should not the wood be felled? Note of a case. [*G* 165, *p.* 543.]

Feb. 11. Allowance by the Committee for Compounding of the following persons as sequestrators in the several counties:—

Cambridge: James Blackey, Wm. Pickering, John Bullyn.

Suffolk: Wm. Hanby, Rob. Dove of Barfould, Augustine Plumstead.

Norfolk and Norwich: Hen. King, Tobias Frere, Rob. Jermy, Gab. Barbor.

Leicester: John Horton of Gumley, John Baker of Knighton, Wm. Shuttlewood of Wimeswould.

Lincoln: John Harrington, Wm. Thompson, John Disney, Fras. Mussenden, Wm. Harvey, Thos. Dowse.

Sussex: Thos. Fissendens, Jerem. Tomkins, George Stonestreet, Henry Stalman, James Huggett, Step. Humphrey. [*G* 9, *p.* 21.]

Feb. 12. Order of the Committee for Compounding that no commission agreed on by the committee be delivered out without order.

Note of delivery by John Bulfinch, messenger, of the committee's letters in counties Surrey, Sussex, Essex, and Kent.

Summons to Mr. Linsey, minister of Nether Broughton, county Leicester, to appear and answer in behalf of the tenants of sequestered lands there. [*G* 9, *p.* 22.]

Feb. 13. Note in the Committee for Compounding that Wm. Shafto, Hen. Ogle, Hen. Horsley, and John Salkield of Alnwick, were presented to the committee, as Commissioners for county Northumberland. [*G* 9, *p.* 22.]

Feb. 13. Order by the Committee for Compounding, that Arthur Barnardiston keep the court by him warned for Little Horksley Manor, co. Essex, on Friday 22 February, because he had given summons before knowing of the late Act of Parliament of 25 January 1650. [*G* 9, *p.* 22.]

Feb. 13. Alexander Rigby, Baron of the Exchequer, to the Committee for Compounding. The bearer, John Sidgreaves, before the wars, was my clerk many years, and has since faithfully and valiantly served the Parliament as ensign and cornet, marching against the enemy when his colours have been shot through and through. The arrears of pay due to him, and his charge of wife and children, are great. He continues well affected, and if you will employ him as clerk to the Commissioners for Sequestrations in county Lancaster, he will find a livelihood, and you a fit and faithful person. [*G* 113, *p.* 909.]

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Feb. 13. Petition of John Earle, sen., and other tenants of sequestered estates left to the Trustees for Irish affairs, to the Committee for Compounding. Beg directions where to pay their rents now due, without danger of repaying. The order of Parliament of 2 Nov. and the Act of 25 Jan. last convey the said estates to the Committee for Compounding, yet the trustees molest them for payment of rents now due. With note of an order thereon for letters to be written to all the tenants to pay in their rents to Goldsmiths' Hall, any order of the said trustees notwithstanding, and to the trustees not to interrupt the payment. With addresses of the tenants to whom the letters are to be sent. [*G* 83, *pp.* 393–397.]

Feb. 14. Certificate by the standing Committee of Essex, that Abr. Barrington, appointed by them treasurer for the new sequestrations on the late insurrection there, has given in his accounts well kept; also that he was not employed by the old County Commissioners, but only by this committee, to whom by Act of Parliament the new sequestrations were granted for the use of the county. [*G* 155, *p.* 537.]

Feb. 15. Approval by the Committee for Compounding of the following persons as county sequestrators:—

Hants: Thos. Muspratt, John Champion, Edw. Hooker.

Bucks: Thos Deverell, Hen. Phillips, George Grimsdale.

Stafford: John Ashenhurst of Ashenhurst, John Goring of Croxton Abbey, Thos. Gent of Leek. [*G* 9, *p.* 22.]

Feb. 16. Shrewsbury. **18.** Col. H. Mackworth and Th. Niccolls, County Commissioners for Salop, to the Committee for Compounding. In yours of the 1st, you require us before the 20th to certify the names of all delinquents and Papists under sequestration, with particulars of their estates, rents, and arrears due. Since the passing of the first Act touching the stay of delinquents and Papists' rents in the tenants' hands, we have ceased to intermeddle further with the receipt thereof; and the rents formerly received have been paid, by order of this committee, towards satisfaction of officers and soldiers' arrears in this county and other public uses, by virtue of a special ordinance of Parliament, so that there is no money in the treasury of this county.

We will order our agents and officers to collect all the rents and arrears due from any estates under sequestration, and cause the particulars to be sent you with speed; but as our solicitor, who has all the particulars, is now in London, if we cannot observe your directions by the time appointed, we hope it may not be imputed as a neglect or contempt if we wait his return. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 18. **19–21.** Order of the Committee for Compounding on a Parliament order given of 15 Feb.,—that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider of the payment of the 5,000*l.* residue of 11,000*l.*, which was to have been paid into Weavers' Hall by an order of 25 Jan. last,—referring the case to Sir David Watkins, Moyer, and Reading, to state the business to this committee, and report to the House. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 216; 7, *p.* 20.]

Approval in the said committee of the following persons as county sequestrators:—

Salop: Rob. Lathropp, John Brome, Chas. Langford, Thos. Wareham.

North Wales: Geo. Twistleton, Thos. Madrin, John Carter, Thos. Mason, Hugh Price, Rich Price, Thos. Ball, John Peck, Luke Lloyd, David Morris, Lewis Price, Dan. Lloyd, Thos. Michael.

Somerset and Bristol: John Buckland, Richard Jones, Latimer Sampson, Thos. Shute, Benj. Mason. [*G* 9, *p.* 23.]

Feb. 18. Petition of Major Edw. Robinson and Capts. Edw. French and Gerard Markland to the Committee for Compounding, for an order to the Commissioners of county Lancaster to examine their petition, and grant them pay proportionable to their services out of the county sequestrations. On 13 March 1646, the Lancashire Committee reduced the county horse to one regiment, which was in service till 15 Jan. 1648, when by orders of Parliament, Lord Fairfax, and the Army Committee, it was to disband. This was quietly done, petitioners expecting that they would be paid in proportion with their colonel, Nich. Shuttleworth, who had his full pay out of sequestration money, but they could not obtain theirs according to their places and time of service. [*G* 114, *p.* 951.]

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1649–50. Feb. 18. Order thereon that a copy be sent to the county commissioners, to peruse and relieve petitioners if they find just cause. [*G* 9, *p.* 23.]

Feb. 18. **22.** Committee for Compounding to the tenants holding Lord Cottington's estate from the Trustees for Irish affairs. By Parliament order of 25 Oct. 1649, and Act of 25 Jan. 1650, you are required to pay into the Goldsmiths' Hall treasury the rents of any lands of Lord Cottington leased to you. With note of like letters to tenants of the estates of the late Arthur, Lord Capel, Edward, Marquis of Worcester, John, Marquis of Winchester, Wm. Sheldon of Beeby, [co. Worcester], Sir Charles Smith, Sir George Strode, Sir Henry Bedingfield and his son, William, Earl of Newcastle, and William, Lord Petre. [*G* 9, *p.* 23.]

Feb. 19. Allowance by the Committee for Compounding of the following persons as county sequestrators :—

Chester: Rich. Egerton, Hen. Cockson, Jas. Bullen, Wm. Barrett.

Northampton: Rob. Grey of Isham, Peter Whaley of Northampton, Edw. Budd of Peterborough.

Gloucester: Wm. Selwin of Matson, Thos. Rogers of Badgworth, Jeremy Back, Giles Hancock.

Surrey: John Imwood, Benj. Goodwin, Nich. Tratman. [*G* 9, *pp.* 23, 24.]

Summons to Sir Wm. Masham to be with the Committee for Compounding on Friday next in the afternoon. [*G* 7, *p.* 21.]

Feb. 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners of Berks. The Countess of Banbury complains that the late Committee of County Berks have leased Cholsey Farm since 20 Dec. last, in prejudice of the heir who has the reversion, and to the disservice of the State. You are to enquire particulars when the estate was let, that this committee may take further order. [*G* 7, *p.* 22.]

Feb. 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Gregson, minister of Panton, co. Lincoln, attend this committee personally to-morrow. [*G* 7, *p.* 22.]

Feb. 20. Nantwich. **23.** Thos. Malbon and Thos. Hurwar, Sequestration Committee for Nantwich Hundred, to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose, according to your order of 1 Feb., a list of delinquents and Papists, particulars of their estates, with their value and leases, and an account of arrears due. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

23. I. *Account of delinquents and Papists in Nantwich Hundred, viz.,* 33, *—including the Earls of Rivers and Shrewsbury, and Viscounts Cholmeley and Kilmorey,—who have delivered in orders for suspension of sequestration,* 24 *discharged on oath that their whole estate was not worth* 200*l.*; *and* 39 *who remain sequestered, not having compounded; also account of the leases of delinquents' lands, and note that* 118*l.* 6*s.* 10*d. balance in hand was paid to Hen. Cockson, county solicitor, by the order of* 13 *Aug., and no more will be due till Ladyday.* [6 *pages.*]

23. II. *Particulars of the rental of that part of Nantwich Hundred which is in the division of Thos. Wilson, collector.* [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 20. **24.** County Commissioners for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours with the enclosed order, but finding by the Act that such orders are to pass both under hand and seal, we return it to have the seal affixed. We find very many of sequestered estates let for the next year to reduced officers who have great arrears due to them, and who have given nothing but their own security, with that of their fellow officers; if such contracts go on without better assurance, we foresee great difficulty to procure the rent, in order to the satisfaction of ministers and soldiers, as Parliament has intended it. As many of these bargains were unduly obtained, we desire further power to frustrate and avoid those that were either fraudulent and to the damage of the State, or in which no good security has been given for rent. As it is the security of our agents to have their authority from you, according to the late Act, we have inserted their names in a draft of an order sent to Mr. Leech for your signature and seal.

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With note by Col. Thos. Birch that this letter, being delivered to him by a clerk unsealed, to be enclosed in one of his own, the order first mentioned was left out, so that it being entered by Mr. Leech and dated Jan. 30, he desires it may again be written out, and sent with the committee's signatures and seals. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 21. **25.** Report of Sir David Watkins, John Reading, and Sam. Moyer, on the reference to them of 18 Feb., that the 11,000*l.* was due to Weavers' Hall, some while since by the first orders of Parliament about it, but as the last order of 17 Jan. 1650 directs the treasurers to pay the 5,000*l.* in course after present charges, they refuse to pay it, because there was near 100,000*l.* charged on their Treasury by Parliament order, before the order of 17 Jan., so that unless it be ordered to be paid in course as it would have been into Weavers' Hall, it cannot be paid till after the 100,000*l.* since charged. With order that Mr. Trenchard present this narrative to the House, with the committee's opinion that the 11,000*l.* should be paid in course, as it ought to have been paid to Weavers' Hall. [*G* 7, *pp.* 26, 27; *also* 129, *pp.* 33, 34.] *Annexing,*

25. I. *Abstract of the above report, dated* 20 *Feb.* [½ *page.*]

25. II. *Statement by Treas. Herring, that he cannot pay the money at once unless the clause is left out, that it is to be paid in course after sums already charged, which amount to* 100,000*l.* [¼ *page.*]

Feb. 21. Northwich. **26.** County Committee for Chester to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of the 1st, and the Act settling the power of sequestration in you, and ordering payment of moneys to your treasurers, we have desisted from further proceedings, and send you the required particulars for the hundreds of Wirrall, Broxton, Edisbury, Nantwich, and Bucklow, and will expedite those in the hundreds of Macclesfield and Northwich. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 22. York. **27.** County Committee for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. We will pursue your commission and instructions to our utmost power; but finding them defective in several particulars, we beg your resolution to the enclosed proposals, as we have no power, either by our instructions or commission, to receive rents or arrears, or to demise any land but for a year. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

I. *Queries for the Committee for Compounding, with notes of reply.*

1. *There will be a great deal of work for a clerk; we want power to choose one, and pay him a salary.* [*Granted, and for so many as shall desire it, and* 2*s.* 6*d. a day.*]

2. *We shall need* 6 *agents to summon, carry orders, and collect rents; we wish to nominate them, and request an allowance for them.* [3 *agents allowed,* 2 *to be of their own choosing, Capt. Stephenson chosen here.*]

3. *We are to certify arrears that they may be paid into Goldsmiths' Hall, but this would never be done by the parties themselves, many of the sums being small; shall we receive them?* [*They are ordered to receive and to return.*]

4. *We are to treat, but have no power to demise. This will be injurious, because*

(1) *Many will not meet to treat only.*

(2) *Those that meet will not offer any valuable consideration to those who have no power to contract with them.*

(3) *There is not time to treat and transmit, as it is full time to plough and sow.*

(4) *Most leases end at Ladyday, which is so near that many must provide for themselves before then, so that we shall lose the benefit of competitors, must let at lower rates, and part will lie waste, unless there can be a speedier plan than treating, certifying you, and waiting your orders.*

5. *We have not the power of the late committee to allow rent-charges, fifths, or augmentations.*

6. *It would be very advantageous for* ⅛ *or* ⅙ *to be allowed to discoverers, with orders how it shall be paid.*

7. *None are prohibited farming, but the commissioners may re-let to Papists and delinquents, they giving most.* [*The best tenant to be admitted, whoever he be, but no manors to be let.*] [1 *page.*]

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28. County Committee for Westmoreland to the Commissioners for Compounding. We received yours of 1 Feb. on 26 Feb., with the Act for Sequestration, by which an account touching the contents thereof was required from us on 21 Feb., which is impossible, the vast distance of place, and the little time weighed together. As the business would not admit of delay, and as the whole committee of the county could not be called together on a sudden,—the barony of Kendal and the bottom of Westmoreland being two distinct divisions, and the sequestrations managed in either of them by several of the committee,—we have sent the enclosed list of sequestered delinquents and Papists within the barony of Kendal, and for what rents their estates have been leased for the year 1649, the compounders standing to the charge of all taxes and quarter, then supposed to be great. We could not, in so short a time, search out all the books since the beginning of the sequestration, but if you direct it, we shall endeavour to perfect it soon.

We know of no moneys in the hands of any agent or other officer employed under us, the said year's rents being disposed of according to Act of Parliament of 2 March 1649. We have, as directed, certified in this list what sequestrations have been taken off or suspended.

Your letter of 29 Jan. last, with the Act for Sequestration, was delayed through being directed to the committee in general, and consequently not meddled with until the general meeting. The beginning of January, being the time when people in this county begin to husband their grounds, was the usual time for our letting estates for the year, and accordingly we caused proclamation thereof to be made in open market in Kendal on 5 Jan. last, and have farmed most of the estates, and all that are considerable in value for this present year, to the best advantage, which we hope you will approve, as the farmers have received their leases.

P.S.—You will find in the list that several delinquents' and Papists' estates are farmed out to themselves, but that we were necessitated to do, or to let the grounds lie untilled, we being unable to farm any, and none but the delinquents offering anything considerable. [2 *pages*.]

[Feb. 22.] **29.** List by John Fawcett, clerk to the county committee, of 18 delinquents, 32 Papists, and 4 ministers sequestered in the Barony of Kendal, viz.:—

Delinquents.

Sir Hen. Bellingham.	Gawen Brathwaite.
Rich. Brathwaite, Burnstead.	Thos. Wilson, Heversham.
Wm. Middleton, Middleton.	Leonard Ayry, Kentmere.
Hen. Ward, Riggmayne [?Rigmadon].	Hen. Wilson, Underley, dead.
James, Earl of Derby.	Earl of Worcester.
Sir George Middleton.	Sir John Preston.
Thos. Preston.	Sir John Girlington, dead.
Sir Rob. Strickland, Sizergh.	Miles Atkinson.
Rob. Crosfield, Strickland.	Rob. Harrison, Watchfield.

Ministers.

Hen. Hutton.	George Buchanan, late of Kirby Lonsdale.
Thos. Bigg, late of Heversham.	Hen. Wilson, late of Grasmere.

Popish Recusants.

Wm. Thornburgh, E.	Francis Davorishcourt.

Papists.

John Layburne, Witherslack.	Chris. Gilpin, Whinfell.
John Wilkinson, Bradleyfield.	James Denyson, ,,
Wm. Thornburgh, Sellside.	Wm. Newby, ,,
Oliver Platt, Skelsmergh.	Peter Platt, Kendal.
James Pickering, ,,	John Saull, ,,
Nich. Mowson, ,,	Jacob Garrett's wife.
Launcelot Pickering, Skelsmergh.	Rowland Nicholson's wife.
Charles Saul, Stainton.	Bridget Buskell, Cockerigg.
Thos. Layburne, Arnstead.	Thos. Ayry, Whinfell.
Thos. Kitson, Rillington.	Thos. Gilpin, ,,

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List of delinquents, &c., in the Barony of Kendal—*cont.*

Jacob Hodgson's wife.	John Beck, Hutton.
Ralph Bushell.	Geo. Atkinson.
Jane Duckett.	Hillary Bradley.
Mary Duckett, widow.	Ellen Stainbank, widow.
Rich. Croxton, Bethone [? Betham].	Thos. Helme, Whinfell.
Rich. Harrison, Rydal.	

[2⅓ *pages.*]

Feb. 22. Hereford. **30.** County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. On your letter of 1 Feb. inst., requiring us to certify the estates of all Papists and delinquents in this county now under sequestration, and to pay forthwith into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall all money in our hands, or in the hands of any entrusted by us, or who held any of the said estates from us, we have sent up such money as was in our treasury; but the rents of most of the estates in this county for the year ending last September were, by your special order, appointed to be received by the solicitor, and were accordingly received by Robert Delahay, deputy to George Thorne, the said solicitor, and he being now in London, we cannot give any account until his return.

We send up 430*l.*,—being all raised out of the sequestrations since last September,—in the charge of Rob. Flackett, who has been treasurer since that time. The last treasurer, Major Thos. Blaney, is in London on the business of accounts before the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. We have also sent an abstract of the grants of the estates of most of the Papists and delinquents now under sequestration in the county, whereby you may perceive their names and qualifications, what their estates are, where situated, to whom granted, and at what rent. There are others under sequestration, whose names or estates we cannot at present certify, because divers books have been lately removed hence without our privity, by John Road, deputy to Capt. Griffantius Phillipps, the last solicitor of sequestrations for this county, both of whom are also now in London; we have written for the books, and have not yet received any reply. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 22. Liverpool. **31.** Col. Thomas Birch to John Ashe, chairman to the Committee for Compounding, Goldsmiths' Hall. I am desired by the sequestrators here to ask for your seal to the order sent, appointing them sequestrators, as also another order enabling them to appoint agents.

The last news from Ireland was that all was well. I cannot boast much of Lancashire, but hope you have made friends in it. Tuesday last, we met to settle the militia, and 19 Lancashire men whom the Council of State named commissioners therein, subscribed the engagement cheerfully. So that I hope, after a little more time for settlement, Parliament will have a good account of this county. [1 *page.*]

[Feb. 23.] Petition of Cornet [Chris.] Cheesman to the Committee for Compounding, for employment as a sequestration solicitor, or in some other place. Has served as quarter-master and cornet 7 years, ever since Parliament had an army in the field, with but little pay; 300*l.* has been due to him 3 years since for arrears; has lost his trade for want of stock, and cannot get employment for his family's subsistence. [*G* 74, *p.* 277.]

Feb. 23. Order by the Committee for Compounding, that he attend the Commissioners for co. Berks as agent, with salary of 4*s.* a day. [*G* 74, *p.* 269.]

Like order, appointing Edw. Curle agent to the Sequestration Committee for co. Somerset, with such allowance as his care and labour shall deserve. [*G* 79, *p.* 111.]

Like order that Major Peter Ceely be agent and sequestrator to the Commissioners for Sequestrations in Cornwall, by virtue of the Act of Parliament, 25 Jan. 1650, with 4*s.* a day salary. [*G* 74, *p.* 1.]

Like order that Rich. Linsey, minister of Nether Broughton, co. Leicester, be acquitted of his appearance, and that his petition be referred to the county sequestration commissioners, and if the difference be the right of tithes, the defendant be left to his trial at law. [*G* 7, *p.* 27.]

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Like order that John Reading and [Wm.] Collins be auditors of the committee, and John Leech registrar.

Approval of a draft commission for appointing agents to attend on the county commissioners, with such allowance as their care and labour deserve. [*G* 9, *p.* 25.]

Feb. 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding, for a letter to Col. Wayte, to signify that this committee find, on perusal of their order, that there is a mistake therein, and therefore he is not to proceed till he has conferred with this committee. [*G* 9, *p.* 25.]

Feb. 26. **32.** Act for removing all Papists, and all officers and soldiers of fortune, and divers other delinquents, from London and Westminster, and confining them within 5 miles of their own dwellings, and for encouragement of such as discover priests and Jesuits, their receivers and abettors. [12½ *pages, printed.*]

Feb. 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the committee's agents shall have 28*s.* a week salary, to be paid by the county commissioners.

That no person employed as agent by another committee shall be agent to this committee.

That Mr. Weekes shall not be agent, being employed by the Army Committee.

That Recorder [William] Steele be desired to attend this committee, as solicitor for the State.

That John Leech be their registrar, receive all returns from the old committees and new committees, engross all leases, and examine and register them; salary 8*l.* a week, the present salaries ceasing this day.

Order appointing Peter Ambrose, on presentation of Col. Birch, agent for sequestrations, co. Lancaster.

Like order appointing John Reading and Wm. Collins auditors of all the accounts of the late county committees' treasurers, and of others accountable to the Committee for Compounding; empowering them to receive, examine, and engross all accounts whatsoever. For their pains and charges they shall have a competent allowance, to be hereafter decided on.

Order—on information that the late sequestration agents in co. Lancaster let the estates of delinquents for the ensuing year to reduced officers, only on their own security, or that of their fellow officers, many of which estates are since let to the delinquents themselves, contrary to orders of Parliament, and so the rents may be disposed of contrary to the order of 30 Jan. last—that the present occupiers give security for payment of the rents agreed on, and that the rents be disposed of according to the said order, notwithstanding any other security given to others. [*G* 9, *pp.* 25–27.]

Feb. 26. Additional instructions to the county commissioners. As the March quarter day is near, when many grants of sequestered estates expire, the county committees are to continue the estates with the present occupier for a year, provided he will give as large a rent as another; this not to extend to manors or old rents. [*G* 9, *p.* 26; 93, *p.* 5.]

Feb. 26. Committee for Compounding to the county commissioners. This committee has received some returns on their late orders, but so imperfect that they cannot proceed upon the late Act. We therefore enclose you a form, which you are punctually to observe in your returns, and despatch to us with all speed. [*G* 9, *p.* 26.]

Feb. 26. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Wilts. Hearing that you desire a clerk, we appoint Thos. Helme to attend you. [*G* 9, *p.* 26.]

Feb. 26. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Lincoln. Thos. Lister, M.P., presents to us a discovery of wood in Stainfield parish, late belonging to the Duke of Buckingham, and not yet sequestered. He also alleges that Sir Sutton Coney, of North Stoke, has undervalued his estate in North Stoke, &c., 300*l.* a year, and Parliament has granted him the benefit of his discoveries. You are therefore to examine the truth of the statements, and certify. [*G* 7, *pp.* 29, 30.]

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Feb. 28. Westminster. Edw. Curle to John Ashe, M.P. I request care that Stephen Light, who has ventured his life in the service, may not be cheated by George Cheek in his composition. Also that Henry Harvey's sequestration may not be taken off till he has obeyed the orders of the Indemnity Committee, in reversing the outlawry of Hen. Mills, and delivering up his bond, which Harvey's father, Wm. Harvey of Bridgewater, had no power to make, being a delinquent. Let Light, who has paid to the State 400*l.*, and to Mills 50*l.*, of money due to delinquents, be saved harmless.

Please to forward to Theodore Mayerne a letter sent him by —. Allen, of Batcombe, about his health, and let 100*l.* be settled on Batcombe, and children unborn will bless you. [*G* 79, *pp.* 97, 98.]

Feb. ? Committee for Compounding. Note of an order in Parliament, 7 May 1649, that the Essex Committee have power to compound with delinquents in the insurrection, and to dispose of the moneys for maintenance of the forces raised for defence of the county, for discharge of 5,000*l.* given by Parliament to Sir Thos. Fairfax's army, and to compensate the losses of the well affected in Colchester.

Query whether the present Commissioners for Compounding have power to rectify any compopositions for under-valued estates, when the proceeds are given to particular objects, not to the public treasury; the authority of both committee and commissioners is alike derived from Parliament, the words "according to the rules given by Parliament to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall," seem to be short directions for their proceedings, rather than intended to give any jurisdiction over their actions.

Also what is to be done with persons who have submitted to a small fine by persuasion for quietness' sake, but would else have stood on their justification. [*G* 63, *p.* 672.]

Feb. ? Similar queries upon an order in Parliament of 29 July 1648, for the deputy-lieutenants of Kent who had not assisted in the insurrection to compound with delinquents therein, whether their proceedings are to be subject to this committee. [*G* 63, *p.* 670.]

Feb. ? Information by George Redshaw, agent to the Commissioners for Sequestrations for Northumberland, to the Committee for Compounding, that he has seized 1,000*l.* in the hands of Lady Eliz. Forster, which she holds as executrix to the late Sir Thos. Swinbourne, Papist. That divers Papists' houses in Newcastle are not yet sequestered for want of special order. That large sums remain in the hands of former sequestrators, collectors, tenants, and others, not yet accounted for. [*G* 138, *p.* 431.]

Feb. ? County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We have let many delinquents' and Papists' estates for 1 year at great improvement. We have found large sums of money in the tenants' hands, which we have forbidden them to pay to the old committee, because that committee has ordered it to go in payment of debts contracted by them. We cannot levy these arrears till we have a power from you to take the old committee's bonds into our hands, that we may return them to the tenants on payment. [*G* 136, *p.* 229.]

March 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that a lease be made of Wallingford House, belonging to the Duke of Buckingham, to Lord Howard of Escrigg, for 7 years.

That as soon as a return is made from the Sequestration Commissioners of [Middlesex and Westminster of] the value of Wallingford House, this committee will agree what rent Lord Howard shall pay. [*G* 9, *p.* 27.]

March 2. Steyning. **33.** County Committee for Sussex, to the Committee for Compounding. In the Western Division of Sussex there is need for one agent to collect sequestration rents, and one clerk to take the accounts of the tenants and keep the books. We recommend Thomas Buttery, lately employed in that service, and hope you will allow him a good salary, as there is business enough to take up his whole time. [½ *page.*]

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March 2. Plymouth. **35.** Robert Spry to the Committee for Compounding. Taking notice of a late Act for the better managing of delinquents' and Papists' estates, and dissolution of the committees of the several counties, with all the members and parts of that fabric,—myself being employed as solicitor for the North Division of Devon, by commission from the county committee and being now dismissed of my place, so that I cannot act for the public as I desire,—I beg to acquaint you with the obstructions I found in my way, which prejudiced the State many thousands of pounds of money, which might, and yet may, be advanced out of concealed delinquents' estates.

It is four years since I had my commission, but all that time the committee sat in my division only thrice, and that only fourteen days, and sometimes less, at a sitting, to the great disheartening of the real party and the insulting of the adversary and ambodexters. This obstruction was by want of committeemen in the North Division, which consists of near 200 parishes. I several times acquainted Lord Chief Baron Wilde herewith, and sent him a list of fit gentlemen of the North Division to be named a committee, as commanded by his lordship's letter, of which I enclose a copy, as also a list of such gentlemen and merchants as are really affected to the present Government, and fear not to act in so good a cause for God and their country. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

35. I. *Lord Chief Baron John Wilde to Rob. Spry, Kenterbury St., Plymouth, near the Guildhall. Thanks for your letter, and the great care therein expressed for the service. I doubt not but you have found many obstructions, and that which you more particularly instance, in the want of committees in the Northern Division, being so large, must needs be a very main one. I should have been glad had you sent me up the names of some fit persons of that division to be added to the committee, and desire you to do so; meanwhile, I shall consider with Mr. Maynard and other gentlemen of those parts touching this matter, and when opportunity serves, I shall endeavour to satisfy your desire, and give you the best encouragement I can. Mr. Bradshaw will direct and assist you so far as his time and business will permit.* 27 *December* 1647. [½ *page.*]

35. II. *List of* 12 *gentlemen residing in the North Division of co. Devon, well-affected to the present Government, and fit to be Commissioners for Sequestrations :—*

Rob. Rolle.	*Edm. Arscott.*
Chris. Wood.	*Hugh Fortescue.*
John Arscott.	*Art. Fortescue.*
Wm. Squier.	*Maurice Rolle.*
John Heard of Bideford.	*Wm. Venner.*

Wm. Nottell and Charles Pearde of Barnstaple.

[½ *page.*]

March 2. York. **36.** County Commissioners for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. We send you the enclosed from one formerly employed by the county committee, that the matter may be further proceeded in. [½ *page.*]

March 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Reading and Mr. St. Nicholas be appointed counsel for the State, in all cases in which this committee requires counsel.

That the letters and additional instructions for the sequestration commissioners be sent by the same messengers as formerly employed.

37–39. Like order on a Parliament order of 25 December 1649 given,—that the estates of Lord Willoughby of Parham, Ald. James Bunce, and Col. Edw. Massey be sequestered, and the rents employed for the public

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service, but allowing $\frac{1}{5}$ to Lady Willoughby and her children — that a return be made of the arrears and future profits of the estates. [*Also* 9, *pp.* 28, 29.]

March 4. Dorchester. **40.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your commission and instructions, and find the labour required far too difficult, without agents to assist us; we therefore offer Edmund Keynell to be clerk and keeper of the books, and Wm. Raymond sequestrator, at suitable salaries. By our instructions we are required to certify what persons are sequestrable, and what proof can be made against them, which we cannot do unless empowered to examine witnesses on oath. Ladyday is near at hand, when most of the leases will expire, and we have no power for further contract, which will much prejudice the State. We have chosen Samuel Bull as treasurer. [1 *page.*]

March 5. **41.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, that whereas by Parliament order 4 Oct. 1649, 400*l.* of the 800*l.* seized for the State at Dover is ordered to be employed for repairs of the pier, and the Navy Committee are required to pay to the Commissioners for Dover port 800*l.* more for repairing the pier, and this committee is to repay the whole 12,000*l.* to the Navy Committee from sequestrations in Kent—the treasurers pay the said sum, on this warrant, and Sir Hen. Vane junior's discharge. Receipted by Vane 19 April 1650. [1½ *pages; also G* 7, *p.* 38.]

March 5. List presented to the Committee for Compounding by Lady Moore of 23 delinquents, with order that they appear on 13 March, and that witnesses be summoned and examined. [*G* 9, *p.* 29. *See* 5 *March* 1650, *for the respective cases.*]

March 5. Lewes. **42.** County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. We received our commission and instructions on Friday, when, meeting with the Commissioners of the Western Division, motion was made concerning each division to act apart, being more than 60 miles distant from each other, but we declined resolving until we had your approbation. We presented your letter to the [late] committee, who are ready to assist, and something has been done therein.

We desire that Thomas Crouch, of Lewes, may be appointed our agent. Col. Stapley can recommend him. Several tenants and under-treasurers have money in hand and wish to pay it here. Can we receive it, and give acquittances? Note of repairs of a tenement belonging to Mr. Thurle. [1 *page.*]

March 6. Note of presentation in the Committee for Compounding, on discoveries of Cols. Purefoy, Bosevile, Barkstead, and Nich. Devereux, Major Lister and Capt. Randolph Brookes, of 26 names of delinquents, towards payment of their arrears and disbursements. [*G* 9, *p.* 31.]

March 6. Norwich. **43.** County Committee for Norfolk to the Committee for Compounding. We received your commission of 1 February, constituting us commissioners, and your instructions. As we apprehend much loss by delay of actual sequestration of the estates of delinquents and Papists which were under sequestration at the making of the late Act of Parliament for the better ordering of Papists and delinquents' estates, and which, by the same Act, were suspended from sequestration, we have taken order for speedily sequestering of them. As to your first instruction, which will be a tedious work, we are already preparing for it, but we fear we cannot act effectually without more ample power from you or Parliament.

1. We find no power to send for or compel witnesses to attend, and give evidence of persons sequestrable.

2. Nor to punish violent obstructions to our proceedings, nor forcible possession by the farmers of sequestered estates.

3. Nor to employ or pay messengers, for which treble our salary would not suffice.

4. Nor to impose fines upon those who conceal or harbour goods or estates of Papists or delinquents.

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5. Nor to sequester Papists who educate their children in the Popish religion.

6. Nor to administer oaths to witnesses and others.

7. We acknowledge a power to seize and sequester, and to appoint one of ourselves as a receiver of the rents, but none to levy for any debt, rents, or profits, upon refusal to pay in all which the former committee had power.

8. We agree that a personal survey of sequestered estates will be a very necessary service, and have resolved to speedily travel about it; but where there are 200 or 300 farms dispersed in several places, the charges and trouble will be great; also the continual certifying as to the profits to be obtained by the grant of copyhold estates will retard the service, and be an intolerable burden.

9. Consider whether it will not discourage men to travel and treat with us for leases, when we can give neither assurance nor a time when to conclude any bargain with them, at least not without so much trouble of certificates to you, which will necessitate their double, or oftener travel to us for leases of that whereof haply a year's rent may hardly countervail their charge, besides the postage. Comparing the instructions with the Act, it seems as though leases for 7 years may determine in less than one, and that uncertainty will discourage many from hiring at all, or at least will enforce a letting at an undervalue.

10. As to your instructions touching sending certificates to you of charges or proofs against any liable to sequestration, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to certify any authentic charge, before sufficient informations be upon record before us; and will it not intrench too much upon the liberties of the people, to admit any to be sequestrable, and their estates confiscate, without evidence on oath, which the late county commissioners had power to adminster, and thereby to discover the rents sequestrable, concealments, and other injuries to the State, and to secure the persons of such as refused to give evidence, but which we have no power to do?

11. We hold it very requisite to keep accounts of rents and profits from sequestered estates, but for any of us to be receiver, we beg to be excused, having no accommodation for security, or convenient conveyance to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, and having other employments. There is, however, a great necessity for a general receiver here; many tenants having arrears will take little care to transmit them to Goldsmiths' Hall.

12. We hope to be shortly able to certify what manors are sequestered, for which the late committee had power to appoint courts to be kept; but we know not how to discover what copyhold estates are to be granted, or probable profit made, except by keeping of such courts, and the presentments of the homages; yet if the same power were in us which the late commissioners had, we should hope to be more provident than to cause a needless charge by keeping such courts to no purpose.

13. As a clerk is absolutely necessary, we recommend Samuel Cullyer, clerk to the former commissioners; there will also be a necessary charge for a place for our meetings, and for the supply of paper for the service. [2¾ *sheets.*]

March 6. Lincoln. **44.** County Commissioners for Lincoln to the Committee for Compounding. We met Mr. Disney and Mr. Dowse here to-day, to peruse the Act and instructions, when several queries were offered; and until satisfaction is given, they cannot undertake the prosecution.

1. Is the personal view mentioned in the instructions, or the survey of lands which the Act directs, to be made by the commissioners themselves, or other agents to be nominated by the Committee for Compounding? If a personal view be required, we all desire to be excused acting, as being unacquainted with the business; if by agents, then we desire the committtee to nominate them, or empower us to do so, and prescribe their allowance. [By such ways that they best can satisfy themselves, to discover the value].

2. There is no provision for a registrar or clerk, without whom we can do little, the instructions charging most of the work upon him or them.

3. Does the proviso discharging any from intermeddling who are accountable to the State for money intend only sequestration money, or does it relate also to assessment? If so, Mr. Disney is disabled from acting.

4. Does the instruction to seize the personal estate of all delinquents and Papists intend those that bought their personal estate of the committee, or

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only those that shall be in future discovered, and whose estates never came into possession of the committee? [For such as have been bought, that shall be made to appear to be the same estate.]

We entreat an answer that—the obstructions being removed by an additional Act—we may endeavour to do you service. Mr. Dowse desires to be excused, in respect of other great business here and elsewhere; he is now going into the West, where he may be detained most of the summer. We are willing to serve to the utmost. Mr. Dowse acquainted us with an order concerning our business, which we cannot execute for want of agents; but as soon as you put us in a capacity, we shall be ready to serve. The passages between brackets are marginal notes for a reply. [1 *page.*]

March 6. Bodmin. **45.** [Late] Commissioners for Sequestrations for co. Cornwall, to the Committee for Compounding. We received your letters of 1 and 5 Feb. while met about the militia engagements, and other public affairs. We have seen your commission to the gentry of our county on the sequestration business, and are very glad to be discharged, by reason of our many other employments; our books, accounts, and papers are ready for their view.

Not long before the Act of 25 Jan. last, we had perfected our agent's accounts, and left the business to our solicitor and collectors. We have let the delinquents' estates for a year from Dec. last, by means of several captains and other officers that came out of Devon to deal in them, whereby we have hastened the delinquents to compound. The arrears on our agent and collectors' accounts, and what else is required of us, shall be returned with all speed. [¾ *page.*]

March 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Col. Jones be spoken with on articles of complaint exhibited against John Madrin, one of the Sequestration Commissioners for North Wales.

That the vote exempting persons from being sequestration commissioners in the several counties extends only to persons who were accountable on sequestrations. [*G* 9, *p.* 31.]

Order that the disposing of the place of auditor be considered on Monday.

Order that John Price and Wm. Mullins act as sequestrators in London, and that Wm. Haslop be their agent. [*G.* 7, *pp.* 40, 41.]

March 9. **46.** Order by the Committee [for Compounding], that a list of special reports undetermined be collected, as also of savings granted.* [⅛ *page.*]

March 9. Hereford. **47.** County Committee for Herefordshire to the Committee for Compounding. The Army Committee heretofore allowed Col. Wroth Rogers, as governor of Hereford garrison, a weekly sum above his due as lieutenant-colonel, which was withdrawn on some intimation that the commissioners for this county had also given him an allowance towards the extraordinary expenses which his place unavoidably draws upon him. But he has received little benefit therefrom, neither can we do for him according to his merits; for besides his singular vigilance in discharge of the duty of his place, he has demeaned himself with moderation and integrity, abstaining from the injustice and oppression by which many others of like place have heaped up good sums. We therefore beg that by your order he may receive such further allowance as you think fit. [1 *page.*]

March 9. **48.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. When we asked further instructions, we were informed by some of you that the things desired were granted, and order given to your clerk to prepare and send them down; in expectation thereof, we gave out orders to the North Riding to come next week to take the sequestered lands, the time of the year requiring haste, but as we have not the instructions, we are discouraged, and can only proceed with those already summoned. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing*

48. I. II. *Points on which direction is requested (viz.)*—

1. *We have no power to allow witnesses' charges. You bid us to return the names of defaulters to be made an example of; they are mostly mean people, and it will be only adding trouble to you, and no advantage.* [*There is care taken to offer it to Parliament.*]

* This phrase means that when a compounder had property in suit-at-law or in expectancy, he entered a saving to compound for it, within a limited time; or else when or if it became his own.

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2. We have no power to pay annuities, rent-charges, or fifths, about which there is much complaining; and the remedy will be worse than the disease, if they are forced to London to obtain them; we therefore desire that such as have been proved and allowed by the former committee may be allowed, and the rest referred to you.

3. We have also no power to distrain for debts. [*Proceed according to the ordinances for Sequestration.*]

4. We cannot sell distresses taken for rent or debt, or compensate those who discover delinquents, and this neutralizes our efforts. [*You have power to distrain for debts, sell distresses upon levies for rent or debt, levy debts due upon rents, and all debts due to delinquents. There will be order for corporal punishment for such as discover and afterwards compound. The committee have not power to allow more than* 1*s. in the pound to discoverers, but daily expect it.*]

5. Although by your last instructions we are to seize and secure the estates of Papists, &c., we have no power to dispose of them. [*You are not to dispose of any estates but of persons beyond sea, which are to be sequestered if they do not bring a discharge in* 3 *months.*] [1¼ *pages.*]

March 9. **49.** County Commissioners for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. We received the Act of Parliament of 25 Jan. last, and your instructions and commission appointing us county commissioners, and will use our best skill in the business. We have delivered your letter to the late committee, and obtained a particular of what estates are sequestered, and a promise of further assistance in the perusal of their books and papers. We will view the sequestered estates, so as to ascertain their value, and examine such persons as we conceive may be fit tenants. Let us know whether we may demise before certifying you, as many of the leases granted by the late committee will expire at Ladyday, and the tenants, not knowing whether they can continue to hold the same, will provide for themselves in the interim. We offer Thos. Martin, of Loughborough, as our clerk, and Fras. Harris, of Quorndon, and Hen. Heyrick, of Leicester, as agents, and desire a salary and commissions for them. [1 *page.*]

March 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that a list be collected of what special reports are yet undetermined, and of estates upon which savings have been granted.

Order that the usher permit no one, either counsel or other, to come into the room whilst the committee is sitting.

Order that Sir A. Hesilrigge enquire of the House whether persons continuing beyond seas shall be admitted to compound, and their compositions stand, not being admitted on particular order of the House.

That the business of the auditors be heard on Friday.

That the letter of the Council of State, concerning moneys charged by them on the 50,000*l.* to be raised for Ireland out of lands in the trustees' hands, be answered. [*G* 7, *pp.* 42, 43, 46.]

March 11. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Lincoln. In answer to your queries as to personal survey of the estates, you are to take such course as to be satisfied of the true value, that the State be not abused in the undervaluing.

You have liberty to choose your own clerk, and to pay him 2*s.* 6*d.* a day.

The proviso discharging any from intermeddling who are accountable to the State relates only to those accountable for sequestration money, not for accounts or assessments.

By personal estates of delinquents, we mean all estates seized by you, which the party held at the time of sequestration, but has not compounded for. [*G* 7, *p.* 45; 9, *p.* 34.]

March 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners for Salop. Directions in cases. In contracting for estates for 7 years, observe the Act about entering and surveying. You shall receive further orders in the cases named. [*G* 30, *p.* 379.]

March 12. **50, 51.** Order of the Committee for Compounding on an Act of Parliament of 15 Aug. 1649 given for payment of 2,000*l.* to Major-Gen. Phil Skippon, in part of his arrears, on consideration of his eminent and faithful service; viz.:

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500*l.* by the Committee of Accounts for Suffolk, 500*l.* by that for Norfolk, 1,000*l.* with interest from Chambury Hall, South Walsham, Norfolk, value 120*l.* a year, held by Sam. Smith in trust for payment of 1,000*l.* to Wolstan Paston, Popish recusant, with power of entrance in case of non-payment.

Also granting him the house, gardens, &c., where he now lives, belonging to the Earl of Worcester, between Long Acre and Hart Street. (Receipted for 200*l.*, 14 Feb. 1650, and for 235*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*, 18 Nov. 1650.)

Also on a Parliament order of 1st March given, for payment of 1,000*l.* to Skippon out of the profits of the estates formerly appointed to the Prince Elector, in lieu of the 1,000*l.* from Chambury Hall, of which the treasurers and collectors are to bring in an account—for payment accordingly. [*G* 1, *p.* 220; 7, *pp.* 49, 51; 9, *p.* 33.]

March 12. Committee for Compounding to the Council of State. You ask our resolution about payment of moneys charged by the Derby House Committee on Sir Adam Loftus, treasurer of the 50,000*l.* to be raised out of estates settled on trustees for the service of Ireland, and now transferred to our Treasury. The Act for their disposal clearly states that it is to be for abatement of taxes, without exception of any estates for any special use. We cannot therefore allow warrants or pay such moneys without command of Parliament. But as the occasions represented are of consequence, and very just to be supplied, we will, if you please, require those who have been intrusted with that service to give us an account of charges on the receipts, report to Parliament, and desire their resolution. [*G* 7, *p.* 60; 9, *p.* 33.

March 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that estates sequestered and to be leased by the Act of 25 Jan. shall be let at a net rent, and the tenants pay all taxes and undertake all repairs.

That the return by the Commissioners of Middlesex and Westminster of 120*l.* a year as the valuation of Wallingford House be sent back to them, to certify whether this is exclusive of repairs; and they are to take notice that the house is let to Lord Howard at 40*l.* a year.

The said committee is also to certify whether Sir Gilbert Pickering's house is valued by them at 20*l.* a year above taxes and repairs; and whether, in valuing the 2 houses, the little passage which Sir Gilbert wished to lay to his house was considered. [*G* 7, *p.* 51; 9, *p.* 34.]

March 14. Petition of Hen. Fox and 4 others of Walden, Essex, for many others, to the Committee for Compounding, for a committee to examine the truth of articles against Fras. Swan, late one of the county sequestrators, he having wronged them and many by his tyrannical proceedings, and made the government of Parliament more odious to the people than that of the late King. [*G* 121, *p.* 205.] *Annexing,*

1. *Articles against Fras. Swan, that he has sequestered people and converted the money to his own use; taken bribes of many to save them from sequestration, and allowed them to compound at under rates; interfered by menaces with suits at law; and that he throws people into gaol from malice, and proves nothing against them.* [*G* 121, *p.* 305.]

March 14. Summons to Fras. Swan, of Debden Hall, Essex, to appear on 21 March to answer informations against him. [*G* 7, *p.* 55; 9, *p.* 34.]

March 14. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Sir A. Hesilrigge enquire of the House whether—the father dying in arms against Parliament, seized of an estate in fee—the son shall be admitted to compound for it as heir-at-law. [*G* 7, *p.* 55.]

March 16. Dorchester. **52.** County Commissioners for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. Having met to-day at Dorchester, in order to the disposal of the sequestered estates, we received divers complaints from tenants of sequesterd lands of disturbance offered them by Armiger Warner, a messenger from Haberdashers' Hall, who, by warrant from that committee dated in May last, demanded, by way of distress, the 20th part due from the delinquents whose estates they hold under the late committee. As this will discourage future tenants, we recommend the removal of such obstructions. [⅔ *page.*]

March 18. **53, 54.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, on a Parliament order of 12 March given, that the Council of State confer with the Committee

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of Goldsmiths' Hall, and bring in a Bill for the sale of all delinquents' estates, or of such as are fit to be disposed of; naming to the Council of State the estates of 29 persons, all of which are in the first bill of sale. [½ *page; also G* 9, *p.* 35; *see Scobell's Acts, pt.* 2, *p.* 156.]

March 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that an order be sent to all the new commissioners to inquire what bonds and specialities of delinquents have been seized by any former committees, and to report. [*G* 7, *p.* 60.]

March 19. Committee for Compounding, to the President of the Council of State. We refer you to our letter of the 12th inst., about payments from estates settled for Ireland, for a reply to yours of the 15th in the case of Col. Tothill. No more can be expected from this committee than was stated in their former return. [*G* 7, *p.* 61; *G* 9, *p.* 36.]

March 19. Form of license for a compounder to remain in town 14 days, to prosecute his composition. [*G* 9, *p.* 36.]

March 19. Redcastle. **55.** Hugh Price, one of the Commissioners for co. Montgomery, to the Committee for Compounding. I have received several letters from you directed to the old county commissioners, with instructions for the new commissioners; but as these have not been nominated, and no commission has been received, nothing can be done; further instructions should be sent forthwith, to enable them to let the estates of delinquents at the usual time, the 25th inst. [¾ *page.*]

March 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the return from the late Essex Committee touching compositions be presented to this committee. Mr. Packington to attend. [*G* 7, *p.* 63; 9, *p.* 36.]

Order that the registrar of this committee sign all the licenses granted to delinquents. [*G* 7, *p.* 63.]

March 20. Committee for Compounding to the Trustees for Irish Affairs. We have received no reply to ours of 11 December last, asking what charges there are on the estates granted to raise 50,000*l.* for Ireland. Make a return before 6 April, or we must report your default to Parliament. [*G* 7, *p.* 62; 9, *p.* 36.]

March 20. Maidstone. **56.** County Commissioners for Kent to the Committee for Compounding. Having received a commission and instructions to be Commissioners for Sequestrations for this county, one of which requires us to appoint one of ourselves treasurer, we have appointed Alex. Roberts, of Maidstone, and desire he may be authorised thereto by your order, to which end we have desired Capt. John Browne, being one of us, to attend you, and acquaint you with some obstructions, without the removal of which we cannot vigorously proceed. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

56. I. *Note of queries and obstructions.*

1. *On discovery of an estate liable to sequestration, they want power to summon the tenants or debtors to bring in their leases and acquittances; also power to take examinations on oath, and to punish those that refuse the oath.*

2. *To have the aid of officers, civil or military, to break open doors, &c., in case of any opposition to sequestrations.*

3. *To have a time fixed within which goods seized may be sold, in order to lessen the expense of hiring rooms to keep them in and persons to take charge of them, and to have allowance for such incident charges.*

4. *The county being large, to be allowed more salaried agents and messengers to send forth warrants.*

5. *To be authorised to make allowances to tenants for taxes, quit-rents, and repairs.*

6. *To be allowed to give discharges for rents and arrears of rents, and fines set by the late County Committee and not paid in, and also for sums paid in by agents, receivers, or other officers.*

7. *Whether it may not be beneficial to authorise them to receive the rents of sequestered estates which have any incumbrance upon them, by reason of their being much intermixed, part being sequestered and part discharged, and to pay the rent-charges and improve the rest of the rents; also to have power to examine the incumbrance, what it was for, and how much has been received towards satisfaction.*

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8. *To have authority to take notice of all livings, whether parsonages or vicarages, which are or have been sequestered, and to collect the tithes, pensions, or augmentations springing out of delinquents' estates, for which allowance has been made in their compositions.* [1 *page.*]

March 20. Kendal. **57.** Commissioners for Westmoreland, to the Committee for Compounding. We received your commission and instructions, met to-day, and shall do so weekly, in several divisions in this county, until we have put the business into order. We have named John Fawcett, clerk, and Wm. Airey and George Archer, agents; pray allow them a competent salary. There are several estates under sequestration farmed out for one year by the late committee; the rents of some are offered to be augmented, and other estates might be let at a higher rate, but we have no power to let them. In the interim, lest husbandry should be obstructed, we have forborne to discharge the present tenants until we receive further directions. [1 *page.*]

March 21. **58.** Order in Parliament that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall grant warrants to their treasurers to pay such sums as the Council of State have charged upon the revenue of the lands settled upon Trustees for Irish Affairs, out of the moneys received from those lands. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 219.]

March 21. **59.** Committee for Middlesex and Westminster to the Committee for Compounding. We estimate Wallingford House well worth 120*l.* a year, over and above all taxes and reparations. As for the house occupied by Sir Gilbert Pickering, we meant that he should have the closet or passage laid to his house as he desired, and that all reparations and charges, and a rent-charge of 4*l.* which is laid upon the house, should be borne by him, over and above the 20*l.* a year. [⅔ *page.*]

March 21. Nottingham. **60.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. Although the duplicate has not yet been delivered to us by the late committee, yet by the help of their papers and our apt agent, [John] Hough, we have found what estates are sequestered, and in order to raise the public revenue by all possible means, we have warned the tenants to pay the Ladyday rents, and continue tenants at, and give security for, such rents as shall be agreed on; we will return the money and certificates as speedily as we can. In the interim we desire information in the following points:—

1. Concerning such as have compounded, and not paid in their second payments.

2. About those against whom informations of several witnesses have been taken on oath, but they are not sequestered.

3. How to proceed as to those who are to be sequestered on information, as to getting and paying witnesses, and taking their oaths.

4. Are we to grant annuities, augmentations, and other charges allowed by Parliament which are demanded with threats of distraint of tenants' goods, which, if permitted, would cause great perplexity.

5. Shall we persist in receiving rents ordered to be kept in the tenants' hands, on letters of suspension from the Committee for Compounding for payment of debts, but which are not satisfied?

6. Will any allowance be made for the needful charge in preserving Lord Byron's woods, worth 2,000*l.*, and the Earl of Newcastle's, worth 12,000*l.* [To see that the timber is preserved, and certify us if any timber may be felled this season.]

There are few if any courts to be held on sequestered estates. We think Mr. Hough the fittest man to hold them. [1 *page.*]

March 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Rich. Higgins give an account within a week to them.

Like order, that Sir Wm. Armyne, Col. Jones, Mr. Bond, and Col. Purefoy, procure from Mr. Frost a statement of what sums have been charged upon the Trustees for Ireland by the Derby House Committee, and the Council of State.

Order that Lord Howard have a 6 years' lease in reversion of Wallingford House, at 120*l.* a year, the rent returned by the Commissioners of Middlesex and Westminster, abating the fee-farm rent of 7*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* The 5th part, 24*l.* a year, to be deducted for the discovery. [*G* 7, *pp.* 70, 72; 9, *pp.* 37, 38.]

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March 22. Committee for Compounding to Sir Adam Loftus. By Parliament order of 2 November 1649, referring it to this committee to take account of charges remaining on the estates granted for raising 50,000*l.* for Ireland, and how the profits have been employed, we require you to return an account in 14 days of the payments and issues thereon. [*G* 7, *p.* 71.]

March 22. Oakham. **61.** County Committee for Rutland to Mr. Leech, secretary to the Committee for Compounding. Understanding that the Committee for Compounding appoint agents to assist the commissioners, as we are now entering upon the business, we have engaged James Bowles as our clerk and agent. He has always been faithful to Parliament, and lately left the army, and married a gentlewoman of some estate near to us. We want his appointment confirmed; if it is done by the Knights of the Shire, we will address them. [⅔ *page.*]

March 22. Ipswich. **62.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. Having received a commission to act as commissioners within this county, and finding it necessary to employ an agent, we desire that Thomas Weeks may be appointed to that office. [⅔ *page.*]

March 23. Kendal, **63.** Commissioners for co. Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. Rydal demesne, sequestered from Wm. Fleming, was let by the late commissioners to Wm. Beck at 202*l.* 10*s.*; George Mowson bid 220*l.*, and John Harland 240*l.* for it. We resolved to decide the contest by setting up a light, the lease to be granted to the highest bidder before the light went out. Mowson thus got it at 180*l.* Harland coming in after the light was out, offered 200*l.* We think they were employed, one by Sir Jordan Crosland, who married Fleming's eldest sister; the other by Wm. Fleming, of Skirwith, Cumberland, who holds an entail. The estate is not really worth more than 120*l.* We want directions. [1½ *pages.*]

March 24. Certificate by Gabriel Baker that the County Committee of Somerset allowed Mr. Picke a lease of the estate of [Thos.] Martin, of Balsborough, a Papist, for 46*l.*, on Martin's behalf, although Mr. Prew offered 60*l.* for it. [*G* 102, *p.* 325.]

March 25. **64.** Order in Parliament that the several powers now in the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall shall be transferred to persons who are not members of this House, and the said committee are to bring in an Act for that purpose. That the number of the commissioners in the said Act shall be 7. That the present committee be required to sit and act as they now do, until the Act is perfected. That Sir Arthur Hesilrigge and Mr. Salway present the names of some fit persons to be commissioners. That the committee bring in a clause to the said Act, for the commissioners to be sworn, and likewise the form of the oath. That the salary of the commissioners shall not exceed 300*l.* per annum each. That the business of Haberdashers' Hall shall likewise be carried on by the committee to be named in the said Act, under the same salary, and the Act is to be framed accordingly for transferring those powers, and for executing the same on oath.

65, 66. That as to a delinquent whose estate is seized into the hands of the State, and who died seized of an estate in fee simple, without making any composition for his delinquency, his heir-at-law shall not be admitted to compound for the said estate without special licence of Parliament.

67. That the committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, being members of the House, consider of something to be offered to the House touching under-valuations and concealments of delinquents' estates who have compounded, and report; Sir Arthur Hesilrigge to take care thereof.

68. Like order on the report of Sir Arthur Hesilrigge from the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, touching compositions with delinquents, that the said committee, in all fines for compositions which are set and not finally determined, shall not make allowance of any mortgage, statute, or judgment, in abatement of the fine, which was not allowed by the Sequestration Committee or by the Barons of the Exchequer, or whereof the creditor was not in actual possession at the time of such compositions. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 220, 221.]

Like order referring to the Committee for Compounding, or consider of an Act for such as hold delinquents' estates by mortgage, judgment, or statute, that they may compound for them, [*G* 1, *p.* 216.]

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March 25. **69.** Notes of 3 of the above orders. [¾ *page.*]

[March 25.] **70, 71.** Notes of the rates at which the fines of delinquents are to be calculated; for estates in fee, in reversion after 1, 2, or 3 lives, or on lease, varying according to whether they are fined at $\frac{1}{10}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, or $\frac{1}{2}$. [2 *papers;* 1 *page.*]

March 25. **72, 73.** Note of the reading in the Committee for Compounding of a Parliament order given of 23 March, that the real and personal estates of all who have compounded for delinquencies, and are beyond sea without leave, be secured by the Committee of Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 1, *p.* 220; 9, *p.* 33.]

Order of the Committee for Compounding, appointing Phil. Thorpe and — Craven, Sequestration Agents for co. Lincoln. [*G* 9, *p.* 38; 7, *p.* 78.]

Order on receipt of a letter from the Oxford Committee, in answer to that of 29 Jan., that the 72*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* arrears due be paid, and the 72*l.* 9*s.* a week for pay to the troop of horse till further order.

Order to the treasurer and receiver of the Prince Elector's revenue, to return to the committee in three weeks a perfect account of receipts and payments therefrom.

Order allowing the Sequestration Committee of London to appoint their own clerk, at 2*s.* a day salary. [*G* 9, *p.* 38.]

March 25. Cambridge. **74.** John Lowry to Mr. Ashe, chairman to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. The bearer, Capt. [Wm.] Pickering, a sub-commissioner for sequestrations, having to come up to you for directions about their office, and to remove some obstructions, I beg you, if you appoint a steward to keep their court, to appoint John Jenkinson, of this town, who is very honest and able, a good lawyer, and being under-sheriff last year, appeared very willing to proclaim all the proclamations from the Parliament. [¾ *page.*]

March 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Gurdon report the bill for selling Theobald Butler's estate to Chris. Stanford and 4 others. [*G* 7, *p.* 80; 9, *p.* 39.]

March 26. Leicester. **75.** The late County Committee for Leicestershire to the Commissioners for Compounding. In obedience to the Act of 20 Jan. last, and the directions of 1 Feb. last, we directed the solicitor for sequestrations, and the treasurer of the county to expedite the business, whereupon the solicitor brought us the certificate and particulars annexed, and the treasurer brought the book annexed of all moneys raised and received by him out of sequestered estates, and of the disposal thereof during the time of his employment; all which is certified as a full answer of what is required of us. We do not keep any private book or particulars, it not having been possible, in regard of the multiplicity and variety of the business; and as some of us have but lately been instructed in this service, and others formerly employed have deserted it, or are absent, we could not always attend the service, and must therefore refer to the solicitor and treasurer for further particulars. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

75. I. *Certificate of Fras. Blithe, solicitor for sequestrations. On* 27 *March* 1645, *I first had commission from the county commissioners to be solicitor in this county, and thereupon attended the service, but was much interrupted by the enemy storming Leicester on* 31 *May following, whereby I lost all my books and instructions, and suffered in the plunder of my estate. Upon the regaining of Leicester, I returned to my employment, and have frequently attended various committees at London, and made returns of all delinquents and Papists, and of their sequestered estates, compositions, and discharges.*

On 20 *Dec. last, I delivered the commissioners a particular of all delinquents' and Papists' estates now under sequestration, their yearly value in the best times, and what they are now set at; also particulars of such estates as had been discharged or stayed by order of the Committee for Compounding, or Barons of Exchequer. I before returned also a list of such delinquents as were in the garrison of Ashby-de-la-Zouch at its surrender, and compounded with Sir Rich. Skeffington and Col. John Needham, then governor of Leicester, and so were discharged according to order of Parliament of* 24 *Feb.* 1646.

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I now return the names of all who assisted or countenanced the enemy when the late King and his party were there, and with whom the committee at Leicester compounded, and set fines for their offences according to order of Parliament of 30 *Aug.* 1645. *There have not been any other compositions or discharges of sequestered estates here than what have been made by order of the Committee for Compositions, and there have not been any persons or estates sequestered, compounded for, or discharged, since* 20 *Dec. last, save those of Sir Thos. Beaumont, Bart., and Rich. Dudley, who lately brought orders for the same from the Committee for Compounding. No person or estate sequestered during my employment has been omitted. In obedience to the questions of the said committee of* 13 *Aug. last, I paid to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall* 200*l., being all that I had received of sequestration money due since* 25 *March last. I have the treasurers' acquittance.* [1½ *pages.*]

75. II. *List of all the persons,* 107 *in number, in co. Leicester, sequestered for delinquency.*

Also list of 38 *ministers sequestered and ousted of their livings, and of* 17 *ousted for scandal.*

Also list of 13 *Papists sequestered for delinquency and recusancy, and* 16 *sequestered for recusancy only.*

Also list of 65 *gentlemen and others that assisted or countenanced the enemy when the late King and his party were there, and with whom the committee compounded.* [7 *pages. These lists coincide mainly with those calendared under* 21 *April.*]

March 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that an additional instruction be sent down to the county commissioners to enable them to distrain for arrears of rent.

That Sir James Harrington be requested to attend about the choice of an agent for co. Rutland. [*G.* 9, *p.* 39.]

Like order that Mondays be appointed for hearing petitions and motions, and that no petition or motion be received any other day. [*G* 7, *p.* 81.]

March 28. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Leicester. We authorize you to choose a clerk, and allow him 2*s.* 6*d.* a day. [*G* 7, *p.* 86; 9, *pp.* 39, 40.]

March 28. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Kent. As you want a clerk, we appoint John Thatcher, and authorize you to allow him 2*s.* 6*d.* a day. Also we empower you to receive all arrears of rents and fines discovered by yourselves or any other. [*G* 9, *p.* 40.]

March 29. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the four horses of Sir Thos. Sandys, now standing at the King's Arms, St. Martin's Lane, be seized and secured till further order, by Wm. Hale, messenger. [*G* 7, *p.* 83; 9, *p.* 40; 10, *p.* 15.]

Order that those who now attend their compositions shall save their Lady-day rents.

Order on receipt of a letter from Cambridge, that an additional instruction be given the commissioners to have power to distrain on those who do not pay the rents or arrears of sequestered estates. Also that they may choose a clerk, allowing him 2*s.* 6*d.* a day.

76. Order that Mr. Leech, the registrar, deliver all accounts and certificates received from the county commissioners to the auditors, who are to certify them with speed. [*G* 7, *pp.* 84, 85; 9, *p.* 40.]

March 29. Committee for Compounding to [several] county commissioners. The Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers report that you have not sent in your accounts. All sequestration business being now transferred to this committee, you are to return them to our treasurers, on peril of the penalty of the Act of 25 Jan. 1650. [*G* 7, *p.* 84; 9, *p.* 40.]

March 29. Committee for Compounding to the Clerk of the Pipe. We require you to certify to us the particulars of all recusants' rents in charge on your roll, with

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an account of the arrears due 29 Sept. 1649, and to forbear to send forth any process for the same, this committee having taken orders for their collecting. [*G* 7, *p.* 85; 9, *p.* 41.]

March 30. **77.** Order in Parliament that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, upon conference with the Army Committee, take the most effectual and speedy way for bringing in the money upon compositions, for supply of the 105,000*l.* formerly appointed for the charges of the army; Sir Art. Hesilrigge to take care thereof. [½ *page; also G* 1, *p.* 251.]

March 30. Salop. **78.** Charles Langford to John Ashe. Having received authority from your committee to act as a commissioner, I have made a stop of the Countess of Arundel's rents and other profits in this county, which amount to 600*l.* or 700*l.* a year, as I have conceived her to be a Papist; but [John] Browne, my fellow commissioner, has brought me the resolution of some eminent person that, not being a convicted rescusant, she was not sequestrable. What rents I received from Papists' and delinquents' estates I brought to Salop 8 or 10 days since to return, but it was not above 60*l.*, Mr. Browne and his agents have received the rest, and I cannot give a correct account, as he has the books; but from this time forward you shall have a just account. [1 *page.*]

March 30. Leicester. **79.** County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. We have made some progress in setting those lands whose terms expired 25 March last, and enquired as to what courts are to be kept upon such sequestered estates; we find one at Sheepshed, of the Countess Dowager of Rutland's, a recusant; another at Dalby, of the Duke of Buckingham's; and a third at Nelston, belonging to Walter Astley, Papist and delinquent, but we cannot certify what profits may redound to the Commonwealth thereby, until you give order for keeping them. Little profits can be raised by coal mines or wood sales, but there are timber trees growing upon the estates of the Duke of Buckingham at Dalby, and of the Countess of Rutland at Garendon, to a great value.

We desire to nominate John Baker as our treasurer, and Thomas Martin as clerk; let commissions be sent them. Are we to allow to the ministers to whom the Committee for Plundered Ministers have granted augmentations their arrears due thereupon? As the giving some encouragement to such as shall discover concealed estates of delinquents would be very beneficial, we desire your directions. [1 *page.*]

March ? **80.** Instructions by the Commissioners for co. Bucks, to their agent sent up to the Committee for Compounding.

He is to request directions in particular cases given.

To ask whether the word incumbrances, mentioned in the 5th article of the last instructions, has relation to leases and mortgages made before sequestration, and which have always been allowed, or whether it intends other incumbrances made since.

To ask the committee to view the depositions newly taken against several persons, and order either their discharge or the disposing of their estates, harvest being near, and they having crops upon the ground.

To ask whether any allowance shall be made to their clerk for writing several books sent hither, and left with them, and how much.

To desire a commission for their agent, Steph. Dagnall of Aylesbury. [1¼ *pages.*]

March ? **81.** Similar instructions. Informations to be given in particular cases. Also,

That John Thornton of Drayton Parslow, was taken in arms with the King, and has never been sequestered; and that Robt. Turner of Mursley, is a Popish recusant, and has a small estate. [Ordered to examine and transmit depositions.]

That John Denton used to go into the King's army, has a good estate, and was never sequestered.

To inform the commissioners concerning Mr. Dodsworth's new lease [Ordered to let the land until the deed appears]. Also as to the vicars of Whaddon and Biddlesdon. [To be allowed].

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To give the commissioners a list of six persons whose estates stand sequestered, which have not been already seized. [You are to seize the estates.]

To ask them to send down as many Acts and ordinances as may be necessary.

The passages in brackets are marginal notes of reply. [1¼ *page.*]

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April ? Petition of Paul and Alice Freeman, Rich. Nymlin, and Marg. Fletcher, poor people of Leeds, co. York, to the Committee for Compounding. Had their houses burned down for preservation of the town in the late wars, and had an order for 300*l.* towards their losses, but have only received 170*l.*; and their tedious journeys and attendance in London has cost them all they have received, so that they can neither find bread nor lodging, and must lie in the streets if not relieved. Beg enough to subsist on, to be repaid out of the 130*l.* still due, or must perish for want. Noted "Not in the power of this committee." [*G* 85, *p.* 589.]

April 1. Like petition of the above and Rob. Worrall to the said committee. The 300*l.* was granted by Parliament order, 21 July 1647, from estates of delinquents not then sequestered. They have only received 165*l.*, and have spent more than half in journeys about it, and the late county committee being out of power, they can expect no more without an order, which they beg for. With recommendation by Lord Fairfax. [*G* 85, *p.* 592.]

April 1. Order thereon, that the Commissioners for York examine what sums have been received by petitioners, and certify; and then the case to be stated to the House. [*G* 9, *p.* 41.]

April 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the horses seized at Sir Thos. Sandys' be discharged, on oath that they belong to Mr. Rea and Mr. Lee.

Order that the treasurers attend to-morrow afternoon. [*G* 9, *p.* 41; 10, *p.* 15.]

April 1. Newcastle. **1.** George Redshaw, agent to the County Committee for Northumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. I will execute my office as carefully as possible, and give you a full account of all discoveries I can make. "The county is very spacious, and lies near bad instruments to a commonwealth." In the 16th article of your instructions, you require an account of the profits from keeping courts upon Papists' and delinquents' estates, and what copyhold lands there are in them. The gentleman who kept these courts has died, and I doubt the records cannot be got; but the usual time of keeping them was Easter and Michaelmas, so that if you send me an order for keeping them, I will return you a just account, and hope to make some discoveries. As soon as the lands are let for the ensuing year, I shall go about some new delinquents, and take an account of the late collectors and sequestrators, that you may know how the rents have been disposed of. [1 *page.*]

April 1. Leicester. **2.** The late County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. Enclosed is the duplicate concerning sequestrations here. We have delivered the other copy to your commissioners here, and taken care to make a full return, and are confident it will clearly show our real endeavours to observe your commands with all expedition, the rather as many formerly and still entrusted in this service have either deserted it or are absent, and if we had stayed for their coming or writing, it would have occasioned much delay. [1 *page.*]

Enclosing,

2. 1. *List of* 23 *persons sequestered whose estates have been assigned to other persons, or the sequestrations stayed upon precedent estates and titles, allowed by orders of Parliament or of the Committee for Sequestrations, between* 1644 *and* 1647. *Also*

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List of 12 *who have been discharged upon their appeal to the Committee for Sequestrations, and* 7 *to the Barons of Exchequer, between* 1645 *and* 1648. *Also*

List of 42 *who have been discharged upon their compositions by the Commissioners for Compounding, between* 1645 *and* 1649. [3¼ *pages.*]

April 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that John Sherren, of Faversham, sequestrator to the late committee of co. Kent, deliver to this committee the bond now in his hands, and the bill in Chancery against him by Sir John Mills, to be referred to Reading and St. Nicholas, and Sherren to have his charges, 1*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*

That Sherren be also allowed 30*s.*, expended in getting in sequestration arrears in Kent.

Order that Mr. Say report to the House the case of Gilb. Millington, M.P., Felley, co. Notts, viz., that 6 years since the Earl of Newcastle made his house a garrison, and plundered him to the certified value of 1,713*l.*; that 10 February 1648, the House of Commons referred his case to a committee to examine and report; that the committee recommended for him the sequestrations of Ansley Woodhouse and Kirby Woodhouse, belonging to the Earl of Newcastle, and worth 140*l.* a year, till satisfied; that on reference to the county committee, the rents were paid him last year, and he desires continuance.

Order that the mistake in Capt. Boy's account of 17*l.* 1*s.* 1½*d.* be allowed.

Also that the 52*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.* charged upon Bix as due to Corbet, as certified by the Kent committee, be allowed on Bix's account. [*G* 9, *pp.* 42, 43.]

April 2. North Luffenham. **3.** Evers Armyne and Benj. Norton, County Commissioners for Rutland, to the Committee for Compounding.

We cannot give the information required by yours of 26 February, as the chief delinquents and men of estate were sequestered by the committee sitting at Rockingham Castle in 1642 and 1643, as Col. Horsman and his father; or else they were sequestered by Col. Waite and Capt. Thatcher at Burley House, in 1643 and 1644, and before we acted. I, Armyne, did not come into the county until the end of 1644, when by order of Parliament I put forces into the garrison at Burley, and arranged for their pay; and I, Norton, did not act until the beginning of 1648. List of the chief delinquents similar to that given March 1648. The rest were all sequestered in 1642 to 1644, and before either of us acted. None can tell you the value of their estates in 1640 but those who acted, nor the arrears on the said estates but those that received the sequestrations, as Captains Thatcher and Barry, the one as a commissioner and the other as solicitor for the sequestrations, put in by the Committee for Sequestrations, and not by the county committee, for which they receive and challenge great pay.

We have neither received nor challenge any pay; and yet, according to the order of Parliament, we hope we have discharged our trust in raising forces, and taking care to pay them, and in sequestering, without the assistance of any solicitor, such as were not sequestered before. One of us kept a book to control the receivers of sequestration money; but when Burley House was burnt down, it was either lost or destroyed, to our great loss; and since then the distractions have been so great between Col. Waite and the sub-committee of accounts on one side, and some of the county committee on the other, that he could not act: neither need he, because the sub-committee of accounts, after the house was burnt, resided in the stables of Burley House, kept their office there, and took examinations on oath, which we are not authorised to do, and thus rendered our voluntary performance useless; but we trust our services may be accepted, remuneration dispensed, and we not put upon impossible tasks.

P.S.—If there be any profit to be had, others who seek for such places get them; but if there be any trouble without profit, that they lay upon those that seek for no place at all. Capt. [Mat.] Barry, the solicitor, and Capt. Thatcher, undertook to send the particulars you desire. [1½ *pages.*]

April 2. Winchester. **4.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. One of the late sequestrators for this county, who acted for Southampton, on perusing our commission, told us that we had not anything to do there, it being a town and county of itself; and that by all former ordinances of Parliament,

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they acted within themselves, without any relation to the county. We desire further instructions, as we apprehend the like objection may be made concerning the Isle of Wight. [¾ *page.*]

April 3. Oxford. **5.** County Committee for Oxford to the Committee for Compounding. We desire your confirmation of Elisha Coles as our clerk, and a meet allowance. We recommend Richard Appletree, of Deddington, to be added to Robert Leicester as agent for sequestrations; the service will be more than one person can perform. [¾ *page.*]

April 3. Preston. **6.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your commission of 1 Feb. last authorising us to act, as also an order for Peter Ambrose to be agent or sequestrator for this county. We shall not be wanting to advance the service, but unless we have necessary officers, we cannot act. Mr. Ambrose says he is unable to undergo the burden of the sequestrations within the whole county, and that having hitherto only been employed as one of four agents within one hundred, it has been as much as he can undertake; and indeed, our county being very large and the sequestrations numerous, without the officers formerly recommended to you on 20 Feb., when we took off half the number, the service will be slighted. We therefore commend the enclosed list of officers, and desire your order for their acting. [1¼ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

6. 1. *List of* 11 *persons proposed to be receiver, clerk, auditor, agents, and messenger to the said committee.* [½ *page.*]

April 3. Preston. **7.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Since the receipt of your commission authorising us to act, we have received many complaints from the farmers of sequestered estates of obstructions in the enjoyment of those estates, and other grievances, which we cannot redress; it tends much to the prejudice of the Commonwealth if sequestered estates may not be quietly enjoyed, and the farmers relieved in the counties, and not forced to make suit to you. Let some speedy course be taken for redressing complaints touching sequestrations. Notes of a case. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

7. 1. *Order in the County Committee for Lancaster, that the agents for sequestration in Blackburn Hundred shall seize and sequester the real and personal estate of Robert Carr and Peter Parker, for obstructing the sequestration of Henry Doughty's estate in Thornley, unless John Starkie and Robert Cunliffe, to whom the business between Hen. Murgatroyd, Hen. Sherborne, and Allen Battle is referred, forthwith make a final agreement between them, so that Sherborne and Battle be not damnified by farming the said Mr. Doughty's lands. Manchester,* 30 *Jan.* 1649. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

April 4. Taunton. Presentation to the Committee for Compounding by Alex. Popham, John Pyne, and 3 others, of 7 faithful and honest gentlemen, not liable to exception, as Sequestration Commissioners for co. Somerset, viz.:—

Wm. Ceely.	John Cary.
Thos. Latch.	Rich. Bovett.
John Georges.	Geo. Sampson, jun.,

and James Pearse, as assistant. Endorsed, Captain Barker *versus* Capt. Mason. [*G* 102, *p.* 327.]

April 5. **8.** Act empowering Sam. Moyer, Jas. Russell, Edw. Winslow, Josias Berners, Wm. Molins, Art. Squibb, jun., and Rich. Moore, to be Commissioners for Compounding with delinquents, and managing the sequestered estates of delinquents and recusants; also giving them the powers of the Committee for Advance of Money at Haberdashers' Hall, from 22 April next to 23 Jan. 1652. Proviso, that they do not interfere with the powers given 26 Nov. 1642 to the Army Committee, and that they take an oath given of fidelity in discharge of duty, without favour or reward; all the sub-commissioners to take the same oath. Proviso, that they are not to pay away money without order of Parliament. [2½ *pages, printed.*]

April 5. Petition of Rich. Dormett to the Committee for Compounding.

Was employed by the late Committee as collector for sequestrations in cos. Stafford and Chester, and had a lease of Cheadle Manor, the Marquis of

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Winchester's, at 60*l.* a year. Begs its confirmation, or an order to the County Committee to let him have it as cheap as any other. Noted, that the County Committee are to let the manor to the ablest and fittest person that will give the most rent. [*G* 81, *p.* 160.]

April 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding to Hen. Harris, of Chipping Norton, co. Oxon., to appear in 7 days, to answer informations against him. [*G* 7, *p.* 92.]

April 5. Coventry. **9.** Commissioners of co. Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. The trustees for raising 50,000*l.* for Ireland have leased Sir Charles Smith's estate to his friend Mr. Caryll for 3 years at 652*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*, but with many abatements. Are we to continue this, or must he compound for it? Are we to pay ministers from delinquents' and Papists' estates, on orders from the Committee for Plundered Ministers? Some ministers have subscribed the engagement, others have not. Some arrears of rent the parties offer to pay us, not wishing to have to send them to London. The agents of Sir Charles Smith and Mr. Sheldon beg return of the bonds for payment of rent, which, on taking their leases, they were forced to give in to the trustees for Ireland upon payment of their rent to us. [1 *page.*]

April 6. Nottingham. **10.** Commissioners of co. Notts to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of the estates of the Earl of Chesterfield and John Scrope. Let us have speedy directions as to the wood, as the season for sale is at hand. Also say whether we are to proceed on the information of delinquency we sent up March 21, and whether annuities, fifths, augmentations, &c., are to be granted from delinquents' estates, "for the importunities of many are very great, and threats to distrain tenants of sequestered lands very frequent." [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

April 6. Kendal. **11.** County Committee of Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We have treated with several persons for estates under sequestration, and raised the values as much as we could, and continued the occupiers of some estates in their leases according to your instructions. We enclose particulars of the old rents under sequestration, and the value of the timber surveyed. Send a reply about the officers in the former list, as the estates will not be meddled with until your resolution is known; their non-appointment will be very prejudicial, and the tenants will be disabled by the delay to pay their rents.

The courts for the manors being mostly Court Leets, your resolutions are necessary, as the time is near for keeping them, otherwise they will not be again kept until Michaelmas. We enclose the charge against Major [Arthur] Scaife and Robert Wardell, a sequestrator, and others; consider them, so that we may act with safety and without contradiction. There are several delinquents' and Papists' estates for which we cannot at present find fit tenants. [1 *page.*]

April 7. Little Strickland, Westmoreland. **12.** Capt. Rich. Crackenthorp, one of the County Committee for Westmoreland, to the Committee for Compounding. Having on 16 March last received a commission with instructions from the late Commissioners for Sequestrations for this county, I, with the rest of the commissioners, met thereupon, but most of us not being satisfied that we had power to lease estates under sequestration, we made returns then, and shortly after, certificates of what offers were made.

Westmoreland, by its great mountains, is divided into two parts, at times very difficult to pass, between the bottom of Westmoreland and the barony of Kendal, in which two parts are kept the two sessions of the peace. The old committee divided in two, and transacted business distinctly, but the old Committee for Compounding, naming 4 commissioners only, named myself for the bottom of this county; so I am obliged, before anything can be acted, to go into the barony, or they are forced to come to me, which, in things requiring haste, often hinders business, and is like to do; for we, meeting on the 4th inst., did not appoint another meeting until 14 days after, hoping to hear from you; but the same day some of our agents, going by our appointment to some sequestered estates, to take in beasts to grass for the benefit of the State in the bottom of this county, Robert Wardell, agent for the old committee, would not suffer our agent to do so, pretending that the old committee had leased the same. He was encouraged by Major Arthur Scaife, and his brother, Cornet Lancelot Scaife, who keep certain delinquents' lands from us by the sword. Yet these grounds, thus kept by these persons, are raised in their yearly revenue to near 200*l.* a year more than they were let for by the old

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committee; this is not the only loss, but others take encouragement thereby, and withstand our seizures, so that we are forced by soldiers to desist from making benefit, and to enter into suits at law with Wardell and others, by impounding their goods on the State's grounds.

I beg your orders to free the State of these contests, or to free me of this service; not that I deny to serve, but I desire that another person living in this part may be added to the commission, and propose John Fallowfield, who was faithful from the beginning, and is a Commissioner for the Monthly Assessment for the Army. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing*—

12. I. *James and John Thomson, Thomas Waller, and Henry Petty, to the County Committee for Westmoreland. Being at Hartley Manor House on 29 Jan., the day published for letting the domain lately belonging to Sir Phil. Musgrave, divers people repaired thither to take it, and a candle was lighted and set up by Rob. Wardell, the agent, he saying that who bid the most while the candle burned should farm the domain for the ensuing year. Thereupon Mr. Warwick, John Gibson, and others bid, but they were put back by Major Arthur Scaife, who threatened that whoever took it, he would eat it with his troop of horse, and he took it himself for* 153*l.* 5*s.*

Afterwards the major, hearing that all estates under sequestration would be let for years by the Committee for Compounding, threatened that whoever took the domain of Hartley, which he had taken of the old committee, should have a longer sword than he, and thereby win it, in spite of whoever should say to the contrary, before they should enjoy it; and Thomas Buster, the major's trumpeter, threatened with an oath that if any one brought any horses on the grounds, he would run his sword through their guts. 3 *April,* 1650. [1 *page.*]

12. II. *Certificate by Francis Blenkinsop to the County Committee for Westmoreland, that Robert Wardell, Major Arthur Scaife, and Cornet Lancelot Scaife, his brother, came to Brough, on the* 3*rd inst., and farmed the domain of Helbeck, and leased Graistone Flat Close and other parts to Rich. Foster and John, his son.* 4 *April,* 1650. [½ *page.*]

12. III. *Petition of Henry Petty to the County Committee for Westmoreland, for protection in his business on the State's account. I was employed by them to enquire into the estates of delinquents under sequestration in the bottom of Westmoreland, and their woods and customary rents, and to acquaint some persons that if they desired to farm any of them, they might come and treat with the Commissioners; but at Kirkby Steven, Thomas Buster, one of Major Art. Scaife's trumpeters, swore that if any brought horses into the domain of Hartley, now under sequestration, which he called his major's grounds, he would run his sword in their guts; he also threatened another agent, who had treated about farming Hartley domain; and while you were sitting at Shap, and treating about the farming of estates, another of the major's soldiers said that Capt. Rich. Crackenthorp, one of the Commissioners, and his major had been at words, and that if he let the said domain to farm, it would come to blows.* [1 *page.*]

12. IV. *Petition of James Thomson and John, his son, to the County Committee for Westmoreland. At the farming of Hartley domain, John Thomson offered* 153*l. for it, but Major Art. Scaife has taken it at* 133*l.* (*sic.*), *and threatens violence, and frightens the whole family, because an offer was made to farm the domain. Begs them to consider how the State suffers by his proceedings, no one daring to farm any estate where he or his brother, Cornet Lancelot Scaife, are. They farm the domain of Helbeck of the former committee at small rates, and endeavour to hold their farms by the sword. Beg the committee to certify the annexed challenge, and the contents of the other papers, to the Committee for Compounding, who will no doubt take such course that the State is not further prejudiced.* [1 *page.*]

12. V. *Edward Morley to* [*John*] *Thomson. You being a double officer, and accorded with the Levellers, and I being one of the meanest of Major Scaife's troop, set you at defiance, and desire you will vindicate yourself according to your profession, by meeting me in Gramskey by* 8 *o'clock to-morrow with back swords; otherwise send me an answer.* [¼ *page.*]

April 9. **13, 14.** Order in Parliament that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider something to be tendered to the House for their declaration,

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touching savings put in by delinquents in their particulars, so that no injury may be done to particular persons, nor prejudice to the State. [2 *copies*, ½ *page each; also G* 1, *p.* 222.]

April 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that summons be issued to the persons in the additional list presented on behalf of Lady Moore by John Hurst, counsellor-at-law.

That Mr. Blagrave's report in the case of the officers of Plymouth garrison, with an attested list of their names, be sent to the auditors at Worcester House, to audit their accounts and certify.

That Edw. Martin have a 7 years' lease of 19 tenements called York House, rents at 300*l.* a year, at which they were valued on survey.

Summons to Thomas and Hen. Laurence, of Friday St., London, to appear and show cause why they should not be sequestered, on information that during the late wars, they imported goods of great value to Oxford, on license from the late King. [*G* 7, *pp.* 93, 94.]

April 9. **15.** Account by Wm. Collins, auditor, of 10 Papists named in Kent, and 6 in Essex, who have made their first payment by way of advance, for one half-year, to Roger Calcott and Edw. Fox, receivers for the Prince Elector's revenue, including also the rent of the estate of Lord Montague in Sussex, reserved for the Elector. Total receipts in Kent, 1,290*l.* 3*s.* 4*d* ; in Essex, 815*l.* [1 *page.*]

April 9. Hull. **16.** County Committee for Hull to the Committee for Compounding. We have prepared our accounts, and are ready to pay our moneys. But there are only 4 of us here—Thos. Raikes, deputy mayor, John Bernard, from home, Nich. Denman, and Wm. Popple, both aged and infirm—and we cannot, undergo so great a journey. We have therefore solicited Sir John Bourchier, who is well known to us, to represent the truth hereof, and desire you will give commission to some here to take our accounts, receive the money, and give us a discharge. [1 *page.*]

April 9. York. **17.** County Committee for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have done our endeavours in setting estates here, and have let them at the highest rate we could, and taken security for the rents; but we find, to the contempt of the authority of Parliament and yourselves, that divers persons refuse to yield possession, or suffer the tenants to quietly enjoy them ; we sit to no purpose when we cannot have our desires made good. We let the estate of Thomas Horner at Brathwaite, and [Fras.] Topham at Agglethorpe, against whom there are some pretended charges from the Exchequer, for arrears of recusants' compositions, which, by the Act of 25 Jan. last, were absolutely taken away.

Nevertheless, Major Capperthwaite, major to Col. Charles Fairfax, and Capt. Robert Anderson, lately reduced from Col. Wastell's regiment, under pretence of arrears of the compositions made with the lord-deputy for recusancy, have distrained their goods. The parties complained to us, and we ordered the men to deliver the goods or show cause to the contrary; but they refused to deliver the beasts or to obey our order. Thereupon we ordered Major Smithson, major to Col. Lilburne, to cause the goods to be delivered. He ought to have aided us therein, but he also refused, so that the poor tenants have had their goods kept in fold for 10 days already, and they are still impounded, to the great charge of the people, they buying hay at 1*s.* the stone for their preservation. We entreat your order by the next post, or we shall be discouraged to proceed any further. Robt. Binloss, of Bedale, refuses to yield a sequestered farm there let by us; and Nich. Cockerill, of Hollinghill, has done the like.

In all these affronts to Parliament, yourselves, and us, we crave order for dealing with offenders, and power to give possession, or it will be in vain for us to act further, and these ill precedents will encourage others to practice the like, as they will levy all the Papists' rents in the country, and so little or nothing will come to the Treasury. [*Copy*, 2 *pages.*]

April 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the gentlemen of Sussex agree among themselves to recommend agents for sequestration in the county. [*G* 7, *p.* 97.]

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April 10. Durham. **18.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We have had divers consultations about the most expeditious way of bringing the sequestrations of the county to an account; but as divers persons were sequestered by Sir Wm. Armyne and the rest of the Commissioners of Parliament,* and also many sequestered in 1644, when the county was in much distraction, we find the business so difficult that it cannot be effected in the time allotted to us, and we must intreat your favour for the enlargement of the time. [¾ *page.*]

April 10. Alnwick. **19.** County Committee for Northumberland to the Committee for Compounding. The delinquents have moved us for orders for their 5th parts, and the tenants for an allowance for repairs, pretending inconvenience both to the Commonwealth and themselves, if the dwellings, &c., are not kept in repair. We desire directions, having no power to grant such allowances. Notes of cases.

Dr. Gray, a dangerous incendiary, and invective person, has cut down and sold some of the woods belonging to the Earl of Newcastle, and threatened the tenants for paying their rents to the State. [2 *pages.*]

April 10. Bodmin. **20.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We cannot give in any particular accounts, because the old committee have only certified in the general. The present tenants are willing to advance their rents much, on promise of 3 years' leases. We want directions about the salary of our agents. [1 *page, defaced.*]

April 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Sir Art. Hesilrigge acquaint the Council of State with the letter from the Yorkshire Commissioners, and desire their order to require the soldiers not to keep possession of any estate against order, and to assist the commissioners there in executing the Act of Parliament, and this committee's orders thereon.

Order that the committee adjourn till Wednesday [17 April]. [*G* 7, *p.* 101.]

April 15. Salop. **21.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose depositions taken before the late committee against 20 malignants, whose estates are inventoried and secured, and we desire your resolutions thereon. Some army officers propose to discover several delinquents of great value, if they may be assured of a good reward for their pains, but we have no directions.

With note of reply, 12 May, that they are to assure such discoverers that they will be rewarded by Parliament, when any delinquency is presented to judgment. Mr. Fowle will take care to prosecute the cases. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 379.]

April 17. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that 2 agents be employed for sequestration in Sussex, Thos. Crouch being agent for the East Division. [*G* 7, *p.* 103.]

22, 23. Like order on a Parliament order given of 15 April,—referring to them the accusations and examinations against [Thos.] Shadford, Sir Rich. Bellasise, George Lilburne, and Sir Wm. Langley—that Bellasise be discharged, having been heard before the committee, and judged not liable to sequestration, and that as the informations against the other 3 are not full, the County Committee of Durham examine and certify.

Order referring the accounts of the late Committee for co. Rutland to the auditors of this committee, to examine and report. [*G* 7, *pp.* 103, 104; 1, *p.* 228.]

April 17. Plymouth. **24.** Jos. Hunkyn and Jas. Pearse to Thomas Boone, M.P. We received by Mr. Carter a commission directed to us and John Marshall, and subscribed by you, as also instructions from the Committee for Compounding, grounded on the late Act for the better managing the estates of Papists and delinquents; but hearing since that the Committee for Compounding has been voted down by Parliament, we doubt whether our commission and instructions are not determined also; but what most sticks with us is that the instructions are not full enough to enable us to advance the public service.

In your first instructions you require us to inform ourselves, by perusal of books, &c., of all delinquents and their estates, and what profits have been

* These are the Commissioners for Compounding in the North, whose proceedings are given, *pp.* 201–204 *infra.*

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received thereof, and by whom, which is a work of no little labour and time, nor can be done unless we have fit persons under us; Mr. Carter alone cannot compass such a work.

In the residue of the instructions, you have not given us that power formerly given by the ordinances of Parliament to the meanest agent. We can neither convene before us, nor examine, nor set nor let, but only certify; and before the answer be returned from you, the opportunity of setting will be past.

We presume you are not well acquainted with the condition of this county in relation to the setting of sequestered estates; it differs much from the counties near London. Estates here lie waste, and few will take them; they will here let only in surveys, where the best offer is to be heard, and the price presently given; otherwise there would be no offer for them. For personal estate, as goods [cattle], what shall we do with them when we have seized them, for we cannot keep them on our own charge until we have answer from you, and who shall drive them? It was never our breeding to do it, and we have no power to disburse money for that purpose.

In the said instructions you require us to certify what proof can be made to warrant any charge against a delinquent, to which we say that none will complain against their neighbours unless they are examined upon oath, and so forced to discover them, and we have no power at all to do it. You likewise require us to do all things on our own view, which will be a matter of such vast trouble and expense to us that we cannot go through it.

We hear that some delinquents have turned out some of your tenants, and we have no power to relieve them, except by advising them to apply to the Justices of Peace; but whether they will relieve them or not, we cannot say.

With marginal notes, being draft of a reply dated 1 May. We hope your scruples are removed by our late letters, and you will serve the public. As to your objections, we have added Mr. Dore to the committee at your desire, and shall allow you another agent to join with Mr. Carter, though we have refused it to other counties. You have now full power to examine on oath, and also to summon witnesses, and if any are refractory, send us their names and we will make an example of them. You had before power to let estates for one year; we hereby authorize you to let for 3, and shall soon enlarge the term to 7. You shall have fit allowance for the seizing of personal estates, and powers sent to give oaths, and to call before you clerks, solicitors, or agents who refuse to return the names. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 32.]

April 18. Westminster. **25, 26.** Order to the county committees to seize and sequester the estates of those who, after passing the reports for their compositions, have neglected to pay their fines; and to detain them till they bring certificate of payment of the fine, and of the penalty inflicted by Parliament on 9 April 1649. [*Also G* 9, *p.* 45.] *Annexing,*

1. *Lists of persons who have so neglected payment in the following counties :—*

Bedford 2.	*Lincoln* 31.
Berks 4.	*Northampton* 5.
Bucks 3.	*Nottingham* 13.
Cambridge 5.	*Northumberland* 11.
Chester 17.	*Sussex* 3.
Cumberland 8.	*Suffolk* 3.
Derby 4.	*Salop* 6.
Devon 19.	*Southampton* (*Hants*) 7.
Durham 6.	*Somerset* 19.
Essex 3.	*Stafford* 9.
Gloucester 4.	*Surrey* 4.
Herts 1.	*York* 64.
Kent 5.	

[*G* 9, *pp.* 45, 46.]

April 19. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Reading and Leech consider what allowance should be made to — Walford, messenger, for his journey. With their report that as he had to ride into 6 counties, from Hants to Cornwall, which took from 7 Feb. to 11 March, 1650, he should have 10*s.* a day for horse hire, diet, and horse meat, and what the committee please extra "in regard of his fall and tiring his horse." [*G* 127, *p.* 459; 7, *p.* 107.]

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Order of the said Committee that 5*l.* each be advanced to 5 messengers sent by this committee to the several counties. [*G* 7, *p.* 107.]

April 19. The Rolls. Wm. Lenthall, Speaker, to the Committee for Compounding. As we have lately passed an Act empowering you to manage all sequestered lands, presume on your courtesy to recommend Capt. Hen. Jervoise of Hampshire, son of Sir Thos. Jervoise, as your treasurer. He has faithfully adhered to Parliament by land and sea. [*G* 95, *p.* 625.]

April 19. Salop. **27.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. Since our return from London, we have seized on 30 new delinquents, and sent you a list of them, with the depositions, last week. Since then we have discovered as many more, which have been passed by through the neglect of the late committee's agents, and we are now seizing their estates, and making a return of the proofs.

We have found that Sir Thos. Wolriche, and many others, have compounded at undervalue, and request you, before they enter their compositions, to put a stop to them, that the State be not deceived. Many have compounded 4 years since, and not made their own discoveries, and are thus, we conceive, deprived of the privileges of composition. If so, we shall bring you in 20,000*l.* profits. We have seized Lord Craven's estate, but his tenants are so numerous that we cannot yet give you a full account of it.

We beg to be allowed our fees on all these new delinquents, and on our reviews, though the compositions be made with you, as it is a great loss to us to neglect our own business only to mind this.

With notes of reply 14 May. Certify to us the particulars and proofs of under valuation, and seize what is under value, for which the delinquent cannot compound, unless Parliament give further order.

Call Lord Craven's bailiffs to account on oath, for we hear they have large arrears in hand. The delinquents returned to be noticed, and the Committee for Compounding to consider how they may be prosecuted to judgment. [2 *pages; also G* 30, *pp.* 379, 380.]

April 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding [being the new committee at their first sitting, all the members present]:—

That John Leech be continued registrar, on taking the oath.

That none but the commissioners and those under oath be present at the passing of any vote.

That all cases shall be prepared by counsel in course as exhibited, and so returned to this committee, and heard and determined.

That a register be kept of cases prepared, and a list of those appointed for hearing set upon the door the day before.

That the committee sit every Monday afternoon to consider of orders referred to them by the House.

That they sit every Tuesday from 9 to 12, and from 2 to 6, on composition reports; every Thursday and Friday, on sequestrations and discoveries; and every Friday morning for motions and petitions.

That next Friday they choose Sequestration Commissioners for London. [*G* 8, *pp.* 1, 2.]

April 25. Westminster. **28.** Additional instructions by the Commissioners for Compounding to the County Commissioners in England and Wales. You are to receive all arrears of rent unaccounted for, and return the same to the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall; and if any person refuse to pay the money in his hands due to the State, you are to certify, that the penalty provided by the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, may be imposed.

You are to use your utmost endeavour to discover all Popish recusants within the ordinance of 19 Aug. 1643, not yet discovered, and to adminster the Oath of Abjuration to all suspected of recusancy. On their refusing, you are to seize and secure ⅔ of their real and personal estates, and certify to us; and if they are adjudged sequestered, to sell the same, after appraisal, for the use of the Commonwealth. [1 *page, printed.*]

April 25. Chelmsford. **29.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. Enclosed are particulars of obstructions, the removal whereof we find very

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necessary for carrying on our business. [Abr.] Barrington (one of our number) will attend you herewith, and acquaint you of the resolutions of this committee concerning the sequestrations and compositions of delinquents engaged in the insurrection in Essex in 1648. We have appointed John Mann, another of us, as treasurer for receiving the money arising from sequestrations in this county. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing*

29. I. *Queries on the instructions sent by the Committee for Compounding. On the 4th instruction, neither the Act nor instructions interpret the words "If the estate shall so long continue."*

On the 6th Article we cannot certify what proof can be made against any delinquent, unless we have power to examine upon oath.

On the 7th a list should be sent us of augmentations granted to ministers out of the estates of delinquents, for which allowance has been made on composition.

On the 16th we cannot certify what profit may be made by the grant of copyhold estates, until the courts have been kept, most of them having hitherto been kept by authority not derived from this committee.

On the 17th we have received several orders from the Barons, which cannot be obeyed, as we have no power to administer an oath. Neither do we find that the Act or instructions provides us with aid in case of resistance. Also there is an absolute necessity of other assistants besides the agent.

As to the sequestering of actors in the late insurrection, the standing committee of the county claim a title to them, the liberty of compounding with such delinquents being granted them by an Act of Parliament, with which Act, and the desires of the committee, Sir Wm. Masham and Sir Hen. Mildmay, who serve for the county, will acquaint you; we intreat a speedy answer, because something may very suddenly be done by us therein.—Chelmsford, Mar. 30, 1650. [1 *page.*]

29. II. *Copy of portions of the above queries. Chelmsford, April* 25, 1650. [¾ *page.*]

29. III. *Order of the House of Commons that,—whereas the seguestrations of the real and personal estates of delinquents in the late insurrection of Essex were ordered to be applied to the maintenance of the forces raised and to be raised in that county for its defence, and also the fines of all the said delinquents in Essex not formerly sequestered. And whereas, by an ordinance of Parliament of* 25 *Nov. last,* 5,000*l. was granted to the army under Lord Fairfax, to be forthwith raised by the County Committee for Essex out of the estates of delinquents in the late insurrection;—the standing committees of the said county shall have power to fine and compound with the said delinquents for the said estates, according to the directions given by this House to the Commissioners at Goldsmiths' Hall, and to give such delinquents a full discharge, and to dispose of the money so raised to the aforesaid uses, and apply the balance towards satisfaction of the losses of the well-affected of Colchester, who have suffered by the insurrection.—May* 3, 1649. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

April 25. Reports by Sir Art. Hesilrigge's secretary, Ant. Pearson, of the fines set in the 4 Northern counties, by the commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament, 2 March 1649, for compounding with delinquents in the last war.

The papers referred to in Vol. 227 are particulars of estates only. Those in Vol. 250 are petitions, all in the same form,—stating that the petitioner adhered to the enemy in the last war, and begs to compound on the rates of Parliament —and also the same particulars of estates, signed. These also give the dates of acceptance and fine, from June 14 to Aug. 9, 1649. A few later petitions are also appended as belonging to the same series, though they did not enter into the report.

The reports are preceded by an alphabet [*G* 227, *pp.* 703–728] to a book of 114 pages, now lost, relating to these compositions, and by a list of the compounders. [*G* 227, *pp.* 729–736; *see also G* 8, *p.* 3.]

Then follow abstracts of the compositions, viz.:—

CUMBERLAND.

	£	*s.*	*d.*	*G* 227
John Aglionby, Drawedykes - - - -	153	3	4	737
Thos. Langkake, Great Salkeld - - - -	13	0	0	739
Lancelot Relffe, Great Braithwaite - - -	10	0	0	741

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	£	s.	d.	G 227
George Wilkinson, Millrigg	33	12	0	743
Wilfred Ireton, Threlkeld	100	0	0	745
Rich. Tickell, Cockermouth	20	12	8	747
John Chambers, Raby Cotes	28	13	4	749
John Senhouse, Seascale	130	0	0	751
Wm. Patrickson, Weddiker	54	17	0	753
Rich. Barker, carpenter, Castle Sowerby	9	0	0	755
Hen. Baynes, tanner, Carlisle	13	4	8	757
John Ireton, Irton	40	2	1	739
Nich. Whitfield, Alston Moore	56	10	0	761
George Relffe, Castle Sowerby	10	0	0	763
John Munckhouse, Caldbeck	8	0	0	765
John Lamplugh, Lamplugh	400	0	0	767
Rob. Highmore, Armanthwaite	81	5	0	769
George Graham, The Nunnery	53	10	4	771
Oswald Bird, Kirk Oswald	12	0	0	773
John Cape, draper, Carlisle	51	0	0	775
Wm. Musgrave, Clea	21	0	0	777
Sir Edw. Musgrave, Bart., Hayton	830	19	10	779
George Denton, Cardew [Carden?] (tithes at Cardew accepted for 90*l.* thereof)	200	0	0	783
John Patrickson, Calder Abbey	50	7	0	785
Wm. Carleton, Carleton Hall, Penrith (tithes at Newton accepted for 200*l.* thereof)	298	13	4	787
William & John Whelpdale, Penrith	256	7	8	789
Sir Wm. Musgrave, Crookdale	273	6	8	791
Thos. Dykes, Wardal	155	15	0	793
Thos. Wybergh, St. Bees	130	13	4	795
Wm. Briscoe, Sowterfield (20*l.* of it paid to the Cumberland Committee)	60	0	0	797
Jos. Patrickson, Carswell Howe	62	10	0	799
Rich. Musgrave, Bolton	82	17	6	801
Thos. Stephenson, Goborough. D.D. (for the whole fine a lease of his ½ of Newburne Rectory, accepted)	300	0	0	803
Pet. Senhouse, Ellingbrook Hall	30	0	0	805
Wm. Wilson, Carlisle	30	16	2	807
Bern. Kirkbride, Ellerton	14	13	4	809
Wm. Musgrave, Penrith	70	0	0	811
NORTHUMBERLAND.				
John Carr, West Ditchburne	34	14	0	859
John Orde, Westwood	304	0	0	861
George Whitehead, Bulmer	4	0	0	863
Wm. Carr, Crayhall	40	0	0	865
Charles Brandling, Alnwick Abbey	898	0	0	867
John Ramsey, Berwick	779	15	3½	869
Ralph Bowes, Hexham	20	12	0	871
Thos. Clavering Learchild	74	18	6	873
Mark Errington, West Denton	67	15	0	875
Gilb. Errington, ,,	66	13	4	881
John Ridley, Hardriding	16	11	4	877
Roger Reede, North Shields	210	0	0	879
John Foster, jun., Etherston	83	19	4	883
John Foster, sen., ,,	32	0	0	885
John Saunderson, Healey	126	14	0	887
Hen. Milburne, Bedlington	27	19	4	889
Thos. Foster, Etherston	273	0	0	891
George Lawson, Newton-by-the-Sea	30	5	10	893
Edw. Conyers, Hopton	79	0	0	895
George Orde, Sameshouse	40	3	4	897
Lancelot Algood, Hexham	70	4	0	899
Thos. Jackson, Merchant, Newcastle	33	6	8	901

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	£	s.	d.	G 227
David Errington, Beefront	15	0	0	903
Wm. Strother, Kirk Newton (tithes of Milfield, Coupland, and Yeavering accepted for 600*l.*)	1095	10	0	907
Sir Fras. Liddell, Bamborough	342	16	10	909

WESTMORELAND.

30, 31. Rob. Atkinson, Kirkby Stephen	45	0	0	911
Thos. Wybergh, Bolton	29	15	4	915
32, 33. Rich. Crackenthorpe, Newbiggin (was in both wars, but never compounded)	214	6	8	917
Edw. Newinson, Newby Stanes	160	3	4	919
Sir Thos. Strickland, Sizergh	308	10	0	921
Rob. Barton, Breekes	22	10	0	925
Wm. Guy, Kendal	18	0	0	929
34, 35. Wm. Wright, Brougham	76	19	0	937
Wm. Wormley, Rosegill	293	12	4	939
John Mounsey, Patterdale	28	0	0	941
Wm. Smith, Whitewall	4	0	0	943
James, eldest son of Allan Bellingham, Gathorne	9	13	2	947
36, 37. Thos. Sanford, Askham (being sick, compounds by his mother)	53	15	0	949
38, 39. Lancelot Machell, Crackenthorpe (was in the enemy's' garrison, and assisted in the latter war)	106	2	2	913
40, 41. John Parke, Kendal	26	0	0	933
42, 43. Ant. Knipe, Fairbank	6	0	0	923
44, 45. George Mawson, Melkinthorpe	9	17	6	945
Miles Halhead, Underbarrow	4	10	0	951
Rich. Robinson, Natland	10	0	0	953
James Moore, Bentbank	40	0	0	955
Wm. Spencely, Kirkby Stephen	6	0	0	957
46, 47. John Beck, mercer, Kendal	9	10	0	959
48, 49. John Petty, Soulby	6	17	6	935
50, 51. Rowland Harrison, Lyth	10	0	0	931
52, 53. Leonard Airey, Kentmere (was in both wars, and never compounded)	17	10	0	927
Rob. Hilton, Moreton	118	10	0	961
Jos. Edmondson, Kirkby Kendal	18	4	0	963
Wm. Langbane, Barton-in-the-Bottom	6	0	0	965
Rowland Dawson, Kendal	70	0	0	967
54, 55. John Fothergill, Ravenstonedale	17	10	0	—
56, 57. John Wharton, Kirkby Thure (was in Carlisle garrison)	120	18	6	—

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John Husband, Sunderland	4	10	0	815
58, 59. Cuthbert Appleby, Langleydale (was in arms in the first war, but never compounded)	60	0	0	817
Rob. Taylor, Rainton, Lanchester parish	25	0	0	819
60. Thos. Tempest, Stanley	100	0	0	821
Thos. Orde, Long Riding	73	13	4	823
Nich. Tempest, Stewkley	123	6	8	825
Claudius Hamilton, Gateshead	80	18	0	827
61, 62. Wm. Reed, Kelloe	20	17	0	829
63, 64. Thos. Conyers, Wolly	96	19	0	831
Wm. Barnes, Darlington	438	0	0	833
John Buttery, Nesbet	165	0	0	837
65, 66. Rob. Clavering, Axwell houses	105	0	0	839
67, 68. Thos. Bowes, Streellam [? Streatham]	456	0	0	841
69, 70. George Bellasis, Durham	80	0	0	835

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	£	s.	d.	G 227
71, 72. Wm. Frizell, Durham	40	0	0	813
Wm. Collingwood ,,	28	0	0	843
Gascoigne Eden, Billingham	66	0	0	845
73–75. Ralph Fetherstonehaugh, Toft	310	16	0	847
John Armourer, Cornhill	71	6	8	849
John Hilton, Hilton (the settlement of 45*l.* a year from Monk Wearmouth accepted for 450*l.*)	484	12	0	851
John Jackson, Harraton	436	14	7	853
John Tempest, Old Durham	305	9	0	855
John Fetherstonehalgh, Stanhope-in-Wardall	547	10	0	857
76, 77. Nich. Woodhouse, Cornforth	20	0	0	—
78, 79. Ald. Wm. Orde, Berwick-on-Tweed	564	0	0	905

April 26. Order of Parliament that the Committee for Compounding examine the whole state of the arrears of the revenue of the bishopric of Durham, and all other bishoprics in England and Wales not within the additional Act for providing maintenance for ministers, what they amount to, and in whose hands they are, and certify the same to Parliament, that they may dispose of them as they think fit. [*G* 102, *pp.* 673, 674.]

April 26. Presentation by Col. John Venn of Capt. Thos. Sherman and Wm. Haslop as Commissioners for Sequestrations in London, and of Rich. Styleman as agent. [*G* 99, *p.* 757.]

April 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding for a commission to Sherman, Haslop, and John Price, presented by Col. Venn, to be Sequestration Commissioners for London, Mr. Haslop engaging to relinquish his employment as overseer of the houses granted to the poor. [*G* 8, *p.* 7.]

April 26. Westminster. **80.** Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Lincoln. Being appointed by the enclosed Act, Commissioners for Compounding and Sequestration, we reinforce the orders given you by the late Committee for Compounding. We send you their instructions, and beg the speedy and exact returns required by the Act of 25 Jan. last; also payment of all profits and arrears, as required by Parliament order 25 Oct. 1649, which is most needful, or progress cannot be made in those supplies which necessity requires. [1 *page.*]

April 26. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of Sequestrations for Herts. We send the Act by which we are constituted a Committee for Compounding, and a letter to the late commissioners for your county, desiring a return on the Act of 25 Jan. 1650. Certify its delivery and the answer, and your own taking the prescribed oath. We also send an Act supplying what was defective in the former one, and an additional instruction, in executing which, and the orders of the late Committee for Compounding, for sequestering those who neglect to pay their fines, we desire your utmost diligence. [*G* 93, *p.* 3.]

Annexing,

1. *Additional instructions,* 26 *Feb.* 1650, *as on p.* 200 *supra.* [*G* 93, *p.* 5.]

April 26. Chelmsford. **81.** John Maidston, one of the County Commissioners for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. In the absence of those entrusted with me, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your 3 orders, but we had already seized the estate, and will execute your other commands with all care. I can neither ascertain where Dr. John Norton nor his estate is. [½ *page.*]

April 26. **82.** County Commissioners for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. A fortnight since we returned by post the depositions against 30 delinquents, and we now send a list of 36 more, against most of whom we have sufficient evidence; against others only a single testimony, and are therefore endeavouring to get more proof.

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With note of reply, 14 May, that where they have two witnesses to prove the delinquency, they may seize and secure; and where only one, they are to endeavour to obtain further proof, and if obtained, then to seize also, and send up copies of all the charges and depositions. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 379 (2)].

Also list of 36 new delinquents whose estates have not been sequestered by the late Committee for co. Salop, viz.:—

Thos. Merick.	Mat. Price.
John Corbett.	Thos. Gardener, sen.
Hen. Vaughan.	Wm. Edwards.
Thos. Ford.	Rich. Nesse.
John Clough.	Rich. Cooper.
Thos. Milward.	Wm. Keene.
Rich. Morris.	John Williams.
Thos. Holland.	Morris Davies.
Wm. Dacks.	James Rowley.
Lewis Davies.	John Griffiths.
Wm. Northwoods.	Fulke Crompton.
Thos. Phillipps.	John Hill.
Isaac Martin, clerk.	Nath. Davies.
Edw. Morris.	Ant. Hunt.
John Haynes.	Vincent Edwards.
Hen. Baughe.	Art. Ward.
Thos. Edwards.	Morris Evans.
— Edwards, of Killhewry.	— Ambler, clerk.

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April 28. Nottingham. **83.** County Commissioners for co. Notts to John Leech, secretary to the Committee for Compounding at Westminster. We have several times addressed the Committee, sent informations against delinquents, and asked for instructions, but have received no answer, more than your certificate to [Gilbert] Millington, wherein we perceive that the pressing occasions of the times would not permit leisure to give an answer; so that for want of instructions, the public service, not only in those, but many other things of a like nature, is retarded. Procure us an answer to our addresses, or at least the sense of the committee. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

83. I. *Queries.—May wood be allowed out of Sherwood Forest for repair of Newark Mills, sequestered for delinquency of the Earl of Berkshire, or out of the woods of John Scrope, a delinquent.* [*Note that they may cut wood for the service required.*]

What course is to be taken to restrain carriers from mills of neighbouring towns fetching grist from Newark, to the great prejudice of the State's tenants?

Whether 5th parts are to be allowed of the clear yearly revenue.

Whether witnesses produced for the defence of any accused for delinquency are to be examined on oath. [½ *page.*]

April 29. Chepstow. **84.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. Your commission and instructions not reaching us until the end of March, the time limited for making a return is sooner than we are able to perform, and the books and papers [of the late committee] yield but little furtherance.

We require instructions as to the Earl of Worcester's estate, which has been disposed of by the Irish Committee, according to ordinance of Parliament, and whether we shall take cognizance thereof; and if so, how to proceed as to a 5th part allowed to the Earl's daughters. Also whether the grants by the Committee for Ireland of his estate, and some by the late committee of this county for three years, are to be allowed, we finding some part undervalued. Also whether the assignations made by the late county committee of certain rents due this year are to stand, because we find some assignations yet to be made upon considerable estates, towards payment of arrears and fortifying and victualling Chepstow Castle.

We also find a considerable estate of Lord Hopton's, once sequestered, now converted to particular uses under pretence of extents upon it; what shall we do in it? Also as to ordering of courts in some sequestered manors, the want whereof hinders our proceedings.

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With marginal notes for a reply that they are to improve the Earl of Worcester's estate to the utmost; that if the allowance of a 5th part to the Earl's daughters was made since 25 Oct. 1649, it is void, as also all grants by the county committee for more than one year. No assignations to be allowed on Lord Hopton's estate, If Sir Arthur Hopton had any estate in their county, they are to seize and secure it. [1 *page.*]

April 29. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that any motion on behalf of the Commonwealth have precedence after the matter then in debate, any orders appointing particular business to particular days notwithstanding.

That the treasurers send in accounts of moneys in arrear on second payments, unto 30 April instant. [*G* 8, *p.* 8.]

April 30. York. **85.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your letter, Acts, and instructions, and the letter to the old committee, but these instructions, and what we received from the late committee for compounding, fall so far short that the sequestrations cannot be prosecuted with advantage without an enlargement; therefore we desire a speedy answer to the enclosed particulars. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

85. I. *Queries for further reply, viz.:—*

1. *The Act allows us to examine on oath in cases sent to us by you, but we want the same power in cases to be sent by us to you, on informations about delinquents, and discovery of their estates here.*

2. *We want power to allow witnesses their expenses, or they will not appear.*

3. *Some have offered discoveries, but they slight the* 12*d. in the pound, and will not for that undergo the ill will of their neighbours.*

4. *What is to be done about the estates of Papists beyond seas who cannot have the oath tendered to them, and to those known to be Papists, but who by the Act of* 1643, *cannot have the oath tendered them till they are* 21*; and is this regulation to hold good for those beyond seas?*

5. *We have no power to restrain cutting down wood, and though we certify you, we have no answer, so that offenders are encouraged.*

6. *We have no power to enforce our orders, and the offenders are thus emboldened, and it would be great trouble to certify every offence to you.*

7. *We cannot pay the augumentations allowed to ministers, which reflects much both on you and us.*

8. *If sheriffs may lay on executions and charges without acquainting you or us, most of the lands will be discharged. Pray suspend these till allowed by you, so that the tenants may not be distrained before the rent day, nor forced to pay more than the rents for which we are obliged to engage ourselves at the letting, or the lands would lie waste.*

9. *The late Committee for Compounding ordered us to receive all rents and arrears, but gave us no power to levy upon refusers.*

10. *This committee, with Hull, and the city and county of York, is so large that it needs* 6 *agents; we want power to appoint them, and an allowance for them.* [2½ *pages.*]

April 30. Note in the Committee for Compounding that [Wm.] Draper, commissioner for co. Oxon, presented the return of Papists and delinquents. Their request to have Rich. Appletree joined to Rob. Leicester as agent was respited. On their request for a steward to keep courts, John Watson was appointed.

Order that the said commissioners certify what manors are in the county, wherein are estates for lives to be granted. [*G* 8, *p.* 13.]

April 30. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Gloucester. We find by a letter from the mayor, &c., of Gloucester, that 300*l.* is due to the State by Dan. Partridge, on contract for the sequestered estate of Sir Rich. Ducy; you are to require Partridge to pay it in to this committee, till the pleasure of the House be known. [*G* 8, *p.* 14. *The order for this letter, dated* 25 *April, is in G* 8, *p.* 3.]

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April 30. Committee for Compounding to Lord-General [Fairfax.] We would have satisfied your request about paying to Paul Freeman and others of Leeds, out of the sequestrations in co. York [*see p.* 192, *supra*] the arrears due to them by order of Parliament, but we are prohibited by Parliament from payment of money without their special order; we therefore advise them to apply to the House. In any concern wherein we may, we are your humble servants. [*G* 8, *p.* 14.]

April 30. **86.** Certificate by John Wollaston that John Price, Thos. Sherman, and Wm. Haslop, have taken before him an oath for faithful discharge of the duties committed to them by the Committee for Compounding, without favour or hope of reward. [⅔ *page.*]

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May 1. Nottingham. **1.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We delivered your letter to the late committee to [Wm.] Nix, one of them. We have taken the oath appointed by the Act of 15 April last, and enclose the certificate thereof. Repetition of former queries. Shall we sell the woods of John Scrope, of Bolton, co. York, which are in this county, and worth 1,000*l.*, and will be in danger of destruction without speedy order for sale thereof? There have been 1,000*l.* worth sold since his death, and before our employment.

Are moneys in charge to the sheriff, upon extents out of the Exchequer at Westminster on sequestered estates, for particular men's benefit, (but upon what consideration is very questionable and too probably the estate may be abused thereby) to be permitted? Let the expense of 20*l.* for regaining and repairing a boat sunk at Dunham Ferry, being part of the Earl of Newcastle's estate, by the Cavaliers, which will be an advantage of 20*l.* a year, be speedily considered of.

Should not a delinquent's estate not seized in his lifetime be sequestered until compounded for by the next heir? Will necessary charges for preservation of sequestered woods be allowed upon account? [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

1. I. *Certificate by Wm. Nix, mayor of Nottingham and justice of peace, to the taking of the required oath by Fras. Bland and Mich. Brett, as County Commissioners for Notts, and by John Hough, their agent.* [*G* 164, *p.* 321.]

May 1. Penrith. **2.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. We have not received the late committee's books and papers, but only a brief abstract of what estates lie under sequestration, and not compounded for, and how they were farmed by them. We called the old farmers and others to treat for such estates, and have advanced them to the highest rate, considering the season of the year. We have secured them in several farmers' hands for this year; when we fully understand what charges lie upon the estates, we will give you a full account. For the estates compounded for, which are generally at an under value, we desire we may set forth so much of their estates for so much as they have compounded for, and if the compounders will not be so content, that they may then have the value in money. If you take this course, we are confident to advance the State above 1,500*l.* a year, four sufficient gentlemen having tendered 1,000*l.* this year for the same.

We want to know what agents you will allow us, as also the allowance for them and our clerk. Mr. Pollard's man, receiver of the crown rents, and for great arrears upon estates under sequestration, he drives the goods of the present farmers, which if you do not discharge, it is impossible for us to make anything of those estates, or of any other. [To certify what order is given to the sheriffs.] If we are not empowered to imprison the refractory, or have some other way to punish them that disobey orders, we shall be forced to give up our commission, rather than be affronted continually by insolent malignants. [1 *page.*]

May 1. **2**A. Committee for co. Oxon to the Committee for Compounding. Are we to execute all the orders to the late committee? Will you send further instructions about looking after rents, &c.? Pray appoint us a house to sit in, or order us to take one. [Noted that they are to sit in a sequestered house.] [⅔ *page.*]

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May 1. Account of suits depending between the Trustees for Ireland and the tenants of the Marquis of Winchester and Lord Capel's estates, for arrears of rent, since the estates appointed for raising 50,000*l.* were in the management of trustees. [*G* 95, *pp.* 597, 598.]

May 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that this committee will proceed next Monday to choose their officers, and meantime Auditor Collins is to proceed in his business of the accounts.

Note that Nich. Martin, of Lincoln's Inn, is chosen steward for co. Bucks.

3. Order on a Parliament order of 23 April given on Sir Arthur Hesilrigge's report from the Committee for Sale of Delinquents' Estates,—that 1,921*l.*, the remainder of 5,000*l.* to be presently paid to the use of Fulke Greville, son of the late Lord Brooke, out of the sequestration of the Duke of Buckingham, to whom the estate of the Duchess, his mother, late wife to the Earl of Antrim, is descended, and whose estate, by order of the House of 14 Jan. 1648, was charged with payment of the said 5,000*l.*; also that the Committee of Goldsmiths' Hall take account how much of such 5,000*l.* has been received, and what remains unreceived, and issue a warrant for payment of the residue, as soon as it comes in, out of the sequestration of the estate charged with its payment;—that this committee take account of what has been paid, and issue warrants for payment from the estates of the late Duchess. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 221.]

Richard Styleman, upon the desire of the Commissioners for London, is chosen agent for sequestration. [*G* 8, *pp.* 16, 17.]

May 2. **4.** Instructions by the County Committee of Bucks to their clerk.

1. You are to inform the Committee for Compounding that the Duchess of Buckingham is dead, whereby many estates come to the Commonwealth by determination of leases, and much profit by keeping courts; and to desire them to appoint a steward to keep such courts, and to give us an order to detain all annuities granted out of her estate, and made void by her death.

2. That we cannot proceed to the discovery of new delinquents without power to examine witnesses upon oath.

3. That we want assistance, by soldiers or otherwise, to seize the estates of new delinquents, and such as have not wholly compounded.

4. That divers persons in arrears for rent in 1649 and before have offered to pay, and the rents being small sums under 20*l.*, we want to know whether we shall receive them.

5. Ask whether several augmentations granted out of estates shall be paid by us, or returned up to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall.

6. We daily need a clerk and agent, and want the one we have temporarily employed to be continued, with a salary for his maintenance. With note that they sit at the White Horse, Aylesbury. [1 *page.*]

May 2. Wells. **5.** County Commissioners for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. Our proceedings had proved more beneficial had the [late] committees of this county and Bristol answered your letters, which we desire may be revived by some other power than letters, as they still detain the books and papers, and unless our agents had been very active in discovering sequestered estates, our hands would have been tied.

We have not granted any lease without improving the rent, and freeing the State from all taxes. There are several estates here under extents, some, we believe, merely to retard the State from the profits, particularly that at Witham, belonging to Sir Ralph Hopton, which is let at 250*l.* a year, though worth 600*l.* Details of extents on that estate. Considerable sums might be made of the woods and timber of the estates.

The arrears of rents and surveys of sequestered estates here can never be perfected till the [late] committees or their sequestrators have delivered us copies of their books and accounts, and we are empowered to keep courts, for which we desire the bearer may have a commission; also that he may act as clerk to us, and that a salary may be allowed for two assistants to each of our agents. Let a penalty be set upon the persons of whom he has a list, for refusing to pay their arrears of rent after being duly summoned. [1 *page.*]

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May 3. **6.** Proposals offered by Samuel Bull, one of the County Committee for Dorset, to the Committee for Compounding.

1. Whether the county committee are to dispose of impropriations sequestered from recusants and delinquents, or of other sequestered estates.

2. The want of power to keep courts upon sequestered manors is prejudicial to the State.

3. In case the Committee for Compounding will empower a steward to keep courts in co. Dorset, Joseph Darby, an attorney, is a fit man.

4. The Committee for Compounding to appoint a salary for Edm. Keynell and John Rush, the clerk and messenger chosen by the county committee. [1 *page.*]

May 3. **7.** Committee in London to the Committee for Compounding. We sent to the late County Committee for London for their books and papers, and enclose their reply, by which you will perceive that we are incapable of proceeding in our business. We also send a certificate of our having taken the oath as appointed by the Act. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

7. 1. *Late County Committee for London to the present County Committee. According to the order from the Committee for Compounding of* 1 *Feb.* 1650, *we have returned a certificate of the estates of delinquents and Papists now under sequestration, specifying where they lie, their value, the leases made, and what arrears of rent were due* 25 *March* 1649, *since which we have been requested to furnish particulars of all delinquents' and Papists' estates sequestered, as also what has been received, and how discharged; but as it would require much time and cost, and we were cut off from the receipt of money since* 25 *Jan. last,—having scarcely anything to pay the rents and assessments for the house we sat in, and our officers' wages,—we signified our incapacity to do what was required without an allowance, which John Ashe, the then chairman, considered just, but as yet nothing has been done in the matter.* 2 *May* 1650. [¾ *page.*]

May 3. Charges by Col. John Pyne against the new Commissioners for co. Somerset, appointed by procurement of John Ashe, late chairman at Goldsmiths' Hall, viz., Capt. Benj. Mason for letting estates to Cavaliers and Papists and their favourers, and having married into a Papist family; Capt. Sampson for having, as governor of Bristol Castle, opposed that army's taking the engagement, for which he was cashiered, and for having sons in the King's army; Thos. Shute, as having served in Lord Hopton's army, being a great delinquent and a creature of Ashe. [*G* 102, *p.* 311.]

May 3. Deposition of Capt. John Barker, that Capt. Ben. Mason, one of the Sequestration Commissioners for co. Somerset, was much disaffected against Parliament, and had stiffly pleaded for a personal treaty with his Majesty; he now pleads that he shall prove a better servant to the State than those who had always been with them, having changed on mature deliberation, but neither he nor his fellow commissioners have taken the engagement. [*G* 102, *p.* 323.]

May 3. Order in the Committee for Compounding, on informations by Alex. Popham, Col. John Pyne, and others, presented by Capt. Barker against Latimer Sampson, Benj. Mason, and Thos. Shute, Sequestration Commissioners for co. Somerset, that Mr. Reading examine witnesses on the articles, and Col. Pyne prove them. With letter to Col. John Pyne, requesting proof accordingly. [*G* 8, *p.* 20; 10, *p.* 20.]

May 3. Northwich. **8.** Hen. Cockson, County Commissioner for Cheshire, to the Committee for Compounding. We received your letters and instructions to us and the late committee. We like well the power given to us to examine upon oath, but we do not find any power to send for witnesses, or compel them to attend.

As to the last directions to seize and sequester the estates of persons who have not compounded, our power is far short of what the former committee had; they could take the constables and such other assistance as they thought meet; and if resisted, open doors, locks, &c.; nor have we power to seize upon any undertaker's estate, if rent be unpaid, but merely to demand it. If we could put the former ordinances in execution, we should be better able to perform our trust. It is hinted that Mr. Shaw is appointed solicitor, but we hear nothing of him. [1 *page.*]

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May 3. Certificate by And. Solace that Giles Hancock, of Cirencester, a sub-commissioner for sequestrations, and J.P. for co. Gloucester, has taken his oath to perform his trust according to the Act appointing the Committee for Compounding, &c. [*G* 89, *p.* 1,083.]

May 4. Exeter. **9.** Major James Pearse, Commissioner for Sequestrations, to the Committee for Compounding. Restatement of particulars, as given April 17. [*See p.* 198 *supra.*]

There not being power given to call witnesses before us to make good charges for the discovery of any not yet sequestered, or who have not compounded according to the full value of their estates, unless any will voluntarily inform, no new discovery can be made; and then how many who can give testimony for the advantage of the State, through sullenness and disaffection, will be silent?

You allow but one agent, and no other officer; and for us to enter upon and seize all delinquents' real and personal estates, which heretofore was agent's work, will be neither honourable nor safe. The former agents had power to require the assistance not only of the officers of the civil government, but of the military, in case of opposition, and surely this is no time of greater security or less danger to those who have to do in abuses of this nature.

When we have seized and secured the goods, there is no direction as to keeping them, but at our own charge and hazard of our lives. Though the salary will not bear half the charge, that is not so much looked at, but few will take such employment unless the power is enlarged.

There is also no power given to call before us or examine the agents and other officers of the old committee, who had the whole management of the letting of all estates; and if any damage comes to the State by letting at under-value or concealing estates, it is in them; besides, I believe much money lies in their hands. Little can be done until a duplicate is given in by that committee, according to the Act, and they, having so much relied on their agents and other officers whose power is taken away, are not able to furnish it so suddenly.

Since the sending down of the above commission, a new vote having been passed by the former commissioners, by which Mr. Marshall and Capt. Hunkyn are dismissed, and others put in their place, no prosecution has been made of the business, but only what has lain in my power. I have sent to the old committee to hasten in the duplicates, so that we might be ready on receipt of your further commands; but as yet it has only produced the enclosed list of delinquents and Papists now under sequestration, with particulars, in the nature of a rental, of what the estates were let for, or valued at a year, by which it appears that many of them lie void.

I received your letter of 20 April, with the additional Act and instructions, as also a letter for the [late] committee, which I sent. I also received two letters from the old Committee for Compounding, with two lists for sequestering divers persons who have not perfected their compositions. This will be a work of time, there being no power to appoint agents or to give allowance to any called to assist; and when the commissioners meet, they will find too much work to sit and take informations, and will not be able to do both in person.

I shall safely keep your letters and instructions, there being at present no one to join with me for carrying on the business. I have done my utmost, so far as one could do, to promote the service. I can testify to Mr. Carter's diligence and pains to set the business on foot, though to his great expense; he is a very honest man, and fit for the employment. As nothing can be done for want of commissioners, I have sent him up to you for his instructions and for my dismissal, as granted to those who first joined with me, having many public trusts which take up much of my time. I am receiver-general for the assessment of 90,000*l.* and 60,000*l.* a month, which I cannot now well follow, and have already spent much myself for the public without any consideration; and there is a proviso in the commission that if any one of us act by virtue thereof, having any money of the Commonwealth's in his hands, he will act at his peril. Money is still coming into my hands, and therefore I desire some other may be thought of in my room; for what I have hitherto done, I beg your favourable construction, as it has been out of my zeal to promote the public good. [2 *pages.*]

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9. I. *List of the late members of the County Committee in the City of Exeter and County, viz.:—Aldermen Bennet, Saunders, who was treasurer, and Gould;*

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Rich. Evans, and Rich. Crossing; also John Goswell and — Cleare, of Southgate, agents, and John Mills, secretary. With note that when the writer showed Mills the Act, he said he cared nothing for it, and used other unseemly language. [½ *page.*]

May 4. St. Alban's. **10.** County Committee for Herts to the Committee for Compounding. There are only two delinquents' estates undischarged within the Hundreds of Cashio and Dacorum, viz., Thos. Coningsby's of North Mimms, let at 270*l.* a year by the county committee in 1644, over and above the ⅓, payable to Mrs. [Martha] Coningsby, but which at Michaelmas 1645 was let at 108*l.*, beside the said ⅓ part. The lands were extended by James Silverlock, by virtue of a recognizance which Coningsby acknowledged, and which was allowed by the Committee for Sequestrations, and amounted to 240*l.* 2*s.* It might be worth more if it were not for the opposition of Coningsby. It is now let by us from year to year to several tenants, but there are debts due thereout. Particulars of the debts.

The other was the estate of Christopher Chresacre Moore, a Papist, in the same parish, the yearly value 342*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*, out of which there is an annuity of 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, payable to Sir Mathew Lister, and granted him upon Moore's composition for recusancy. This estate has been also let by us to yearly tenants, and the rents applied to payment of the said annuity and other matters, but Moore having deceased on 24 March 1649, the annuity fell to Parliament, save a third which went to his son. [1 *sheet.*]

May 4. Kendal. **11.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We have received yours with the instructions and Acts, and delivered the letter for the late Committee for Sequestrations. Some of us have taken the oath before Col. Gervase Benson, Justice of Peace, and enclose a certificate, and Col. Benson will take the oath before some other justice; Roger Bateman, now in Yorkshire, will take it on his return.

According to instructions from the late Committee for Compounding, we have ascertained the value of several delinquents' estates, and treated with those who would give the best value, and last month we certified thereon, and what might be raised by wood sales, and what customary and finable rents were under sequestration. Also we sent a charge and some petitions against Major Arth. Scaife, Cornet Lancelot Scaife, and Robert Wardell, late sequestrator, but we have received no answer, whereby much prejudice may accrue, no leases being made of the said lands, no profits of the woods, no benefit to the State by raising fines for want of the keeping of courts, and the Major continuing in forcible possession, and not suffering us to seize, according to the Acts and our instructions.

We likewise named some men as officers, without whom we cannot carry on the work without prejudice, and requested a salary for them. We have received depositions from the old committee against James Webster, of Thirnby, in which we desire your orders, also touching the returns and certificates. We have never received the instructions you name from the late committee, for re-sequestering such as refuse to pay in their fines.

By the Act of 25 Jan., is power given to us to let estates for 7 years or any term under? [2 *pages.*]

May 4. Ipswich. **12.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. We had sent the returns about sequestrations before the receipt of your letter, according to the directions of the former committee for compounding, to Mr. Heveningham and John Gurdon, both M.Ps., and from whom we suppose you will receive them. [½ *page.*]

May 4. Petition of Alderman Hemsworth, Lady Young, and 12 others to the County Commissioners for York, Yorkshire, and Hull. In 1648 they had goods value 163*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* taken from them for the use of the last siege against Pomfret Castle, by command of Cols. Chas. Fairfax, Roades, and John Mauleverer, and were promised satisfaction, but never received it. Beg order for their relief as promised by the late commissioners. With note recommending them to the Committee for Compounding, the County Commissioners having no power to relieve them. [*G* 93, *p.* 27.]

May 6. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Monmouth. In reply to yours of 29 April, you are to improve to the utmost the Earl of Worcester and Sir Ralph Hopton's estates, allowing no fifths.

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The assignations made by the county committees are void. Also estates granted by the late Trustees for Ireland since 25 Oct. 1649. Also estates let by the County Commissioners for more than a year. Enquire whether the late Sir A. Hopton had any estate in your county; and if so, seize and sequester it. [*G* 8, *pp.* 21, 24.]

May 6. Norwich. **13**. Thomas Garratt to Saml. Moyer, Lime Street, London. Notes of cases. Being your agent for Norfolk, I thought it fit to inform you and the rest of the commissioners thus much, as most of the county committee live some distance from this place, but when they meet they will give you an account of this and the rest of the business. I understand that power is given to the commissioners to examine upon oath, and to administer the Oath of Abjuration, and I believe I shall be able in a short time to bring the State near 1,000*l.* a year more than has as yet been discovered. [1 *page.*]

May 6. Leicester. **14**. The late County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. We received your letter of 26 April, with the order and Act about the returns. We are but a few of the late committee here resident, yet we directed our solicitor and treasurer to make and return the duplicates of what the Act required from us, which were delivered, one part to the commissioners here, and the other part we transmitted to Goldsmiths' Hall, and all long since. [1 *page.*]

May 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on Rich's motion in behalf of Rich. Higgins, that his landlord being a Papist, he may be heard what he can offer against him;—for a hearing this day week.

Like order, adding Thos. Robinson, of Northwich, co. Chester, to the county committee, to act according to the instructions of the Acts of 25 Jan. and 25 April 1650. With note of a like order for Thos. Bourchier, of Ackworth, co. York, to act for that county. [*G* 8, *p.* 27; 70, *p.* 192.]

Order that this committee proceed to choose an examiner.

That this committee will not make compositions with purchasers of recusants' estates without the resolution of the House.

That Wm. Pitchford, Hum. Gold, Wm. Williamson, Wm. Kendall, John Gace, and George Willingham, the late sequestration committee for London, appear on Thursday to show cause why they have not given in the certificate required.

That the business of Devonshire be debated on Thursday.

Order for a letter to the Yorkshire Committee, to hasten their returns on the Act of 25 Jan. 1650. [*G* 8, *pp.* 27–29.]

Order that Peter Brereton, of Gray's Inn, be joined with Reading as counsel in managing the business of sequestrations and advance of money. [*G* 8, *p.* 33; 83, *p.* 262.]

May 7. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Lincoln. You speak of 77 acres of small underwood of the Duke of Buckingham's fit for felling. Take care that it be felled and sold without prejudice, and certify what it sells for. [*G* 8, *p.* 29; 71, *p.* 690.]

[May 7.] Eight interrogatories by Col. John Pyne for cross-examination of witnesses formerly produced by Capt. Benj. Mason before the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 102, *p.* 393.]

May 7. "True account" by Capt. Ben. Mason of all his proceedings in personal and political matters from 1636 to 1650, showing his services to Parliament, his marriage with a daughter of Geo. Doddington of Nether Stowey, answer to accusations against him in his transactions as county sequestrator, &c. [*G* 102, *pp.* 81–86.

May 7. Col. Alex. Popham to the Committee for Compounding. I was told that the committee whom I recommended for co. Somerset were honest and well-affected, but hearing after that some are delinquents, I subscribed the last paper. As you

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wish me to nominate 2 of the 5 for present employment, I approve Wm. Ceely and Lieut.-Col. Rich. Bovett. Also I wish George Sampson, jun., of Kingsbury, to be added to them. [*G* 102, *p.* 377.]

May 7. Certificate by Sir John Wollaston, that Rich. Styleman, appointed agent by the County Committee of London, has taken the oath for fulfilment of his trust. [*G* 142, *p.* 179.]

May 7. Aylesbury. **15.** County Committee for Bucks to the Committee for Compounding. Having several delinquents' estates to seize, we want an order to enable us to take up soldiers to our assistance. We are the more importunate as we hear our soldiers are about marching out of the country. Notwithstanding, we shall proceed to the seizing of some of the estates presently, although we expose ourselves to some danger. [¾ *pages.*]

May ? Petition of John Elliott to the Committee for Compounding, to recompense his long and faithful service, by admitting him as agent to the County Committee of Middlesex, whom he has long served as agent. Served the late committee to their special good liking, and was nominated joint agent by the present Committee for Sequestrations, but one Powell, a stranger to the business, sued for and obtained the place, and his order was vacated. [*G* 83, *p.* 687.] *Annexing,*

1. *Certificate by the said county committee of his good conduct and long experience in the service as agent and messenger.* 8 *May* 1650. [*G* 83, *p.* 689.]

May 8. Preston. **16.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. [1 *page.*]

May 8. Preston. **17.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We received your letters to us and the late county committee, requiring an account of the arrears and profits of sequestrations, and desiring them to be paid into your treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall. In the beginning of the war, this county was looked upon by Parliament as one of the most dangerous, in respect of the interest which some great men had in it that went with the King's party, and of the many Papists that abound in parts of it. Notwithstanding, through a special Divine assistance to some few who engaged against the common enemy, it not only first cleared itself, but became serviceable to neighbouring counties. But this contracted a great debt to the soldiers, for pay of whom, and support of our ministry, we made use, by approbation of Parliament, of the sequestrations of the county; and at the passing of the Act of 25 Jan. last for bringing all the sequestrations into one treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, the case of this county was represented to Parliament, and upon their order the Committee for Compounding made an order, 30 Jan. 1650 [*see p.* 168 *supra*], for the revenue of sequestrations to be for the ministry and soldiers, until 24 June next. After that, we shall desire your favour in respect to this poor exhausted county, and be as ready as any others to observe what may be required. [1 *page.*]

May 8. Norwich. **18.** County Committee for Norfolk to Samuel Moyer and the other Commissioners for Compounding. Notes of cases. We have already paid considerable sums into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, and will return a certificate thereof with all speed. We shall observe your instructions as to recovering arrears of rent, examining witnesses, and discovering recusants and defaulters; but our power is yet so much abridged that we cannot possibly do the service expected but with difficulties, which must be a prejudice to the State, and injure such as are apprehended to have arrears in their hands, and yet ought to be quit, by reason of disbursements for Parliamentary charges, or other just defalcations, which we have no power to allow. Peruse our remonstrance to the late committee, which they well resented, and then we doubt not you will enlarge our power to its former standard, afford a competent salary for our clerk, and allow of other necessaries. [1½ *sheets.*]

May 8. Leicester. **19.** County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. We have received yours of 26 April and two Acts of Parliament, one constituting you a Committee for Compounding, and the other giving power to

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county committees to examine witnesses upon oath, also some additional instructions. We have given to the old county committee your letter, but they say they had already certified particulars in pursuance of the Act of 25 Jan.

We enclose a certificate of our taking the oath, and also our clerk and agent. We have only two persons that have not paid the remainder of their fines, and their personal estates are of very small value, but we will proceed in the execution of our trust. We have received an order from the Council of State to seize, inventory, and secure the real and personal estates of Lord Beaumont, Robt. Sherley, Sir Rich. Halford, George Faunt, Capt. [John] Roe, and George, Andrew, and Matthew Halford, and pray your directions therein. [1 *page.*]

May 8 ? **20.** Queries by Edw. Chamberlayne, for the County Committee for Warwick, to the Committee for Compounding:—

What shall be paid, and by whom, to the discoverers of Papists' and delinquents' estates ? [You shall shortly receive directions herein.]

Who shall pay the agents' assistants, and how much ? [No allowance to any but upon particular business.]

May we secure any personal estates before examination ? [Not without good proof of 2 witnesses.]

May we send for a witness against a delinquent out of another county ? [You have power so to do.]

Shall we sequester the estates of any persons proved delinquents at Haberdashers' Hall ? [Yes, on judgment given that they are delinquents.]

May we, on desire of some recusants, allow them ⅓ of their lands divided out ? [In all such cases set out ⅓ in specie.]

Shall we dispose of Col. [Thos.] Morgan's estate, which is by ordinance in [John] Pym's trustees, towards raising money ?

Is a young man, now 22 years old, to be sequestered because when he was between 14 and 18, he was in the King's quarters, and sent for horses, arms, &c., to be used by others in the King's army ? [Yes.] [1 *page.*]

May 8 ? **21.** Edw. Chamberlayne, one of the County Committee for Warwick to [the Committee for Compounding]. An under-sheriff having levied money by virtue of an execution for a recusant, what will you direct in it ? Our agent has given notice to the sheriff to keep the money till he receives order for payment thereof, and the recusant's friends press him to bring it into the court. With note that the sheriff is to be requested to pay ⅔ of it to the commissioners. [⅓ *page.*]

May 8. Coventry. **22.** County Committee for Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. We delivered your letter to the most active of the late committee, who has promised a duplicate of their transactions with speed. We shall take the oath and get a certificate as soon as we can meet with the justices of the peace. We will re-sequester those who have not paid in their fines according to your and the late Committee for Compounding's orders. [1 *page.*]

May 9. **23.** List of queries by John Halford, on behalf of the County Committee for Warwick, to the Committee for Compounding, viz.:—

Concerning the estate of Sir James Stonehouse, sequestered by order from Haberdashers' Hall, we crave directions.

As to Lady Smith, of Wootton, and others, the Irish Commissioners granted a lease for a certain sum, all paid, and the lease is not expired. Shall we endeavour to improve the estate by bringing them to a new composition, or forbear until the lease has expired ? [To improve the estate to the best advantage.]

We certified the yearly value of the Earl of Northampton's estate. Has he compounded ? [He has not compounded. Receive the rents.]

Are the augmentations granted to ministers here out of sequestered estates to be paid ? [Pay none without special direction.]

Are the arrears of rent due by divers tenants to be paid to us, or to the treasurer at Goldsmiths' Hall ? [Receive it there, and transmit it to us.]

We have not received any duplicates of accounts from the late County Committee for Sequestrations. [Renew the orders, and if they do not obey, send up the names of such as you wish us to send for.]

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We desire your new orders and instructions, with power to examine upon oath, as also an additional agent, there being but one employed, and the work great. [1 *page.*]

May 9. Preston. **24.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We sent your letters to the members of the late committee. We will take the oath as prescribed by the Act, and send a certificate of our having done so, but we beg to be excused till we hear further, because the first proviso in the Act is not agreeable to an order of Parliament of 25 Jan. last, nor to several orders of the late Committee for Compounding, authorising us to issue all sequestration money due before 24 June next for the pay of the ministry and soldiers, which in part has been done, and the full performance thereof cannot be prevented without danger of distraction.

You mention an order of the late committee for re-sequestering such as have neglected to pay their fine, but it never came to our hands. We shall do our utmost for the service, but having only a commission under the hands and seals of 7 of the late Committee for Compounding, we desire to be informed whether, they being now discharged, our commission is not determined. By our letter to them 3 April last, we informed them that we had reduced one-half of the officers formerly employed in sequestration, but our county being large, and the sequestrations great, we could not do anything without the assistance of officers named in a list then sent up: we have received no answer, and without them the business will be slighted, and the service prejudiced. We enclose a copy of the list and desire your order for their acting.

There are many commanders and officers who have laid down money for furnishing their soldiers with arms and ammunition, and some poor workmen who have large sums due for making and dressing arms, and who will be undone unless paid. As we cannot issue money for them, we desire some course that they may be satisfied.

Are the annuities and rent-charges upon sequestered estates, and $\frac{1}{5}$ allowed to the wives and children of delinquents, and the repair of sequestered houses, according to the first ordinance for sequestration, to be continued? There are other things daily occurring, wherein for want of authority, we cannot relieve the persons complaining. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

24. I. *List of* 12 *persons thought necessary to be employed by them,* 8 *as agents in the several hundreds, and a clerk, receiver, auditor, and door-keeper.* [½ *page.*]

24. II. *List of queries proposed to the Committee for Compounding:—*

1. *What course is to be taken with those who prosecute judgments or executions upon sequestered estates without your order? May they receive the benefit thereof?*

2. *If the estates of any tenants be determined, the owners being under sequestration, and the estates to be disposed of, are the estates to be let at a yearly rent or the tenant continued under the ancient rent?*

3. *If waste be committed by the farmers of any sequestered estate, or any other person, how are they to be proceeded against?*

4. *If farmers be disturbed in their possession, how are they to be relieved. and the offenders punished?*

5. *If any informations be exhibited to us against any for delinquency, how are we to proceed? May we take the informer's oath, and the examination of the party, and how far may we go in securing or sequestering such estates?* [¾ *page.*]

May 9. **25.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases, all calendared under their respective names. [1 *page.*]

May 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding that this committee will consider on Monday how to proceed in allowance of annuities.

Order on motion in behalf of the Lord-General, about the disposal of York House tenements, granted to him by Parliament, that his counsel represent what is desired in writing, and it shall be considered.

Note that Edw. Carey, of the Middle Temple, was chosen examiner in cases before this committee, as a committee for Compounding and Advance of Money, and that he was sworn in court. [*G* 8, *pp.* 30, 32; 10, *p.* 21.]

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May 9. [John Leech] registrar, to the high sheriffs of counties. I send you, as ordered by the Committee for Compounding, the enclosed vote of Parliament, which you are to take especial care to publish, and to certify the publication. [*G* 8, *p.* 33.] *Enclosing,*

26. *Order in Parliament that all delinquents who, having compounded for delinquency and non-payment of their second moiety, have incurred the penalty formerly imposed, and shall pay in their second moiety with interest by 1st June, shall be discharged from such penalty; but in default of payment, the moiety of their estate shall be confiscated, and the Committee for Compounding are to take care this is put in execution.* [*Printed,* 1 *page.*]

May 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Wm. Ceely of Bridgewater, Rich. Bovett of Taunton, and Major George Sampson of Kingsbury, be added to the Commissioners for co. Somerset, on the Act of 25 Jan. 1650.

That letters from this committee to the county commissioners be directed to one of them till further order.

That Capt. Mason forbear to act till further order.

That the commissioners examine the charge against him, and if they find it delinquency, seize and secure his estate, and send up the charge.

Order that Wm. Pitchford and 5 others, late sequestration commissioners for London, appear on Monday the 13th, and show cause why they have not delivered in a duplicate of their sequestration proceedings; the present commissioners to appear also.

That John Williams, of Bromyard, co. Hereford, be agent and sequestrator to the county committee. [*G* 8, *pp.* 34, 36; 10, *p.* 23.]

May 10. Chichester. **27.** County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. We delivered your letter to the old committee, with the Act for receiving arrears, which we shall pursue; we have seized the estates mentioned in a list given to us, and will receive the rents. We wish Stephen Humphrey to be authorised to keep all courts belonging to any delinquent or Papist in the Western Division of Sussex, with an allowance for his pains, and a clerk. [1 *page.*]

May 10. Chichester. **28.** County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. There is a house and 7 acres of pasture land, called the Grey Friars, in Chichester, belonging to Chris. Lewknor, a delinquent, by lease from the corporation, rent, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and formerly let by the old committee of Chichester to Benj. Occeott of Chichester for 3 years ending last Ladyday, at 20*l.*, viz., 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to be paid to the corporation, and 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to be laid out by him towards repair of the premises, most part of the house having been pulled down by soldiers. We find the premises still very ruinous, but Occeott will take it for 7 years at the former rent, to be laid out as before, or at 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, with allowance for payments, which is as much or more than any other will give. [1 *page.*]

[May 10.] **29.** Queries by the County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding.

1. As to paying quit rents out of delinquents' and Papists' estates.
2. Allowance of $\frac{1}{3}$ to wives and children of delinquents.
3. Allowance to tenants for repairs of houses and barns, &c., which otherwise would fall down.
4. As to obeying orders from the Barons of the Exchequer, who require from them certificates of delinquency, and order them to forbear receiving rents until further order from themselves.
5. Order required for receiving Lord Montague's rents, due last Ladyday, being threatened to be fetched up to the Indemnity Committee, they being paid on a former ordinance to the Palsgrave [Elector Palatine.]
6. An order for letting delinquents' lands for 7 years or under. [1 *page.*]

May 10. Leicester. **30.** County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. At the request of divers godly ministers who have augmentations out of sequestered impropriations, we pray directions about paying them, as we can do nothing without your special orders. The bearers, Thos. Lowry and Mr. Weld, who are well-affected gentlemen, are much in arrear out of the impropriate rectory of Whitwick. Mr. Lowry's case is very considerable, by reason of the

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smallness of his stipend; unless he receives from us the maintenance formerly allowed by the Committee of Plundered Ministers, and confirmed by the late Committee for Compounding, he will be a great sufferer. [¾ *page.*]

May 10. Sarum. **31.** County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. We received your instructions and orders, and sent our agent to sequester the persons therein mentioned. He sequestered Mr. Davy, but Bennet has only a reversion, which we know not how to seize. We have sent up our clerk to you with a certificate, and the best account that the shortness of the time and the unskilfulness of our agent will give us leave; had he been vigilant, and had we received our commission sooner, we should have returned you a more satisfactory account. With note, 16 May, for a letter to the old county commissioners to reinforce [orders], or this county committee will be enforced to levy the penalty. [¾ *page.*]

May 10. Knutsford. **32.** Hen. Cockson, County Commissioner for Cheshire, to the Committee for Compounding. The parties whose estates are to be seized and sequestered for non-payment of fines are Jonathan Wodenoth, Thos. Starkey of Stretton, Thos. Poole of Poole, Sir Fras. Gamul of Chester, and 4 others The estates of Woodnoth, Starkey, and Poole stand sequestered by orders of the late committee, which we shall further prosecute. The estates of the others are also under sequestration by the late committee, but the profits arise out of the lands they hold of Sir Fras. Gamul within the City of Chester. The estates of delinquents in the city are very few, but we are uncertain as to our power. Our commission for the county palatine of Chester extends to the city, which is a county of itself, although within the liberty of the county palatine; we desire to know whether we are to act in the city as well as in the county; we believe that none in the city (though there are many honest) will undertake that employment upon the Parliament salary; however we shall prosecute your directions in whichever way shall seem good.

As to the other list, commanding us to seize and sequester the estates of divers persons named for not paying in the remainder of their fines, some of them likewise have their estates within the city, viz., Daniel Bayand and Sir Robt. Brerewood, concerning whom also we desire further direction. Sir Hugh Calverley of Lea, has died since his composition was made; this estate lies under extents and judgments for debts, save what his lady had in jointure, 800*l.* a year. There are extents issued out of the Exchequer against the lands of the Earl of Derby in this county, and of Thos. Starkey of Stretton, whereby the sheriff is ready to seize upon the lands for issues which may continue for ever, and the original debt or fine never be discharged, unless you take special care; the under-sheriffs of Cheshire could inform you herein. We are much obstructed in letting these two estates by these extents; men are unwilling to take the lands, the sheriff being ready to drive the lands so soon as taken, and we not able to secure them.

As the execution of this place cannot be readily performed without assistants, I desire that such as are allowed to the commissioners in other counties may be allowed to us. Letters to us to be directed to Richard Legh, or George Wilson, Knutsford, Cheshire. [2 *pages.*]

May 11. **33.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We have received 2 letters from the late Committee for Compounding, to sequester persons mentioned in a list who had not paid the last ½ or the whole of their fines according to composition, and we sent out our agents to secure their estates, and to give their tenants notice to pay in their rents here, which in part is already done; but the county being exceeding large, all are not yet gone through. Upon notice to Sir Thomas Gower's tenants, he sent us his discharge, dated a year ago.

We have informations of delinquency against divers persons of considerable estates, but have no power to swear witnesses, nor to protect their tenants, creditors, or others from suits meantime.

We acquainted the late committee of the great abuse committed by the late reduced officers of the militia, under pretence of an ordinance of Parliament for 13,000*l.* They wrongfully and cruelly drive the tenants to Papists' estates for those arrears, in opposition to the Act of 25 Jan. last, and several

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orders from us, and contrary to the order of the late Militia Act. Major Capperthwaite and Capt. Robt. Anderson are now driving in several places, and will not observe the Act or orders, neither have we power to command any of the soldiery. We find by last year's account, that most of the Papists' sequestered estates have been eaten up by such levies, and unless there be a speedy prevention thereof, those soldiers, and others who will follow their example, will swallow up all the growing rents. [1⅔ *pages.*]

May 11. Redcastle, co. Montgomery. **34.** Hugh and Lewis Price, Commissioners for North Wales, to the Committee for Compounding. We are acting upon our instructions, as to sequestering Papists and delinquents, but do not find any power to appoint an agent or registrar, for want of whom the business is much retarded. Edw. Vaughan is fit for an agent, and Rich. Hamer for registrar; if you will appoint them and allow them a salary, we hope soon to give a good account of our proceedings. [¾ *page.*]

May 11. **35.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. Sam. Bull, who was appointed one of the commissioners for this county, having been called to other service for the State, and left his employment, we recommend Chris. Weare in his stead. [¾ *page. Appointed* 13 *May. G* 8, *p.* 37.]

May 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on the reading of a letter from Mr. Martin, clerk to the late Sequestration Committee for London—that the said committee be summoned for Thursday, and required to bring in their books and duplicates, and especially a rental of the arrears due to the State; otherwise, this committee will proceed to put the Act in execution.

That on Tuesdays and Thursdays, this committee will proceed only on fines, reports, and sequestration business.

That a letter be written to the Commissioners for co. Hereford to show cause why the duplicates written for are not returned.

Note of a return from Chester. [*G* 8, *p.* 37.]

May 13. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Devon. We hope that—the scruples named in yours of 17 April as to whether your commission was not ended by the transfer of the management of those affairs to us being removed—you will resume your duties. You object that the instructions are not full enough, and that the work is too elaborate for only one agent; that you have no power to examine on oath, set, or let, but only to certify; that there is no care taken how estates are to be seized or how the expenses are to be discharged. In answer, we have added Mr. Dore in commission, and will allow you another agent, a liberty denied in other counties. Also you have power to summon and examine on oath, and if any are refractory, on return of their names, we shall take such course that others will be more compliant. As your county's condition differs from others, you may let for 3 years instead of one, and we shall soon enlarge the time to 7 years.

You are not required to do all personally, but to satisfy yourselves of the correctness of the valuations. You complain of delinquents turning out the tenants. You have power to dispossess the delinquent, and let the estates to such as you think fit. We hope you will not decline the service in the present exigency. [*G* 8, *p.* 41; 30, *p.* 2.]

May 13. **36.** Earl of Rutland to the County Committee for Middlesex. By virtue of an Act made for ordering delinquents' estates, and by directions thereupon given you by the Committee for Compounding, you are entrusted to contract for estates lying in the liberty of Westminster, with such as will give the best rent, for any term not exceeding 7 years. Being tenant in possession of Wallingford House, I am desirous to be continued tenant to the State, having furnished and settled myself therein, and it will be a great damage to me to remove. It has always been judged a great injury to put out a tenant against whom there can be no just exception, and who will give as much as any other, and I will give more. Therefore I desire you to grant me a lease, and I will give the State 130*l.* a year, over and above all taxes and reparations, and will pay the arrears that were due last Ladyday. If it be objected that Lord Edw. Howard has a lease from a former committee, I hope that that will not prevent me, in regard of several

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ordinances and orders of 8 Dec. 1646, as also a subsequent Act of Parliament of 25 Jan. 1650. If any shall offer more than I do, I desire to be heard again; had it not been for my offer, it would have gone for 40*l.* per annum. [*Copy*, 1 *page.*]

May 13. **37.** Order by the County Committee for Middlesex upon the preceding letter,—the Earl alleging that whatever leases Lord Howard might pretend to were void, it being contrary to the sense of Parliament that any committee should let to any of themselves any of the sequestered estates, as appears by their vote of 8 December 1646, and especially at an under rent, and contrary to the sense of the Act of Parliament of 25 Jan. 1650; and because he has not made any contract with the commissioners according to the Act,—that the Earl of Rutland, paying the arrears of rent due to the State since the death of the Duchess of Buckingham, due at Ladyday last, and giving security to pay 130*l.* a year over and above all taxes and reparations, have a lease of Wallingford House for 7 years, always excepting the little closet or passage that lies over the gate leading into St. James's Park, being a passage formerly into Wallingford House. [*Copy*, 1 *page.*]

May 13. **38.** Statement of the case of three of the County Committee for Exeter and Devon, by Rich. Carter, their agent, showing how the late commission sent has been accepted by the new commissioners. Mr. Marshall desires to be excused, alleging much weakness, and not being able to act in such toilsome business.

Capt. [Jos.] Hunkyn seems desirous to forward the affairs of the State, and was willing to act had they had according to the Act a duplicate from the late committee, for the taking of the rents, the greater part whereof lie in malignants' hands, yet desired to be excused from acting further, having spent many years in the State's service, to the injury of his health and estate. He further alleged that the instructions would not suit their county, they having no power to let, and the custom of the county being to let by survey, where the best bidder shall have the price, and that being once denied them, they will not again proffer the same terms; consequently the thing to be let or sold may lie in hand.

Mr. Pearse was very willing to forward the work, and often spoke to members of the late committee both for the city and county to deliver in a duplicate according to the Act, but could not get it. Thereupon I went to Mr. Upton and others of the late committee, who gave me a letter to [Nich.] Row, their secretary and solicitor, to draw up the accounts of their books, but he alleged it did not concern him but the whole committee. Thereupon I pressed for the same, and at the sessions, finding the committee together, I went to them with the Act, and desired them to consider what was required from them therein. They asked me if any committee sat; I replied they could not do so, as they (the late committee) had not performed what was required by the Act, to which they answered they could not do it under half a year; thereupon I pressed them to breviate out a rental, so that order might issue from the commissioners to collect the rents; but it is so defective, no tenants named, nor any time when to commence, that the commissioners can do nothing therein.

This rental is but for two divisions, the other lying in the hands of [Rob.] Spry, who was made solicitor and treasurer for those divisions by the late commissioners at Goldsmiths' Hall. Mr. Row informed me that Spry has often been summoned by that committee to bring in his accounts, but always declined; and Row believes he has great sums of money in hand; but his habitation is not known.

I gave the letters from the committee to Mr. Beare, who promised to deliver them and get the committee to sit, and desired me to go to [Charles] Vaughan, the treasurer, whose answer is annexed. The late committee for the City of Exeter deny in general to yield obedience to the Act, except Alderman Saunders, treasurer, who desires time to deliver an account of what has passed through his hands. I therefore conceive if a day is not fixed for their sitting, and power given to call all agents before them, and compel them to bring in their accounts, the business will be delayed, and the State much prejudiced, as it already has been by the malignants turning their tenants out of possession, viz.:—Wm. Cooke of Ottery, a delinquent, whose estate is let for 140*l.* a year, has thrown the State's tenant out of doors, and seized on all his goods. Request that the Committee

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for Compounding will grant an order authorising the county committee to call before them all the late agents for sequestrations in the county, to attend them at their several sittings, give an account of all rents due to the State in their several divisions, and assist in the collecting thereof, until the new collectors have knowledge of the tenants and their rents; and that such agents may have some allowance for such days as they ride. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

38. 1. *Charles Vaughan to* [*Rich. Carter*]. *I desire a copy of the letters, and of the Act and orders, that I may the better know what I am to do. Tell the gentlemen that I put in my account to the Committee of Accounts 2 or 3 years since, wherein all is expressed that I have received and paid. Concerning what is now required of me, and that I am to go to London on Monday next about public business for the Commonwealth, I never heard anything of this business until to-day, and have been so weak (although I have had much business in Exeter which greatly concerned me) that I could not travel, and have not been ten miles from home in seven months. Ottery,* 2 *May* 1650. [¼ *page.*]

May 13. Norwich. **39.** Thomas Garrett to Mr. Leech, secretary to the Committee for Compounding. I can discover some estates here that have never been sequestered, as that of Mrs. Ramsey, a recusant, worth 300*l.* or 400*l.* a year, besides stock; she has been kept from sequestration by some great man. May I inventory her personal estate, and take security for it, until she either clears herself, or is convicted? As there are others of the same nature, I must take a man or two to assist me, and pay them, and as my salary will hardly bear my expenses, I hope you will confer with the committee thereon. I also desire advice as to Sir Henry Bedingfield's estate, as I had a warrant to seize it, but the tenants are unwilling to bring in their rents, as they are forbidden by Sir Henry to do so. I have summoned them upon the Act of 25 Jan. 1650 for all arrears. [1 *page.*]

May 13. **40.** Late County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. We received your order of the 10th inst., requiring us to show cause why we have not returned a duplicate of our proceedings touching sequestrations, but that was done by us in our letter of the 2nd inst. We have nothing to add save that if we may have an order for getting in some debts, so as to enable us to pay for the dispatch of what is required, we having no money, we shall willingly perform your commands. This we conceive would be the answer of the rest of the gentlemen mentioned in your order, some of whom being out of town, and others sick, we can give no further account. [¾ *page.*]

May 13. Newcastle. **41.** Henry Horsley, one of the County Committee for Northumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. You require an account of our proceedings, but as the rest of the commissioners are in several parts of the county, taking the engagement, and other public services as justices, we cannot meet at present, but will do so, and give you the account with speed. Are we to allow ⅓ and ⅕ to [recusants and] delinquents, and to grant allowances for repairs? [1 *page.*]

May 13. **42.** Queries by the County Committee for Warwick to the Committee for Compounding, viz.:—

1. How are Mr. Sheldon and others to come by their bonds from the Committee for raising 50,000*l.* for Ireland? [An order is to be sent to the trustees' registrar to return all such bonds.]

2. Some leases made by the same committee do not determine until Michaelmas twelvemonth; are they to hold or are we to improve the rent? [If any are let in trust for the delinquent, they are to be improved.]

3. Some estates we have let for a year; what leases will you or shall we make, and on what security? We except all spring woods, profits of courts, fines, and estates that fall within the year, and the lessee to pay all taxes, quarterings, and payments; who shall keep courts? [Mr Chamberlayne appointed steward.]

4. Shall we examine and allow, if there be cause, any deeds of mortgage, annuities, judgments, statutes, &c., or refer them to you? [You are to certify the case, and the proofs are to be produced before us.]

5. Col. [John] Fox has an Act for [Rob.] Middlemore's estate, and [John] Pym's trustees have one for Col. Morgan's estate; shall they hold, or will you

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question them? Middlemore has paid the greatest part of his rent to us, and we have agreed with him for a year longer, and now soldiers demand the rent or possession of his estate. [They are to proceed to let the lands.]

6. Has the Earl of Northampton compounded, or shall we demand the rents, and distrain if they are not paid? His lease ends next Michaelmas. [To receive the rents and improve.]

7. We have not yet received any duplicate from the late committee.

8. Shall we examine witnesses against any supposed delinquents, who have been cleared by order of the Committee for Sequestrations?

9. Ministers who have subscribed the engagement bring us orders to pay them money out of estates sequestered from Papists; shall we pay them if $\frac{2}{5}$ of the tithes, and the glebe will not pay them the amount ordered by the Committee for Plundered Ministers? [To suspend till further direction.]

10. If long after sequestration, a delinquent marries, shall his wife and children have $\frac{1}{5}$ allowed? [No.]

11. If long after sequestration, the estate is extended by the sheriff, without any order from the late Committee for Compounding or the Barons, what shall we do? [It is not valid.]

All sheriffs should be summoned to attend you on a certain day at the end of the term, and be forbidden to extend sequestered estates without your allowance. The lessee of Mr. Fortescue's estates says he has paid sheriffs, on outlawries and judgments, more than the rent comes to. [Summons to be sent to the sheriffs, and the committee will debate this with them. Mr. Berners and Squibb to go to the Lord Chief Baron.]

12. Shall our agent have 4*s.* a day from the date of his commission paid by our treasurer?

[Those queries not answered in the margin are answered by our instructions.] [2 *pages.*]

13 May. Stowey. Capt. Benj. Mason to John Ashe. Public employment and private business have prevented my waiting on you. I was at Taunton May 11, to praise the Lord for His mercies to that place. I sat next Col. [John] Pyne, with Mr. Saunders and Roger Hill. He gave out a month ago that if I would cease acting, he would show me some money, but I told Col. [Edw.] Ceely I should go on in this service till ordered to forbear. Pyne says he has prevailed in London that we shall be put out, and Recorder [Wm.] Ceely of Bridgewater, and [Rich.] Bovett of Taunton put in. I am afraid there is a sufficient charge against Ceely, which I will follow if you direct it. I can prove that the county committee brought their money to Pyne, and the Colliers give lame accounts, and say they disposed of it by orders, but not by what orders. I can prove that Ceely, [Hen.] Minterne, [Chr.] Pittard, and 2 others gave themselves 100*l.* and more each above their salaries; therefore they may well keep their books close. This I can prove at London. [*G* 118, *p.* 892.]

May 13. Orders for the following letters to the late and present Commissioners of co. Somerset. [*G.* 8, *p.* 37.]

May 14. Committee for Compounding to [Capt.] Latimer Sampson and Thos. Shute. Before yours of 2 May, we heard that [John] Buckland and [Rich.] Jones did not act as commissioners, and had an accusation of delinquency against Capt. Mason, so by recommendation of several M.Ps we added three others to the committee, suspended Capt. Mason till he should acquit himself, and bade you examine witnesses; but if he prefer to be examined before us, we will give him a fair hearing, on your sending up the proofs. Pray send up your moneys and hasten the arrears. We hope the newly-appointed commissioners will advance the service, if you keep up fair correspondence with them. The extents on Sir Ralph Hopton's estate are fraudulent, and must be improved to the State's advantage. [*G* 8, *p.* 38.]

May 14. Committee for Compounding to Wm. Ceely, Rich. Bovett, and George Sampson. We are satisfied with Capt. Sampson and Mr. Shute, and have ordered them to proceed, and hope you will keep up correspondence with them, and not allow your difference to be a public prejudice. Capt. Mason's case we shall judge according to its merits. We can neither excuse nor shall we bear the neglect of the old commissioners. [*G.* 8, *p.* 39.]

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May 14. Committee for Compounding to Col. John Pyne and the rest of the late Sequestration Commissioners for Bristol and co. Somerset. The present committee complain much of your backwardness to make the returns required by the Act of 12 May, and indeed of manifest opposition. It is true that there is jealousy of one of the parties, but this is no excuse for delaying the accounts and duplicates, which causes trouble, and we wonder that men professing affection to the State should retard a matter of such concern. [*G* 8, *p.* 39.]

May 14. Summons to Thos. Blackborne, late sequestration treasurer for co. Somerset, to appear before the committee in 21 days, to answer for moneys received. [*G* 8, *p.* 40.]

May 14. John Ashe to Saml. Moyer, one of the Committee for Compounding, Lime street. I understand from Mr. Curle that you have cashiered one of the Somerset sub-commissioners, accused for a delinquent. I wrote you how he came recommended to us, and am confident the charge can never be made good against him. He has lost his blood, and endangered his life for Parliament.

But a malicious man may charge me or you with a crime, therefore to be cashiered and disgraced, unheard, unproved, will be thought hard measure. Let justice be done, and then defy the devil and all his agents. But what can we expect when there is a failure amongst you in the place and ordinary course of justice? I affirm solemnly, in presence of God, I know no other crime in these men than the perfect service of Parliament; for I knew well that sequestration matters had been most unduly managed by the committee, and that these men were the most likely to do the best service, because four of them had never any dealings in sequestrations, and the fifth, Mr. Shute, knew all the committee's by-paths and extravagancies. I hear you have discharged three of them, and nominated three others, because Mr. Pyne, by the hand of Col. Pride, would have it so. Onlookers will see what will be the end. Besides the dishonour cast upon us that commended them, your reputation may suffer, by admitting the mere creatures of the old committee; if you had consulted [Roger] Hill and [Rich.] Long, the county members, they would have told you so.

Think upon it seriously; it may be your own case another day. Capt. Sampson underwent the same mischief. It was contrived by malicious adversaries that one Clarke should have his command in Bristol; upon this a charge was presented against him at the council of war, and he was outed before being heard. The captain, knowing his innocency, would not sit tamely under the abuse, and at length, after the expense of 150*l.*, was by the council of war acquitted. But the honest man spent his money, lost his place, suffered disgrace, and so was undone. Let me entreat you, as you tender your own reputation and peace of conscience, beware of doing such high injustice, to the utter undoing of honest faithful men, because Col. Pride or Col. Pyne will have it so, men that are subject to passion and misinformation. The cries of the injured and oppressed sound loud. Pardon my passion. My true and hearty affection to you and the Commonwealth will be much wronged in this change. [*G* 118, *p.* 889.]

May 14. Note in the Committee for Compounding that the commissioners for co. Herts gave up their commission. [*G* 8, *p.* 46.]

May 14. Aylesbury. **43.** County Committee for Bucks to the Committee for Compounding. Last week we desired orders to take soldiers to our assistance to seize and sequester estates not seized; as the soldiers wholly refuse to assist us, unless we have something from you, we desire you will despatch something down by the bearer, our clerk, to the chief officer, commanding some soldiers to our assistance before they leave the country. [¾ *page.*]

May 14. Carmarthen. **44.** Jenkin Franklin and John Hughes, senior, two of the County Commissioners for South Wales, to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your commission for sequestration, prohibiting all committees from meddling therein, and authorizing us to proceed against all delinquents and Papists. We number but six, and our abodes are far distant. We two reside in this county. We have for our charge cos. Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan, which being so very wide, we cannot do without agents.

The late committee has given us the names of some in their books against whom proceedings are to be taken, which we are now beginning. We received

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your order of 18 April against Wm. Williams of Mothvey and three others. Three produced a discharge prohibiting all further proceedings against them, and conceived themselves free by the Act for Wales, and Williams showed us an acquittance for 51*l.* paid of his fine, but confessed there was as much more in arrear, and will pay if you conceive him not freed by the general Act. [1 *page.*]

May 15. **45.** Order in Parliament that the order of 4th March, touching the 14,000*l.* for the charges of the treaty, be amended as follows, viz.:—That it be referred to the Revenue Committee to take account of the business touching the 14,000*l.* to defray the charges of the treaty at the Isle of Wight, and to see what is unpaid of the sum to be lent, and that the securities for payment thereof remain as they now stand; and the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall are ordered to pay the same in course, as it now stands, upon a certificate thereof from the Revenue Committee; the remainder of the said sum to be paid over by order of the said committee to Mr. Falconbridge, for satisfaction of debts contracted by the committee for that service; Mr. Falconbridge to pay over the money to Mr. Say, steward to the said committee. [1 *page; also G* 1, *p.* 222.]

May 15. Salop. **46.** Col. H. Mackworth and Th. Nicolls, Commissioners for Sequestrations, co. Salop, to the Committee for Compounding. On receipt of your order that all Papists' and delinquents' rents should remain in the tenants' hands, and that no committee should issue out any warrant for disposing thereof, we ceased from interfering with such rents, and instructed our officers not to meddle. We formally entrusted John Brome, one of the solicitors for sequestrations, with the custody of the books and papers, and he is the only person capable of giving an account of the arrears of rent, and of the sequestered estates and their value; as he is now in London, he can give you every satisfaction. [½ *page.*]

May 15. Truro. **47.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We shall be careful to act according to the orders given us in this great trust committed to our charge, but as we have not received the accounts and papers from the old committee, we crave pardon for not sending the certificate desired. We have as much in preparation as we may, and have let divers delinquents' estates for one year at good rents; had we orders for a longer term, according to the Act, it would much increase the yearly rent.

The solicitor to the old committee has promised us a list of all persons sequestered, but that committee having few or none of the compositions of delinquents, we can hardly know who has compounded. Besides, it will appear on review that very few have compounded at the true value of their estates; wherefore we shall endeavour to get all their compositions and particulars of their estates into our hands, and shall then be able to proceed as you shall command. We believe considerable sums will be raised thereby, and that from the most notorious and grand delinquents of our county. The most considerable men unsequestered are such as served as grand jury men in the late King's time, whose sequestrations are suspended by order from the Barons of Exchequer, and not yet resolved. We beg a speedy resolve therein.

Upon sequestering divers delinquents, we find they have made compositions with the old committees and paid their fines, the committees being necessitated at that time so to do for pay of the soldiers, there being 3 regiments of foot and three of horse at the siege of Pendennis. To this purpose the committee have written to the Speaker of Parliament, and it will reflect on them if we proceed against such as have so compounded ere Parliament's pleasure is known. Pray move Parliament that such as have fully compounded may be dismissed, and that the rest who have compounded under value may be further proceeded against, according to the Act and orders of Parliament. Sir John Arundel, and John Arundel of Trerise, having the most considerable estates of any delinquents within this county, have hitherto paid little or nothing, the former being a Papist delinquent, and the other continues a most implacable enemy to the Commonwealth. Particulars of cases.

Sir John Grills and John Prideaux, having both died since the letting of their estates, we desire your resolution what is to be done therein. [To be continued under the sequestration until further order.] We find that there may be considerable sums raised by wood sales on Sir John Greville and Sir Hen.

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Spiller's estates, and also on Nich. Borlase's manor of Cargole, being copyhold, divers tenements of the said manor being in hand, and many leases to be filled. These, with wood sales, will raise 3,000*l.*

There being so few justices of peace, we cannot now send the certificate of our having taken the oath, but will do so with all speed, and such obstructions as we meet with being removed by you, we shall force delinquents to compound, or make the best improvements of their estates that we possibly can. [To write the old committee to return duplicates of their proceedings, &c., to the commissioners, and to the committee in the county, according to former order, otherwise this committee must proceed to levy the penalty provided by the Act, and report their neglect.] The passages between brackets are marginal notes of reply. [2 *pages*.]

May 15. Gloucester. **48.** County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding. There are some debts owing for fines from the purchasers of copyhold estates, sold by the late committee out of Tormarton Manor, sequestered from the Earl of Newcastle. The estates were made long since, but the committee and tenants, both fearing the title, agreed that this money should rest in the tenants' hands until an Act of Parliament might be had, or some other way found to perfect their estates, and they desire you will take care of them therein. [The money to be received and the estates confirmed.] We give you the names of the 20 tenants, with the amounts in their hands.

There are other debts owing for fines from other purchasers of copyhold estates in Tidenham and Woollaston Manors, now belonging to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and these lands, since the conveyance of the said manor to him, being all claimed, and some of them taken away by him and his officers from the purchasers, the committee likewise agreed that the purchasers should, upon security given for the money to the committee, keep them in their hands until the validity of their estates might be better known, or they might be some way confirmed. [The committee to confer with the Lord Lieutenant about it.]

There has been an award made by Lord Chief Justice St. John, and [Ald. Thos.] Pury, Senior, M.P., on a reference between the Lord Lieutenant and this committee touching this, but there is some difference about its sense; it is part of this award that 300*l.* of the money be paid to the Lord Lieutenant to confirm the estates, which it is agreed he shall do. The committee ordered this 300*l.* to be paid him out of the fines, and 200*l.* more was assigned to pay a debt of 200*l.* to a poor woman who had lent it to the garrison of Gloucester in its greatest extremity, to pay the soldiers, it being almost all her estate, and for payment whereof the city stands engaged, and the committee had power by their ordinance of Parliament. Wherefore it is the earnest suit of this poor woman, of the tenants, and of us all on their behalf, that you will not frustrate these intentions (these moneys not being by intention of the late Acts of Parliament to be brought in to you), nor force the payment to you of fines for estates, the which they do not, nor are they sure they shall enjoy, and for payment of which also they are in bond to the late committee. If you require this 300*l.* to be paid to you, which they are to pay to the Lord Lieutenant for the confirmation of the estates, they have no hope left them to have the same confirmed. With names of 11 persons subject to such fines. [2 *pages*.]

May 15? **49.** Proposals of the County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding.

We desire your pleasure about the arrears due from Mr. Hall, which are respited, as also about those of Sir Rich. Ducy, Eliz. Somerset, the Earl of Worcester, Mr. Capel, and Mr. Bassett. [To receive Mr. Hall, Mr. Capel, and Mr. Bassett's arrears of rents, and the 300*l.* out of Sir Rich. Ducy's estate to be paid into the Treasury.]

Also concerning estates of the Earls of Newcastle and Worcester, formerly let by the county committee, and not confirmed or money paid. [The Earl of Worcester's estate to be improved, and the arrears of rent received and returned up. The copyhold estates are void.] Your pleasure concerning copyhold estates let by Mrs. Somerset and Mr. Wakeman, Papists, and what about the estates let by delinquents? [Those estates made since the recusancy or delinquency void.]

Whether we shall keep courts, and who shall be steward to keep them? Sheppard, Baker, and others, challenge the stewardship by virtue of an ordinance of Parliament.

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That those bonds given by the tenants to the Committees for Ireland and co. Gloucester may be delivered up to us, so that thereby the tenants may satisfy the rents in arrear, which are considerable sums. [The county committee to deliver up all bonds, papers, and writings concerning sequestrations.]

Whether we shall let leases for 7 years, copyhold estates, fell woods, &c.?

What shall be done concerning money and goods discovered and seized to the use of the Commonwealth, and what rewards made to the discoverers?

Whether we shall enquire into those persons that have compounded under value, and those that have quit themselves by oath, though worth above 200*l.*, and what course and authority we shall use to enquire into the same?

We desire our commission enlarged to the county of the city as well to the county. [The commissioners named for the county are to be commissioners for the city also.]

What officers will you allow to assist us, and what allowance are they to have for their pains? [2*s.* 6*d.* a day to the clerk, and 4*s.* to the agent. Such directions as are sent to these commissioners are to be sent to Giles Hancock, at Cirencester.] The passages between brackets are marginal notes for a reply. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

49. I. *Return by the same of 7 warrants and orders received by them from the Committee for Compounding, with marginal notes of what has been done in each particular.* [¾ *page.*]

49. II. *Note by Mat. Hill, that he received* 40*s. from Sir Thos. Clutterbuck and John Cooke, tenants of Stretton Manor, towards discharging the seizures made thereon by Fras. Creswick, late sheriff, for rent due* 18 *Charles, of* 20*l. and* 40*s.* [*Scrap.*]

May 16. **50.** Petition of Col. Chris. Whichcott, governor of Windsor Castle, and Thos. Shilborne, colonel of a horse regiment in Ireland, to the Committee for Compounding, for enforcement of a Parliament order given of 13 Jan. 1649, viz., that the Commissioners of co. Bucks be authorized to fell decayed trees and pollards of the Duke of Buckingham's, value 3,000*l.*; 1,500*l.* to be paid to Col. Whichcott, governor of Windsor Castle, for so much charged on the sequestrations of Berks and Bucks, and the rest to go towards the pay of the forces in those counties.

Only 1,000*l.* worth has been felled already, and by Act of 15 April 1650, no charges on estates are allowed unless reported to Parliament, and for want of the remainder, the horse then in co. Bucks, and now in Ireland, and their families, are in great want, and petitioners cannot fulfil their engagements. [*G* 1, *p.* 228; 130, *pp.* 131, 133.]

May 16. Reference thereon to Mr. Reading, that a report may be made to Parliament. [*The Parliament order was enforced* 14 *June* 1650. *G* 1, *p.* 228; 8, *p.* 50; 10, *p.* 27.]

May 16. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the old Commissioners for London who appeared return in 28 days a duplicate of the sequestrations in the city.

Mr. Starkey appearing to make good the Lord-General's claim to York House tenements, *alias* Buckingham House, Strand, late the inheritance of George, Duke of Buckingham, granted him by Act of Parliament, Mr. Reading is to state the title and report.

Note of a return from the Commissioners of co. Wilts; also of the appearance of the Commissioners of co. Gloucester.

Order on appearance of Thos. Blackborne, treasurer for co. Somerset, he requesting further time, that he bring in his account the first week of next term. [*G* 8, *pp.* 49, 50.]

May 16. Lincoln. **51.** County Committee for Lincoln to the Committee for Compounding. We have had a survey made of most of the sequestered estates, and sent summonses to the tenants to appear before us on three several days this week, to have a settlement for this year, thinking there would soon be a determination of our power by reason of the alteration in the Grand Committee. We opened several letters from the former commissioners and yourselves, the other commissioners being in London, but there has been delay in waiting for authority to execute the directions, both as to administering the oath of abjuration to suspected recusants, and to the better discovery of delinquents and their estates. Notes of a case. [1 *page.*]

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May 16. Petition of Edw. Curle to the Committee for Compounding. Has faithfully served in the sequestrators' office, co. Somerset, and discovered many malignants, who have paid in large sums beside their compositions. Has also discovered several omitted particulars in delinquents' estates, and received allowance for some. Begs allowance for the remainder. [*G* 79, *pp.* 85.] *Annexing,*

I. *Particulars of the estates of five delinquents omitted in their compositions.* [*G* 79, *p.* 87.]

II. *Survey of the estates of Hen. Harvey, of Bridgewater, one of the said delinquents.* [*G* 79, *pp.* 89–93.]

May 16. Committee for Compounding to the late Commissioners of co. Cambridge. Several letters were sent you by the late committee for compounding, to make duplicate returns to the present county commissioners and to us, of persons and estates who are or have been sequestered. The present commissioners complain of want of return thereof. We wonder that a business of so public concern should be so long retarded; let them be suddenly returned, or we must impose the penalty of the Act. With note of like letter to the Commissioners for co. Wilts. [*G* 8, *p.* 51.]

May 16. **52.** Committee for Compounding to Mr. Sedgwick, late deputy-steward of sequestered estates, co. Cambridge. You are to deliver to [Thos.] French, the bearer, all deeds, court rolls, and writings in your hands, belonging to the estates of delinquents under sequestration. [*G* 8, *p.* 51.]

May 16. **53.** Note of 3 sequestered estates in the county. [½ *page.*]

May 17. **54.** Order in the Committee for Compounding, appointing French as steward to keep courts of sequestered estates in co. Cambridge. [*Also G* 8, *p.* 55.]

Like order, on appearance of Sir Wm. Boteler, bringing the account of estates now under sequestration in co. Bedford, that a letter be written to Capt. Smith to hasten the other returns and his accounts.

Note of [appearance of] Isaac Lloyd, of Lincoln's Inn.

Order on request of Lambert Godfrey, one of the late commissioners for Kent,—presenting the return of those now under sequestration, and desiring time for the other return—that 6 weeks be given.

Note of reading of a letter from the Prince Elector's Committee.

Order on reading of a letter from co. Westmoreland, that John Fallowfield be added as commissioner, to act with Mr. Crackenthorpe. Confirmed May 21. [*See G* 8, *p.* 67.]

Order to the Sequestration Commissioners of Middlesex and Herts, to gather in all rents and arrears on the estates in their counties leased by the late trustees for Ireland, and pay them into the Guildhall Treasury. [*G* 8, *pp.* 54, 55.]

May 17. **55.** Parliament order, referring it to Sir Wm. Masham and 20 others, to consider the whole business of Potter's lists, and the abuses, and what should be done, and to report. The committee to sit daily in the Exchequer Chamber. [1 *page.*]

May 17. Freshford. John Ashe to his kinsman, Denis Bond, M.P. I see what the Committee for Compounding are doing against our proved friends, promoting those that will destroy the work of sequestration. I am surprised that they discharge commissioners without examination, and not knowing Mr. Pyne's design; and I condemn Hill and Long for allowing their friends to be disgraced. They have put out [John] Buckland and [Rich.] Jones for not acting. Pyne threatened to sequester them if they acted, and now accuses them of neglect for not acting. They have also put out Mason, on pretence of an old charge against him, never prosecuted; whereas Pyne offered to Mason to be friends with him if he would cease acting, but Mason refusing, Pyne resolved to prosecute him. He says the new Act was contrived by Mr. Ashe to destroy the County Committee of Somerset. He wishes to disgrace faithful men, that the foul proceedings of the county committee may never be discovered, and the moneys never brought in. He has got his mere vassals put in. Recorder Ceely is a shuffling, beggarly lawyer, and a known delinquent. Consult Moyer, Russell, Hill, and Long about it.

We hear of new commissions to raise soldiers for Ireland. The captains and conductors abuse the State and the country. As an instance, Capt. Weston, an

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unworthy fellow, quartered his rogues on the country, devouring it, and brought 120 men at every muster, but when they came to be shipped, there were only 50. I wish such mischiefs could be prevented. [*G* 118, *pp.* 893, 894.]

May 17. Information by Joseph Collett, that Edw. Rogers, agent to the committee of sequestration in co. Gloucester, received 5*l.* as a bribe from John Hanbury of Gloucester, for forbearing to prosecute Edward Capel, a merchant in Bristol, for delinquency. That when Thos. Warkman of Laverton, in the same county, bid 300*l.* for the manors of Buckland, Laverton, and Kempsford, Mr. Cowles and others, by Rogers' procurement, had them for 150*l.* That Wm. Arkill of Slaughter paid him 20*l.* as a bribe for Thos. Phillips to be tenant of Pooden. That John Shingleton of Gloucester reported to Wm Arkill that he paid Rogers 15*l.* as a bribe. That he received 10*l.* from the inhabitants of Chapel Honeybourne for an estate of lands and tithes. That when the Committee for Compounding issued order for seizing and securing the real and personal estate of Sir Henry Fred. Thynn, Rogers gave him notice thereof, so that most of his goods and cattle were conveyed away. That Cowles confessed that he gave Rogers a bribe of nearly 10*l.* [*G* 114, *p.* 687.]

May 17. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Capt. Thos. Roberts, Wm. Arkill, and Mr. Cowles appear before them on the 21st, in the above case. [*G* 8, *p.* 56; 10, *p.* 28.]

May 17. Petition of Sir Ralph Maddison to the Committee for Compounding. He and] others became sureties for Robt. Long, receiver of the forfeitures of Papists' estates in co. Bedford, &c., who, 10 May 15 Car., became bound in the Exchequer in 5,000*l.* for his due accounting, and paying in the arrears due on determination of his accounts; he was found in arrear 988*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and becoming a delinquent, had his estates sequestered, and the sureties have been sued in the Exchequer on their recognizances; pleads discharge on the ground that Robt. Long was seized of Galtres Forest, worth 500*l.* a year, and that these lands are sufficient to satisfy his debt, he being chargeable with the recognizance long before the sequestration or any cause thereof. Begs that the said arrear of 988*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* may be allowed out of the sequestered estate, and petitioner's lands discharged. Was witness to the indenture when Long bought the forest, being 3,300 acres of green ground, within 5 miles of York, which cannot be worth less than a noble an acre. [*G* 106, *p.* 323.]

May 17. Note that this petition was read and rejected. [*G* 8, *p.* 54.]

May 17. York. **56.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. There are divers courts held in Holderness, in the East Riding, lately belonging to Lord Dunbar and now under sequestration, of which courts Baron Thorpe was formerly high steward. Since he gave them over, the courts have been kept by Wm. Wise, now recorder of Beverley, a gentleman well able to discharge the place; we recommend him to your consideration.

With note that Fras. Scales of Preston in Holderness was under steward to the baron, and query as to what profits the courts have afforded the last 4 years. [1½ *pages.*]

May 17. Chepstow. **57.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. We have seized and secured the estates of Sir Edw. Morgan of Pencoyd, and 4 others, but cannot find Rees Lloyd. The late commissioners state that having given in their accounts to the former committee, they thought that would have sufficed, but will make a more perfect return. We enclose a certificate that we have taken the oath. [¾ *page.*]

May 17. Dorchester. **58.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours of 26 April, with an Act to empower you to compound with delinquents, and another empowering us to examine upon oath, and give acquittance for money received; also an order prohibiting the payment of any money save to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, with some additional instructions concerning the payment of such sums as shall be discovered, the discovery of Popish recusants, and an order to administer the oath of abjuration to all persons suspected of recusancy.

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Our agent, Edm. Keynell, delivered your letter to the former committee, who have prepared a list of the sequestrations as required, which will be speedily perfected and returned to you. We enclose the account of Wm. Raymond, whom we employed as sequestrator. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

58. 1. *Return by Wm. Raymond of five persons who have not paid the remaining part of their fine; also of four others who have paid no part of it, with particulars of their estates.* [1 *page.*]

May 17. Durham. **59.** Late County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We received an Act of Parliament of 25 Jan. last, whereby we were prohibited to act any further about sequestrations, and were commanded to make and return duplicates of all sequestrations. In obedience thereto we have had divers meetings, and found it a work of much difficulty and impossibility, as divers delinquents were sequestered by Sir William Armyne and the commissioners of Parliament before we sat as a committee; and in 1644 and 1645 we divided, and some of us went through one part of the county, and the others through another part, and sequestered such as came to our knowledge. We also had two clerks to keep our books, viz., John Midleton of Darlington, for two wards, and Chris. Mickleton of Durham, for the other two; but by reason of the many distractions which this county lay under, having then many great armies, and by reason of our not sufficient acquaintance with the ordinances of sequestration, we could not proceed in such methodical course as would enable us now to give the account required. Besides Chris. Mickleton, having gone to London, has delivered up his books to your commissioners. Moreover John Brackenbury, who then acted much about sequestrations, and was made treasurer of part of the county by Sir Wm. Armyne, will not join us, although several times desired.

This notwithstanding, one of our clerks has drawn duplicates of the present sequestrations, as they were let in March 1648 for 1649, a copy of which is enclosed, and we have given your commissioners another, as also duplicates of such as have been discharged by us. Your present commissioners will be better able to inform you of the benefit made upon the present and former sequestrations, and of the arrears, they having power to take our accounts from our subsequestrators, treasurers, and other officers upon oath.

By the Act of 2 March 1649, the sequestrations of all delinquents, and the fines and compositions within those four northern counties were, in regard of their great sufferings, given to such counties respectively, from 28 Nov. 1648, for the disbanding of their respective forces, and for discharging other engagements. We have engaged to pay our clerks, treasurers, and other agents for their services, and therefore crave the benefit of the said Act, whereby we may be enabled to discharge the same. We will give a just account and return the overplus; if any moneys can be justly charged on any of us, we shall be ready to give satisfaction; seeing we have been and are still willing—to the great loss and damage of our estates, and the hazarding of our own and our wives and children's lives,—to serve the Parliament, we entreat that you will candidly accept our service, and grant us such a discharge that we may be no further called in question or troubled. [1⅔ *pages.*]

May 18. **60.** James Pearse to the Committee for Compounding. In my last I desired to be dismissed from being a commissioner, yet as no other has come down, and as several of this county have desired me to recommend their conditions to you, I could no less than do it. The case of the inclosed petition I have formerly hinted to you; Mr. Carter, whom you sent hither as an agent, can inform you about the other paper, being articles against a delinquent who has not yet been sequestered. I do not know the man, but Capt. Wotton of Dartmouth, who brought the paper, pretends he can prove many things against him. I enclose a letter for Mr. Carter, not knowing his address. [1 *page.*]

May 18. Derby. **61.** Gervase Bennett and Rob. Mellor to the Committee for Compounding. In obedience to your commands, we have seized and secured 6 estates named, and we have also taken the oath prescribed by the Act, and enclose a certificate thereof as required. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

61. 1. *Certificate by Thos. Sanders that Robert Mellor and Gervase Bennett have taken the oath for the faithful discharge of their trust as county commissioners for Derby.* 10 *May* 1650. [¼ *page.*]

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May 18. **62.** County Committee for Middlesex and Westminster, to the Committee for Compounding. Notes on cases.

We cannot find any such person as Thos. Howdin of Clement Danes, nor any of his estate.

As to Wallingford House, the Earl of Rutland, tenant in possession, sent his gentleman with a letter to us to be tenant to the State for it, on which we made him an order for it.

We beg your directions on all the premises. [2 *pages.*]

May 18. Chelmsford. **63.** Committee for Sequestrations, co. Essex, to the Committee for Compounding. We cannot gather the rents of sequestered estates, not having received an answer to our late queries; we want authority to levy for rent in case of refusal, and aid in case of resistance; provision for both is made by Parliament, but we are barred from the benefit by the shortness of our instructions. Thus your Treasury has not, since our entrance upon this employment, been benefited by us; we have received some small sums, yet nothing proportionable to what is due for the last Ladyday rents; besides we cannot give any good account of our service, without some other assistants added to our agent. We will send a list of the arrears we discover, and desire a transcript of those returned to the Committee of Accounts, with authority to compel payment. We have stayed the rents of those who have not perfected their compositions with you. [1 *page.*]

May 18. Haverford-west. **64.** Sampson Lort, sheriff of co. Pembroke, to the Committee for Compounding. I have caused the vote [in Parliament] of 7 May, touching delinquents who have not paid their second moiety, to be published in all the market towns of the county. [½ *page.*]

May 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on appearance of [Gabriel] Barber, commissioner of Norfolk, for an answer to certain queries, that the additional instructions be sent down.

Hen. King of Norwich appointed steward for co. Norfolk and Norwich, and recommended as treasurer.

Wm. Hanby of Ipswich, commissioner for Suffolk, who appeared for an answer to queries, appointed steward for Suffolk.

Note of appearance of John Baker, commissioner for co. Leicester.

Edw. Moseley appointed steward for co. Lancaster.

John Wilsby the same for co. Lincoln. [*G* 8, *pp.* 56, 57.]

May 20. Committee for Compounding to the county commissioners. Having received letters from you desiring satisfaction in some doubtful particulars, and further directions, conceiving the occasions would be alike in all places, we have digested the queries into these general instructions, which we send. [*G* 8, *p.* 57.]

May 20. **65, 66.** Further instructions to sequestration commissioners. Repetition of those of February 5th. Adding,

1. You are to receive arrears of rents, in whose hands soever they may be, if unaccounted for, and return them to Goldsmiths' Hall, and certify refusals to pay.
2. To discover all Popish recusants, and administer the oath of abjuration to all suspects; and on their refusal, to seize and secure two thirds of their estates, certifying us of the same, and to appraise and sell them for the use of the Commonwealth.
3. Not to pay augmentations granted to ministers out of sequestered estates, till further order.
4. Cities distinct from the county are included in the commission for the county, unless a particular commission was formerly granted by the late committee for compounding.
5. To allow no extent, mortgage, or judgment, but to levy the profits notwithstanding.

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6. To employ a clerk at 2*s*. 6*d*. a day.
7. To employ an agent, if one is not already appointed by the late or present Committee for Compounding, who will receive a commission to act, and to pay him 4*s*. a day.
8. To let sequestered estates for a clear rent, making very moderate allowances for taxes, quit rents, repairs, &c., and to certify the full value and the amount of allowances.
9. To call to your aid the trained bands, volunteers, or other forces within your district, or any other persons dwelling near, to compel obedience in cases of resistance. They are enjoined to assist you when required.
10. To demand from the late committee all informations against delinquents who have not compounded.
11. In case of suspension of sequestration by order of the Committee for Sequestrations or Barons of Exchequer, to seize and sequester all who have not been acquitted on appeal, or discharged on their composition, certifying the same.
12. On the depositions of two witnesses, you may, if you find sufficient proof of delinquency, seize and secure the delinquent's estate and certify the proofs to us. Should any refuse your summons to answer the charge, certify his name to us.
13. Certify us what profits may be made by grants of copyholds for lives in any manor.
14. To employ in urgent cases any persons you think fit, for seizure or sale, for whom we will endeavour to obtain allowance from Parliament.
15. If tenants of any sequestered estate refuse to pay their rents or arrears, levy the same by distress, and certify their names.
16. To proceed in all grants made or renewed by recusants or delinquents, since their recusancy or delinquency, as if they were void.
17. To see that delinquents enjoy no more of their estates than they have compounded for, their particulars being in the hands of the former county commissioners.
18. To certify us of those who willingly conceal the goods of any delinquents, and the proofs.
19. To notice that all grants of estates made by the late trustees for Ireland, since 25 Oct. 1649, and all grants made by any county committee for more than a year, and all made to or for any delinquent, are void.
20. To sequester estates acquired by marriage or otherwise, by delinquents who were not at the time of their delinquency seized of any considerable estate.
21. To certify to us the names, estates, and delinquencies of those delinquents who compounded with the former county committee without special order of Parliament. [4 *pages, printed; also G* 8, *pp.* 57–60.]

May 20. **67.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. Since the receipt of the duplicate of your returns from the former county committee, we have travelled through the whole county. On our own view and best enquiry, we find the lands under sequestration generally let at as full a rent as can be obtained where they are let but from year to year. If we may let them for a longer time, they may be improved to greater rents, and more sufficient tenants procured. The time in most of the lands expires next Michaelmas, and we have no power to let them for a year more. Most of the estates are of recusants. We cannot say what copyhold estates are to be granted at any courts, or what the profits will be, until we receive your order for keeping courts. For gathering in of the arrears, we should have the same power as the former county committee, viz., to distrain for them, and all officers should be required to be helping to us. If we should only return the [names of?] refusers to pay, as most of them have only their estates in stocks, they would make away with them. Ask directions in cases.

We intreat some reasonable allowance for our clerk, whose pains in this service well deserves it. [1 *sheet.*]

May 21. Order in the Committee for Compounding, revoking the former order for suspending the rents in the tenants' hands, the moneys to be paid into the Treasury.

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Appointment of Stephen Humphrey as steward for the West Division of Sussex.

Note that Mr. Blackborne, treasurer to the Committee for co. Somerset, brought in his accounts, and had a month given to bring in a more perfect account.

Order of the said committee, that the vote of Parliament, of 23 May 1649, for drawing up all fines not yet passed either House, is a ground to this committee to give discharges to such persons as have compounded for any recusant's estate.

Mr. St. Nicholas named as counsel for the Commonwealth. [*G* 8, *pp.* 62, 63, 65.]

May 21. Committee for Compounding to the Sequestration Commissioners of co. Notts. In your several letters to us and the late committee, you ask allowance for charges in preserving the woods of Lord Byron and the Earl of Newcastle. We cannot grant it, but doubt not to obtain it; meanwhile take all care in their preservation, and certify us whether there be timber that can be felled without prejudice this season, its quantity, and value. The instructions will answer your other queries. [*G* 8, *p.* 65.]

May 21. **68.** Note by Fras. Bland and Mich. Brett, County Commissioners for Notts, of their proceedings since 1 Feb. last.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Moneys payable by the late county committee's papers last Ladyday	834	0	0
Discoveries of Papists' estates by us - - - -	1293	14	1
Estates demised by us, at rent of - - - -	5130	8	9

Note of proceedings in the case of 5 persons who have paid in part of their fines, and 13 who have paid ½ their fines.

The sum paid in to Goldsmiths' Hall is 1,822*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.*

List of 13 queries, many given before, on points connected with sequestration business. [2½ *pages.*]

May 21. **69.** Queries and requests by the County Committee for Cumberland, to be propounded to the Committee for Compounding by Mr. Musgrave.

1. That the goods in possession of delinquents who have compounded may be sequestered, and the delinquents prove whether they had those goods since the sequestration of their personal estate, which will bring forth concealments to a great value.

2. How far extents and executions shall be allowed by us, which we are much troubled with by sheriffs and bailiffs. [No extents to be allowed.]

3. Whether Papists in arms shall be allowed any 5ths? [Not by you.]

4. Whether we shall call for all evidences of those estates now under sequestration, the late committee having none in their hands?

5. That power may be given, on proof of delinquency, to sequester, or it will be prejudicial to the State. [You have power, upon full proof on oath, to seize, secure, and certify.]

6. That we may be encouraged by acting according to instructions, and that the enemy may not find more favour above than below [*i.e.* in London than here], as they give out they have.

7. Whether a delinquent who has compounded the last year shall have any more out of his estate than so much as he has given in by his particulars, "the late committee not farming, but ordering to receive thereof upon account?" [The delinquent is to have no further benefit than according to the value in his particular].

8. What are we to do with those that have paid their first and not their latter moiety? also with those who have only entered their compositions, and not paid anything?

9. Mr Musgrave to give us a weekly account by post what answers he receives to these queries.

10. That we may have power to set forth so much of the estates of delinquents who have compounded at undervalues as they compounded for, or else upon refusal, the value in money.

11. To know what agents will be allowed, and what allowance for them and the clerk will be granted? [2*s.* 6*d.* a day for the clerk, and 4*s.* for the agent.]

12. To know how the present tenants may have their goods secured for the great arrears of Crown rents, for which Mr. Pollard's man drives goods (cattle)? [What is justly due must be paid.]

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13. That we may administer oaths, and command assistance from the soldiers, as without this we cannot carry on the work.

14. To consider of a fit person to be steward.

With marginal notes of replies in brackets. [1½ *pages. Nos.* 1, 4, 6, 8–10 *are struck out.*]

May 21. **70.** Wm. Briscoe and John Barwis, late County Commissioners for Cumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. As we were not privy to the late return of sequestrations made by some of our associates, we could not sign them nor do we know the particulars, but we are well assured that for the most part we concurred and joined with them. The sequestrations herewith sent only import such estates as lie in Cumberland Ward, which contains Carlisle garrison and other places within 6 or 7 miles, where the Leaguer continued from Sept. 1644—the time of the reducement of the residue of this county,—until the latter end of June 1645. During that time we laboured to execute the ordinance for sequestrations, but found the profit not considerable, as in regard of the extreme pressure under which these parts then languished, we had let some lands for no other consideration than to undergo the charges and assessments incident thereto.

Afterwards the Scotch garrison possessed Carlisle until 20 Jan. 1647, during most of which time part of several Scotch regiments of horse quartered in this county were an unexpressable burden, especially to this part, whereupon divers lands became destitute of tillage and occupation, divers delinquents' houses and estates were seized by the soldiers, and there was so great an averseness in the inhabitants to be employed about sequestrations, or to take the farms, that we had very little encouragement to proceed.

After the removal of the Scots, most of the delinquents of the division had either completed their compositions, or were prosecuting them. The dates thereof and of several grants of rent-charges presented to us are not here punctually expressed, but our time was taken up in regulating assessments, and quarters, and composing differences between the soliders and the county; also in a multiplicity of other employments, as justices of the peace and deputy-lieutenants, which, with other distractions, have unavoidably occasioned omissions in our returns of the sequestrations.

How the money received has been employed ought to appear on the receivers' accounts, which never having been presented to us, we cannot represent to you. However our duty to the public obliges us to intimate that we conceive that in some who have been invested with power in this county, self-respects have been too predominant. [1¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

71. I. *Note of estates farmed and let in* 1649, *viz.:—the demesne grounds called Corby, belonging to Sir Fras. Howard, farmed by Charles Howard, from* 2 *Feb.* 1649 *for a year at* 34*l.*, *from which was paid to Lady Howard for her* ⅕, 6*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*; *to John Raven and John Head, for executing the office of sequestrators,* 4*l.*; *for sesses and reparations* 24*l.* 9*s.* 0*d.*, *so that the disbursements exceeded the rent by* 7*s.* (*sic*).

Several tithes belonging to Sir Fras. Howard were farmed by Col. Fitch, governor of Carlisle, and Charles Howard, at 134*l.* *from* 1 *Aug.* 1649, *from which rent was paid to Anth. Sanderson, by order from the committee,* 31*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*; *to Mrs. Aglionby,* 5*l.*; *to Lady Howard for her* ⅕, 13*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*; *to the ministers of Wetheral and Warwick,* 12*l.*; *to Mr. Baldwin, clerk,* 4*l.*; *in assessments,* 13*s.*; *all which make up half the rent, and the other half is not due until Lammas* 1650.

The tithes of Langanby, belonging to Sir Timothy Fetherstonhaugh, farmed by Thos. Sewell and two others for a year from 20 *April* 1648, *at* 40*l.*, *from which, besides the* ⅕, *was paid as follows:—to Mr. Greene, clerk,* 2*l.*; *to the parishioners of Langanby for repairing the church and tithe barn,* 5*l.*; *for assessments,* 5*l.*; *and to the committee,* 28*l.*

The tithes of Penrith, belonging to Sir Fras. Howard, farmed by the above persons for a year at rent of 145*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, *which was paid as follows:—to Lady Howard for her* 5*th part,* 29*l.*; *to Mr. Baldwin and* [*John*] *Hastie, clerks, in part of their augmentations,* 52*l.*; *for assessments,* 10*l.*; *and to the committee,* 52*l.*

The tithes of Newton, belonging to Wm. Carleton, farmed at the same time at rent of 47*l.*, *which was paid as follows:—to* [*Jas.*] *Pearson, clerk, for his augmentation,* 40*l.*; *by a decree in Chancery,* 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, *and for assessments,* 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

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John Aglionby's estate, farmed by Thos. Sewell and Edw. Pearson for 31*l.*, *they clearing all assessments, free quarter, &c., but Aglionby compounding, he had the rent paid to him by order of the commissioners.*

So also had George Denton, whose estate was farmed by the above persons for 41*l.*

Also George Graham, whose estate was farmed by Edw. Pearson at 20*l.*

Also Henry Baines, whose estate was farmed by Pearson at 7*l.*

George Barwick's estate, farmed by Sewell at 8*l.*, *remains in his hands.*

Capt. Dowley's estate, farmed by Edw. Pearson at rent of 8*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, *which was paid to Mrs. Chambers of Holme, on account of her annuity, by order.*

Part of Mr. Wyvell's estate, viz., one tithe, farmed by Capt. Studholme, at rent of 20*l.*, *which was paid to Mr. Holesworth, minister of Carlisle, by order of the committee, and the other part lying near Carlisle could not be farmed.*

Thos. Lowrie and Mr. Wilson's estates, lying also near Carlisle, could not be farmed.

Sir Thos. Dacre's estate was farmed by Thos. Sewell and Edw. Pearson at rent of 32*l.*, *they clearing all assessments, &c., and the 5th part, and* 55*l. to Mr. Pollard, receiver of the rents lately belonging to the Crown; from which rent was paid as follows:—to Simon Atkinson, clerk, for his augmentation,* 16*l.*; *to the committee,* 16*l.* *Carlisle,* 21 *May* 1650. [2½ *pages.*]

May 22. Northampton. **72.** County Committee for Northampton to the Committee for Compounding. We have seized the estates of Sir Christopher Hatton and 6 others, also the lands in Mr. Willoughby's lease from the Earl of Northampton, and will furnish particulars of each as soon as obtained. As to the rest of the Earl of Northampton's estate here, we hear from the late committee that they let it to Mr. Bradley of Grendon, and Mr. Becket, for one year from 25 March 1646, at 500*l.*, whereof only 200*l.* was paid, the remainder having since been detained by order and certificate from Goldsmiths' Hall. We return all rents received, as well as those from Lord Brudenell's estate; we certify the latter, by the desire of Lady Blaney. [1 *page.*]

May 22. Cambridge. **73.** William Pickering to Mr. Leech, chief clerk to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. We made a return to you very lately of what we had done, and what we wanted to carry on the work, and we had audience from your committee, and our desires answered as much as could be looked for, which makes us go on very cheerfully; but our business calling us away before we could get our instructions, we left our agent French to get them for us. Against one of our desires, keeping of courts, you entered, by order of the committee, John Jenkinson's name to be appointed steward, an honest man and one that understands the law, and will do it to the State's benefit. Now it appears that our agent French has got an order for himself to be steward; he is no ways fit for it, if he were honest; but if he mends not, we must complain in our next return, and desire another agent. Now French has come down and is ashamed of his doings; he tells Mr. Lowrie that it would not be granted to Jenkinson, who is his son-in-law. "Therefore," said he, "I got it for myself, that your son might have it, or else Pettitt (who is our clerk) had got it." Now this is not true. Pray be a means to the honest committee (which is an honourable title indeed), that Jenkinson may have an order in his own name to be the steward of our courts. [1 *page.*]

May 22. **74.** Thomas French to John Leech, secretary to the Committee for Compounding. Since my coming down, I understand that Mr. Jenkinson expected the steward's place, and was nominated by our commissioners for it, and therefore I am desirous he should have it. Mr. Lowrie, my friend, and to whom I am much obliged, desires it, this gentleman being his son. I therefore send my commission back, that it may be altered to his name if thought fit. [¾ *page.*]

May 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the treasurers pay no money without special order, unless for the army or navy.

That Arthur Barnardiston be steward to keep courts on all sequestered estates in Essex.

Rich. Sherwin appointed auditor to the Committee for Compounding.

Order on request by the surveyors of the highways of Hornsey, that they may dig and carry away 500 or 600 loads of gravel from Sir George Benyon's estate, for repair of the highways. [*G* 8, *pp.* 69, 72.]

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May 23. Committee for Compounding to the Sequestration Commissioners of co. Notts. You have seized several estates for non-payment of the latter ½ of the fines; detain as much money as the fines come to, with interest at 8 per cent., since due, and restore the overplus with the bonds. Pay in all your other money to Goldsmiths' Hall treasury. With note of the dates from which the interest on 9 estates named is to be reckoned. [*G* 8, *p.* 70.]

May 23. Committee for Compounding to Alderman Allen. The bearer is one of the Sequestration Commissioners for co. Leicester. They have 1,500*l.* to pay in at Goldsmiths' Hall. It would be of great use to them if you could order payment there to any persons for the use of the army. [*G* 8, *p.* 72.]

May 23. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Gloucester. We have taken depositions upon an information against your agent, [Edw.] Rogers, but there are witnesses to be examined in the country. Call before you those which shall be named; take their depositions on oath, and send them to us speedily. [*G* 8, *p.* 71; 10, *p.* 29.]

May 23. Durham. **75.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. According to your several orders, we have proceeded to sequester the estates of delinquents who had not paid in their compositions, and doubt not but they will swiftly apply themselves to give you satisfaction. We are in great difficulties about the duplicate to be given by the old committee, which has not come in entire, but in multitudes of broken reckonings and accounts, they having employed many treasurers and agents, and factors for sequestration, and this in a county that has long lain under the oppressing armies of the Scots and the Earl of Newcastle.

We find such confusion in all their accounts,—by reason of billet and free quarter, broken inventories, and cheapness of all manner of goods, both quick and dead,—as very much intricates our affairs here. Were the most exact auditors set on to methodize, yet much spare time and recess from other employment would have to be spent, and yet leave room for evil consciences to abuse the State without remedy. For the main of your profits by sequestrations, we doubt not to give a good account of the increase, beyond what has been heretofore made, and also good discoveries to the State's benefit, and shall be as careful as we can to enquire after arrears and gather them in. We enclose a part of your charge; we have chosen Col. Fras. Wren as treasurer. [1 *page.*]

May 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on motion for Hen. Samways, that the Committee of co. Somerset certify why they disturb him in possession of Godmanston Farm, which he purchased; and that meantime he be not prejudiced by the bond he has entered into, unless the delay in hearing be on his part.

Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the petition of Fras. Woolley, silkman of London, be rejected.

Order on appearance of Thos. Hancock, late collector for Broxton and Nantwich hundreds, co. Chester,—bringing in his account and that of the late Ralph Judson—that he pay in his money to the Goldsmiths' Hall treasury, and Auditor Sherwin state it.

Baron Tomlins named steward for Middlesex.

Order that Rich. Hanbury appear next Tuesday, as witness to a charge against Edw. Rogers, late sequestrator to the County Committee of Gloucester. [*G* 8, *pp.* 75, 76; 10, *p.* 30.]

May 24. Kendal. **76.** Committee for Sequestrations, co. Westmoreland, to the Committee for Compounding. We returned to the late Committee for Compounding a list of the chief estates here under sequestration, with the highest rates that were offered for them, but have not received any answer, which is very prejudicial, we not having any power to let. We now enclose a list of other estates taken since the former.

We have given order for the keeping of courts on estates under sequestration, the neglect of which may be very prejudicial. We will observe our instructions by admitting tenants of copyhold estates according to custom, until further order. We have perused several particulars upon which delinquents here have compounded, and find great undervalues, and several concealments, against which we shall proceed according to our instructions.

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With note of reply, 6 June, that they have power to let for 1 year, and are to send [word of] the improved rentals if the estates were let for 7 years. [1¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

76. 1. *List of old customary rents in nature of a copyhold under sequestration in manors named, belonging to Sir Philip Musgrave and 8 others, which are fineable according to their several customs.* [1 *page.*]

May 24. Caldbeck. **77.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. We sent your letter to the late committee, who promised that their accounts should very shortly be despatched to you. A duplicate has been sent to us, which is so confused and imperfect, that no help is afforded us in answering your instructions. For the present, those estates uncompounded for we have farmed at the highest rate that can be given, and taken security for payment of the rents at Martinmas and Candlemas.

Touching sums of money unaccounted for by the late committee, we summoned the persons concerned to bring in their money to-day; some appeared, but had no money; others promised it within a month; and others not appearing, we have ordered a new summons for them to bring in their money the end of the month. It will require abundance of pains to effect the account required by our instructions; but we will prosecute every particular, and will certify.

For those gentlemen who have compounded and not paid their fines, we have sequestered and secured their personal estates, and knowing no loss can accrue by deferring a little space the farming of their real estates, we have appointed 14 June for letting them and selling their personal estates, if in the interim they do not procure discharges from you, so that we believe most of their fines will be paid in before that time.

We want answer to the following queries:—

1. Are 5ths to be allowed to those delinquents who have continued out of the country, acting for a new war since the last?
2. Are Papists in arms to have 5ths?
3. Are 5ths and 3rds to be set forth in land or money?
4. May delinquents be treated with for their estates, giving as much and more, and as good security as any other? [1 *page.*]

May 24. Bedford. **78.** County Committee for Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. We have appointed all moneys received to be paid in by the bearer, John Rush, and an account thereof to be delivered; but as there are but three of us appointed for co. Bedford, and we live at very inconvenient distances, and have much public business besides, we cannot undertake to be treasurers of the money, and therefore have appointed the bearer treasurer, surveyor, and solicitor; if you approve him, he will inform you of much we otherwise should have told you by letter. [1 *page.*]

May 24. Ruthin. **79.** County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We will vigorously prosecute the sequestrations in these parts, but you have not directed how our agents and clerk, who without a constant maintenance cannot subsist, shall be satisfied. Pray let our clerk, Benjamin Redenhurst, have 100*l.* a year out of the sequestrations, and he will not only continue to discharge the place of clerk, but also be solicitor for cos. Denbigh, Flint, and Merioneth. [1 *page.*]

May 25. Liskeard. **80.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 18th April, we have already seized the goods and set the lands of divers of the persons named in the lists you sent, and issued warrants for executing your commands upon the rest, as soon as this is effected wes hall make speedy sale of the goods, set the lands, and give you particulars. We have set [Nich.] Borlase's estate at 150*l.* a year, reserving all his rents, the whole being formerly set for 22*l.* Sir Richard Prideaux's estate is mostly in Devon, and we have lately received further helps from the old committee, but we cannot bring the lands to the yearly value we desire, because our orders from you are to set but for one year, and most of our county being for tillage, cannot be husbanded in so short a term. Our employments in observing your commands are so many, and the justices of peace so scarce, that we cannot now send the certificate of our taking the oath, but will as speedily as we may. [1 *page.*]

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May 25. Hereford. **81.** County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We delivered your order to the late committee here for duplicates of their proceedings, but they have not yet been able to furnish them, as there have been so many treasurers and committees. We have, on your orders, sequestered the estates of James Barrall, and seven others, and taken security.

Many brought orders to the late committee for suspending their sequestrations, but not full discharges; we desire instructions therein. As for rents in arrear, we cannot possibly find out the truth until we receive the duplicates, when you will not find us so backward as you think we are. We have improved the rents of estates already granted, and will send you an account; most of the money received has been paid in. We require all necessary Acts and ordinances for furthering this service. With note in reply, 5 June 1650, that if the suspensions are by order of the Sequestration Committee or Barons of the Exchequer, they are void; but if from the Committee for Compounding, the parties are not to be proceeded against until further order. [1 *page.*]

May 25. Knutsford. **82.** Henry Cockson, County Commissioner for Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. I acquainted you of the charges and seizures against the lands of [Thos.] Starkey, of Stretton, co. Chester, also the manor of Bidston, lands of the Earl of Derby. The enclosed from Mr. Hyde, under-sheriff of Cheshire, will show how we are prevented from raising profits from these estates. Pray let these seizures be suspended, or else the tenants' goods will be seized, and we forced to redeem them. With note of an order given to sheriffs to forbear, and to the commissioners to keep the lands under sequestration. [⅔ *page.*]

82. I. *Robert Hyde to the Committee for Sequestration for Cheshire. I expected to hear from you about prosecuting the discharges of the seizures against the lands of Mr. Starkey of Stretton, and Bidston Manor in Wirrall, as also to receive the* 15*l. I have now in charge against the same, which you promised should have been paid me before my coming up to London. I remind you of these particulars, because the money already levied by me from the demesne of Stretton must be paid this term into court, if not prevented; and if once paid, there will be no regaining it, and the original debt not one whit the nearer satisfied. If you impart to me both particulars, you shall find me ready to follow your directions.* 21 *May* 1650. [⅔ *page.*]

May 26. Southampton. **83.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Your letter being directed to the County Committee for Hants, without naming persons, had been opened by several before it reached us. We attended some of the gentlemen of the committee of this county, delivered the letter enclosed, and [Rich.] Cobb will attend you in a week. We have also seized the estates of those who have omitted to pay their fines or perfect their compositions, according to your order. Note of a case.

We are now on receipt of the Ladyday rents, and hope in a fortnight to pay in the greater part; but it was some time before we could set about the work, the returns of the former sequestrators being so uncertain, and what is under sequestration cannot be ascertained until we have perfected this half year's receipts, when we will certify whatever we can discover. We have taken the oath enjoined by the Act of 15 April. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

83. I. *Certificate by Edw. Hooker and John Champion, County Commissioners for Hants, that they have appointed Thos. Muspratt, their fellow commissioner, treasurer and receiver of all moneys, rents, &c., of sequestered estates there.* 12 *April* 1650. [½ *page.*]

May 26. Worcester. **84.** County Committee for Worcester to the Committee for Compounding. We have received the Acts of Parliament and your letters. We have certified Sir Henry Herbert's real estate to be of the yearly value of 327*l.* The Earl of Northampton has no estate here. We have received 629*l.* for rents and arrears, due 25 March last, returned 500*l.*, and at Midsummer hope to return the same sum, except we are authorised to pay some augmentations earnestly demanded of us, and formerly paid out of the rents. We have ordered our solicitor to seize and sequester the estates commanded, and some are already

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secured. We enclose the answer of such of the late committee as received your letter from our officer, with the certificate of Gervase Buck, justice of the peace, of our taking the oath before him. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

84. I. *Particulars by Edw. Asgill, sequestrator, and Wm. Pardoe, of the estates of Nath. Tompkins, not inserted in his order of discharge; also of Anth. Bushell of Cleeve Prior, the Earl of Shrewsbury, and Rob. Steiner. Worcester, 6 May* 1650. [3¼ *pages.*]

84. II. *Particulars to be moved before the Committee for Compounding by Edw. Asgill, agent to the County Committee for Worcester.*

To grant an order allowing the County Committee to set down on their accounts 12*d. in the* 1*l. to be paid to those who first discover moneys or estates, which is but to make good an ordinance of* 19 *Aug.* 1643, *and not to be paid until the profits come in. Without this, the discoverers will depose nothing, until they know how to be paid, and will not have the ill-will of their neighbours without some profit.* [*They shall receive instructions meantime to allow* 12*d.*]

To resolve whether the estates of those are to be freed that have not compounded at Goldsmiths' Hall, but only paid some small sum by order from the House of Lords. [*You are in such cases to seize and secure.*]

What is to be done with those who refuse to obey the commands of the commissioners, there being no power to compel them? [1 *page.*]

May 26. **85.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding, Westminster. To the same effect as that of the 25th May. Pardon our mistakes in that of the 25th inst., it being hastily done. With note for a letter to be written to the County Committee for Devon relative to Sir Rich. Prideaux. [¾ *page.*]

May 27. **86.** Ald. Saml. Avery to the Committee for Compounding. There is no truth in the information you have received that I have 3,600*l.* belonging to the late Dean and Chapter of Lichfield, and 600*l.* of Sir [Wm.] Boswell, deceased. I have not a penny in my hands belonging to either. [½ *page.*]

May 27. Kingston. **87.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. According to the list sent to us by you, we have sequestered the estates of the persons concerned. Particulars of the cases.

With note of reply that they are to send up an account of the money they have received, and attend the Committee for Compounding on Tuesday week; also that Daniel Gotherson has been added to their committee. [2 *pages.*]

May 27. Kingston. **88.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of your directions, we have made choice of Benjamin Goodwin, a fellow commissioner, to act as our treasurer. [½ *page.*]

May 27. Kingston. **89.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. For the more effectual prosecution of business, we have chosen Wm. Dyer to be our clerk, and Hen. Saunders our agent, being confident they will use their utmost endeavours. Pray confirm such an allowance on them, from the time they first acted, as you give in other counties. [1 *page.*]

May 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the treasurers are to receive interest for the second half of fines, from 6 weeks after passing of the report.

Note that the under-sheriffs of the several counties appeared, and had directions concerning extents on delinquents' estates.

Order that the sheriffs do not, on any pretence, disturb the State's tenants for any charge or issue on the estates of Papists or delinquents, by extending, distraining, or stay of rents, without special order of this committee.

90. Order on complaint of Lord Howard, that the Sequestration Commissioners of Middlesex and Westminster appear, to show why they have let Wallingford House on lease, contrary to a former order, the committee being unsatisfied with their return.

Order for a general instruction that one of the county commissioners be present with the steward at the keeping of courts on sequestered estates, and that they use their best endeavours to improve the fines. [*G* 8, *pp.* 77, 78, 81.]

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May 28. Committee for Compounding to Mat. Cliffe, co. Somerset. You engaged for payment by Art. Rodburne of the rent of Newton Park, let to him by the late county committee; he is in arrears 140*l.*, and has committed 100*l.* waste. You are therefore to pay, or to appear and answer. [*G* 8, *p.* 82.]

May 28. Committee for Compounding to Wm. Phelps, Rob. Adams, Thos. Prew, Wm. Collier, sen. and jun., and Wm. Morris. We hear you have peremptorily refused to bring in your accounts and arrears of rent. You are to deliver them forthwith to Capt. Latimer Sampson, the sequestration commissioner of co. Somerset, or appear in 14 days at your peril. [*G* 8, *p.* 82.]

May 28. Salop. **91.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. Note of a case. We have received 1,000*l.* Shall we send it up by the carrier? With note of reply, 11 June, "for the sending up of the money we leave it to your care, you not having hitherto given us that trouble." [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 380.]

May 28. Morpeth. **92.** County Committee for Northumberland to the Committee for Compounding. We have received several letters from you and the former committee, with the Acts of Parliament touching sequestrations, which we will put in execution. As to the late committee, and the former sequestrations, since the beginning of these wars, this county has been so infested with the enemy that oftentimes the rents of sequestered estates could not be collected, and at other times all or most part of them have been allowed for assess and billet to the Parliament forces, which, with many assessments and taxations, have so much devastated this county that it could not have subsisted if Parliament had not granted the benefit of the sequestrations towards defraying those debts, and other public engagements, whereof many are yet unsatisfied. We certify, on behalf of the late committee, that the sequestration money was faithfully disposed of by them for the good of the county, so we hope we may not be charged with the certifying of the accounts.

We have taken the oath before Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, who will tell you the condition of this county.

We enclose the names of a fit treasurer, steward of courts, and clerk of the sequestrations, and desire you will grant them a commission, with proper salary and allowances. What are we to do about allowing fifths, and compensation for repairs? The season of the year causes the tenants to press about the latter, and the low condition of the delinquents the former, for their subsistence. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

92. I. *List of officers proposed, viz.:—Hen. Horsley of Milburne Grange, treasurer, Thomas Milburne of Newcastle, steward, and Edw. Crow of Newcastle, clerk.* [¼ *page.*]

May 28. Committee for Sequestrations, co. Berks, to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 9 May, we certify that on examination of the inhabitants, we find the whole yearly value of Hurley tithes to be 153*l.* [*G* 146, *p.* 397.]

May 29. Curry Mallett. Col. John Pyne to the Committee for Compounding. Col. Edw. Ceely has brought me a letter from you to the late Committee for Sequestrations for Somerset and Bristol, saying that the new committee for sequestrations complain much of our backwardness in making the required returns, and of our opposition. Edw. Curle, their agent, gave me a letter to hat effect, but I told him that the work belonged not to the committee, who could not do it, but to the sequestrators, who were summoned by the new commissioners to say what lands are now in sequestration. As for those discharged, we long since made a return to Goldsmiths' Hall. All our officers are dismissed, and we have not met since our dissolution, but I will give any help in my power, if they come to me.

Do not harbour hard thoughts against the late committee, for they did their best to uphold Parliament and army, when it was held almost a crime to speak in their behalf, and thus we have continued ever since the late King's removal from Holmby. I beg you to peruse the enclosed concerning one of the new committee, against whom much can be proved. [*G* 102, *p.* 385.]

May 29. **93.** Committee for Sequestrations for South Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We delivered your letters to the late committee. Most of the

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delinquents in these six counties, and also many of those that were liable to sequestration, were cleared by the late Act for South Wales, yet some few are excepted. We are put to much trouble by the extent of these counties, especially as the late committee were not punctual in keeping records of estates under sequestration. Say whether by the Act for South Wales recusants are cleared, upon payment of their share of that general fine. Many plead it, but we would neither act contrary to any Act of Parliament, nor let any be freed without deserved punishment.

Say also whether Sir Francis Fane has not been voted a delinquent since his first discharge, and whether any prisoners of war, banished by articles on the surrender of Pembroke, are liable to sequestration, or could be cleared by payment of the general fine.

We sequestered Bryan Crowther, of co. Radnor, and sold his personal estate, which amounted to 20*l.* 10*s.*, and will receive the profits of his real estate, unless he perfects his composition before his rents are due at Michaelmas. We crave allowance for agents, or we cannot improve what is under sequestration, nor discover who are liable thereto, as these six counties are very spacious, and the inhabitants, especially those that are guilty, are so rude and barbarous, that nothing can be had from them but what is wrested by force. We could not get a certificate of our taking the oath, as there is no justice of the peace near. [1 *page.*]

May 29. **94.** County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We send the names of several persons who have been summoned to bring in their arrears of rent, but they refuse either to come or pay. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

94. 1. *List by Rich. Stileman, agent to the Committee for Sequestration in London, of houses belonging to Ald. James Bunce, seized for his delinquency, viz., the Ship in Gratious* [*Gracechurch*] *Street, the White and Red Lion, and other houses, and several warehouses in Bell yard, Fish Street Hill.*

Also a list of persons who have been several times summoned, but who have refused to appear or pay their rent and arrears, viz., all the tenants in the Earl of Arundel's houses, whose arrears amount to 313*l.* 15*s.; also the tenants of Robert Peckham, recusant, and Thos. Wilmer, delinquent,* 40*l.* 29 *May* 1650. [¾ *page.*]

May 30. Order of the Committee for Compounding,—on appearance on summons of the Sequestration Commissioners for Middlesex and Westminster, who own that on 13 May they granted Wallingford House to the Earl of Rutland, and on reading former orders of this committee and the Committee for Advance of Money, and full hearing,—that Lord Howard is the present tenant, on lease from the Committee for Advance of Money; that this committee has no power to confirm the lease granted by the late Committee for Compounding; but that they disapprove the lease by the county committee to the Earl of Rutland. [*G* 8, *pp.* 83, 84.]

May 30. Committee for Compounding to the treasurers-at-war. There is 2,000*l.* in Yorkshire which is to be returned into the Goldsmiths' Hall treasury, and if you can order the payment of it there to any persons for the use of the army, it will be a great ease to that committee. [*G* 8, *p.* 83.]

May 30. John Browne [commissioner for Kent] to the Committee for Compounding. As several orders, papers, &c., belonging to sequestered estates lie in the hands of Lambert Godfrey, late solicitor for sequestrations, and are often wanted by the present county committee, we beg you to order Mr. Godfrey to deliver them to us. [*G* 158, *p.* 162.]

May 31. **95.** Act for better payment of augmentations out of impropriate rectories, vicarages, tithes, &c., sequestered from Papists or delinquents. [1 *sheet, printed.*]

May 31. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the sequestration commissioners in the several counties, on seizing an estate, certify to the parties the grounds of their seizure and proceedings.

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Note of rejection of Mr. Nelson's motion on behalf of Anne, widow of George Kingsley.

Note of a letter to the treasurers-at-war, for payment of 300*l.* at Bristol.

Order on motion of Rich. Price, commissioner of co. Montgomery, that Hum. Jones be suspended from acting as recorder, unless he show cause to the contrary in 6 weeks. [*G* 8, *pp.* 91, 94, 97.]

May ? List, with particulars of 14 persons who have purchased $\frac{2}{3}$ of recusants' estates and paid in their fines, but they are not yet confirmed by Parliament, viz. :—

Corn. Bee.
Thos. Higgins.
Clement Throgmorton.
Rich. Andrews.
Hen. Camock.
John Thompson.
John Sharpe.
Thos. Lee.
Thos. Eure.
John Cropley.
Wm. Fitzwilliam.
Clement Palgrave.
Wm. Dormer.
Walter Merrall.

[*G* 63, *pp.* 721, 795—801.]

May ? List of persons who have paid fines on compositions in co. Dorset, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
John Oldis	68	5	0	Sir Geo. Morton	600	0	0
Edw. Cutler	48	0	0	Mich. Barnes	32	0	0
John Muston	52	0	0	Edw. Frampton	98	17	4
Edw. Hastings	500	0	0	Nich. Smart	382	3	4
Hen. Wrathley	38	0	0	John Williams	19	0	0
Roger Newborough, old rents in Sturminster Newton.				John Stile	30	0	0
				Edm. Hall	245	0	0
				Jeffry Samways	120	0	0
Ant. Salter	38	0	0	Mr. Harrington			
Robt. Lawrence	348	0	0	Hen. Heming	250	0	0
Mr. Stocker	33	6	8				

[*G* 81, *p.* 223.]

May ? List of 17 persons who paid for their $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{20}$ parts, from 30*l.* to 400*l.* each. [*G* 81, *p.* 226.]

May ? Petition of Edw. Curle to the Committee for Compounding. Discovered 1,175*l.* owing to Sir Hen. Berkley, for which he did not compound. Wm. Cradock, who owed 800*l.* of it, was sequestered for non-payment, but Sir Henry pretended to have compounded for it, and threatened to make him pay over again if he paid it to Goldsmiths' Hall. Cradock also is bound for 300*l.* owing to Berkley by —— Lottisham. Begs that the 1,100*l.* may be paid in to the use of the State. [*G* 79, *p.* 95.]

May ? **96.** County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. We cannot learn when the delinquents' and Papists' estates in co. Cambridge were sequestered, as the papers and books with us only give 3 years' transactions; all the others are with the sequestrators who were put out, and they have not, although requested, brought in any duplicate. [The old sequestrators to be required to give in their books and make returns.] As for the rents in arrear, we have found where some money is due, and given notice for payment, but most have not paid. Mr. Disbrow (formerly a sequestrator, but who has not acted for the last two years) last November went to a tenant at Tadlow, and demanded three half years' rent, received 21*l.*, and gave an acquittance in full. This was according to an agreement made by Disbrow and the recusants' agent, without the knowledge of the committee, contrary to the lease made before the sequestration. We demanding the rent of the tenant, he told us he had paid it to Disbrow, and produced his receipt, but as there was no date upon it, we would not allow it until we knew your opinion, seeing that Disbrow was not appointed treasurer or collector, nor acted as a sequestrator. [The rent to be demanded by the commissioners; certify the defaulters.]

We have taken notice of all Papists in our county, and given order for receiving the 2 parts of their estates.

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We have also entered into divers farms of delinquents, and find that most are let at an under value, and that divers honest men are desirous to hire them if they may have a lease for 6 or 7 years, so as to be able to stock the farms; we have also some woods, but have not yet considered what money may be raised by them. [To satisfy themselves of the value, and make a return.]

We have treated with several who would hire farms; they will not tell what price they will give until they know for how many years the farm will be leased, but will give more than they are now let for.

There are several men under sequestration whose personal estates have not been enquired into, nor what arrears are due to the State for them; for discharged delinquents, we have not yet fully inquired by what order their sequestrations were taken off.

We have informations against divers persons that were aiding the forces raised against Parliament with men, money, and arms, but we have not seized their estates until further order.

We know of no augmentation granted to any minister out of any delinquent's estate in our county. We do not hold any sequestered lands. [Isaac] Disbrow, a former sequestrator, held a manor at Eltisley at an under rate.

We have endeavoured to preserve the timber, and find one small grove of it upon a copyhold belonging to Sir Anthony Cage fit to be felled; he wants it done, but cannot without license of the lord, who is a delinquent. There is also some at Burrough Green, and at Wood Ditton fit to be felled, value 300*l.* [To treat with any person desirous to buy the same, and certify what it will amount to.]

We have taken notice of the rents due for delinquency at Ladyday 1650, and have received several, and given order to the tenants to pay, and have now brought up to the Treasury all we have received since we accepted office.

We have not received any deeds of delinquents, nor can learn where any are.

We have demanded the Court Rolls of Mr. Sedgwick of Cambridge, who was appointed deputy-steward of all the courts belonging to sequestrations in co. Cambridge, but he has not delivered any, although demanded 3 or 4 times. [He is to be required to deliver them up forthwith.]

We have appointed Capt. Wm. Pickering treasurer, as before certified. [To inform Mr. Barton, the former treasurer, that the Act will be put in force if he does not pay within 14 days after demand.]

Divers leases were made for three years from last Ladyday, which we conceive were beyond the commission. [These leases are void.]

We cannot hear that any Papist has been in arms against Parliament in our county.

We have several manors where courts ought to be kept, and because there are none, we cannot receive any quit rents charged upon the several lands belonging to the manors. The passages in brackets are marginal notes of reply. [1 *sheet.*]

May ? **97.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. According to your directions of 18 April, we have seized and sequestered the real and personal estates of all the persons mentioned in the two lists sent us. We received great affronts from Nich. Borlace, one of them, who threatens to complain to the Lord General and the committee for relief on Articles of War for our sequestering his goods, which he alleges ought not to have been done, because of his interest under the Articles of Truro.

On behalf of the Commonwealth we answer, first, that all others of the late King's party that claim under such articles understand that they extend no further than to preserve them from plunder, and the present violence and fury of the soldiers, and have thereupon submitted to those ordinances that make them liable to sequestration. Not one in this county opposes this but Borlace, who presumes by his wit, boldness, and false information, to obtain that which, if granted, all the delinquents in this county,—some few excepted that have the benefit of other articles,—will crave the same, and so expect restitution, and thereby those of the late King's party here, who, as is well known, have done great disservice to the Commonwealth, will be least subject to bear those burdens which, by the former actings of malignity, they have brought upon it.

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Secondly, by the said articles, all were left to the mercy of this Parliament, only they had a promise to be admitted to reasonable composition, which being but an act of favour, Borlace of all others is least capable of, being a Papist delinquent, a colonel, and the most active of all the Popish party in this county. If anything formerly were out of mercy offered him, it happened because he was not rightly represented, and he has forfeited it by passing over many days assigned for prosecuting his composition, [in hope] of a change and turn of things, being still conceived to carry on dangerous designs against the Commonwealth, and keeping correspondence with the most implacable enemies of it.

All this we make known that he may be dealt with according to his demerits, he being the most cruel oppressor of any that we know of in this county or elsewhere; and his wife, children, and family, as they are of the same religion, so run hand in hand with him in the same acts of cruelty, and that they may be the more prevalent in their oppressions, they have always desperate persons at hand to swear to their proposals. Give no credit to his suggestions, for being of an importunate and clamorous spirit, he may suggest anything on behalf of himself or against us, where there are none to answer. It will be impossible for us at this distance to follow him in all his wranglings.

In this cause we request, as we have formerly done to the committee for relief on articles, that some person of integrity here may be chosen to whom we may give an account of our proceedings against him, or may give you further certificate of him, and then we doubt not but we shall stand clear in the judgment of the world, and his great impudence and falsehood will be so manifest that he will not dare hereafter to abuse the credulity of any public judicature. If he were as well known in London as he is in this county, he would at length sit down under the shame of his notorious wickedness, and no more trouble those who are in authority with such gross and manifest untruths as he has done ever since the reducing of this county. [1¾ *pages.*]

May ? North Wales. **98.** Committee for Sequestrations in North Wales to Roger Hanmer at Willington. We are instructed by the Committee for Compounding in London to seize all records, profits, and perquisites of courts or manors belonging to delinquents or Papists sequestered or sequestrable, and to appoint officers to the same. Having done so in the sequestered manors of the Earl of Derby in Flintshire, of which you were steward, we have to inform you, though unwillingly, that you are to desist from further officiating as steward to such courts, as also from receiving the rents and profits, as we are now accountable to the State for the same. [1 *page.*]

June 1. **99.** Henry Cockson, Commissioner for Sequestrations, co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. There are two estates in the county from which the profits are considerable and are not received by us, viz., the Manor of Cheadle, under sequestration for the delinquency of the Earl of Winchester, the profits whereof have been employed for Irish affairs for some years; and the demesne of Cattenhall, in Edisbury Hundred, worth 100*l.* per annum,—sequestered for the delinquency of Sir Arthur Aston, who purchased it a little before the late wars,—the profits whereof have been received by Lieut.-Col. Gerard, an officer in the county, by order of the late Committe for Sequestrations, directing them to be let to him towards the pay of his arrears.

As we receive nothing out of these estates, and as there is no proviso in the Act of Sequestrations for exceptions, we require instructions respecting such estates, particularly as some of the rents are payable at Midsummer next. With note to seize and secure, until order of allowance from hence is produced. [1 *page.*]

June 1. Deddington. **100.** County Committee for Oxford to the Committee for Compounding. You order the re-sequestering the estates of the persons named for non-payment of their fines. Notes of cases. Also of 9 persons under sequestration.

Your letter to the late committee has been given to our agent, Robert Leicester, for delivery to Wm. Allen, their late treasurer.

We have taken the oath prescribed by the Act.

By orders of Parliament of 25 Jan. last, we are called upon to pay out of sequestrations for a troop of horse raised by Parliament for the service of this county, and placed under Capt. Hen. Smith, and all arrears due

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to the troop to 25 March 1650, and to pay it weekly until further order. We,—knowing how eminently such troop served, not only this county, but the greatest part of the nation,—are sure that you will not be wanting in obtaining us power to pay them, and "to give encouragements to such who are carried out by our God as instruments for the preservation of his despised people of this nation." [1 *page.*]

June 1. York. **101.** Ralph Rymer, one of the County Committee for York, to Sir Wm. Allanson, M.P. We have received some informations against delinquents, but cannot make progress for want of power to administer an oath, and to send for and allow charges to witnesses. We have had an offer to discover 1,000*l.*, if we will give a considerable part to the discoverer. Our orders are disobeyed, so that every day we suffer for want of power, and the Commonwealth loses by it. While the great wheel moves not, the water runs by the mill to no profit, and it grieves us that we can bring no grist to the Commonwealth, and yet have corn enough to grind. That the public may reap the fruit of our labours, and our friends receive credit by our carriage, enable us with instructions. [1 *page.*]

June 4. Note in the Committee for Compounding, that the agent of Bedfordshire appeared and brought up 200*l.*

That [Matthias] Barry, commissioner for Rutland, requested satisfaction; 500*l.* to be paid in.

That Mr. Rushworth be spoken with in the case of the Lord General.

Hen. Fotherby appointed agent for co. York.

Approval of Hen. Heyrick as agent for co. Leicester.

Rich. Sherwin sworn as auditor. Mr. Russell and Squibb to confer with him about putting the accounts into a way, and to report.

Wm. Crowne, recommended by John Corbett, appointed commissioner for co. Salop instead of [Rob.] Lathropp.

Vincent, the usher, to summon Mr. Perryn, goldsmith, to attend.

Order that Capt. Mason have a month's time to examine witnesses in his defence, the proofs to be examined *vivâ voce* before this committee; Col. Pyne and the late Sequestration Commissioners for co. Somerset to attend. The present commissioners to take proofs, giving notice to the former committee. To deliver copies of documents against John Ashe, late sequestrator, and all other records to those who desire them; also certify proceedings and obstructions. [*G* 8, *pp.* 102–104; 10, *pp.* 35, 36.]

June 4. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. York. We send an answer to some of your queries not answered by our last general instructions. You are to seize and sequester the estates of Papists beyond seas, who cannot have the oath of abjuration tendered; also those who are under age; also those of Sir John Skeffington and others, which were left for paying assessments, and not yet owned. Observe our instructions, and return moneys received. [*G* 8, *p.* 101.]

June 4. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. York. By Act of 1 May 1650, Pigehell and Morecroft manors, co. York, belonging to Sir Marmaduke Langdale, were conferred on Isaac Knight, B.D, for losses and services. You are therefore to discharge them from sequestration, and suffer him to enjoy them. [*G* 8, *p.* 103.]

June 4. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of Essex. In answer to the requests presented by Dan. Rogers, your agent, we have appointed Mr. Barnardiston steward, but cannot allow any other officers than already appointed. You are to take care that all timber felled, or money due for timber felled, on the estates of recusants which were assigned to the Prince Elector, be stayed and secured, that the State's right may be preserved.

The power of the former county commissioners to compound with delinquents engaged in the latter war is ceased. You are therefore to proceed against them on instructions received from us. [*G* 8, *p.* 104.]

June 4. Bristol. **102.** Latimer Sampson and Thomas Shute to the Committee for Compounding. Notwithstanding interruption through reports spread abroad against us,

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we sat at Bridgewater for three days; but on account of the obstructions aforesaid, very few appeared before us; thence we went to Wells, where we have sat all this week, with a like result, and these journies have been much to our charge. Our colleagues, Wm. Ceely of Bridgewater and Lieut. Col. Bovett of Taunton, being in London, could not join us. We sent your letter to Col. Ceely, a principal member of the late Committee for Sequestrations, who said an answer would be given to your request for delivery of all their books and papers by Col. Pyne and Captain [Thos] English, who said we could not sit as a committee, as Wm. Ceely, Lieut. Col. Bovett, and Capt. George Sampsom had been appointed in our room. [John] Collier of Curry Mallett, who it is thought has money belonging to the State in his hands, and Robert Adams, both sequestrators, told our messenger the same, and that Capt. Sampsom said he had that in his pocket that would put us by when we sat again. Pray remove these obstructions.

We hear that the books and papers of the old committee were delivered up to Colonel Pyne, and that he retains them. When we sent up our clerk with the books, we also gave him a list of persons having money belonging to the State in their hands which they refused to deliver up, and we hope they may be made an example of; otherwise by their proceedings and the want of the committee's books and papers, the work will drive but heavily on. [1¾ *pages.*]

June 4. Edw. Curle to the Committee for Compounding. I request you to protect me against the aspersions of Capt. Ben. Mason, and consider my services to the State when I was agent. With articles of accusation against Mason as a favourer of Papists and delinquents. [*G* 102, *pp.* 313–315.]

[June 4.] Answer of Edw. Curle to the charges against him by Capt. Ben. Mason. [*G* 102, *pp.* 63–70.]

June 4. **103.** Certificate of Col. Robt. Jermy, one of the Committee for Sequestrations in Norfolk, and Thomas Garrett of Norwich, their treasurer, that Hugh Newhouse of Norwich obstructs the work of sequestration, and has given out that if he were tenant to a sequestered estate, he would not pay any rent to Mr. Garrett without two of the commissioners' hands. [¾ *page.*]

June 5. Cambridge. **104.** County Committee of Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. We have followed the business for the State before our own, but in all the business we have been entrusted with heretofore, we have not found so many rubs as now in this business of sequestration; yet they might be easily removed if everyone entrusted by the State would do his part.

Our greatest let is the old solicitor and committee. They regard not your orders, because you heed not them in calling them to account for what they do or what they do not.

For instance, they received several orders from you a month since, to deliver to us all the depositions against some delinquents in Cambridgeshire (discovered long since to Haberdashers' Hall), that we might transmit them to you; but we never saw the orders until now, neither had we seen them now had we not begun to fall upon them for Goldsmiths' Hall. Now they are ousted of that employment, they are turned counsellors for malignants; they run very fast to them, and we believe they drive a good trade that way. Mr. Yoward, a late solicitor, does much hurt this way. [To send for Mr. Yoward, and to write the committee to give in their books and writings within 7 days.] Many of them have great sums of money in hand, which they keep for allowances as they report.

Our second obstruction is, we have not full instructions from you how to let for the best benefit of the State; but we, knowing our county, shall act according to Acts and Ordinances of Parliament, so that if we suffer, it shall be for well-doing. The next thing is, that Huntingdonshire borders upon our county, and at present nothing is done there in the way of sequestration; as much is also to be done there, if you appoint us commissioners for that county, which together with ours will be our whole work, we shall approve ourselves careful in both.

We hear that the last account we returned you was brought into Cambridgeshire by Mr. Browne, and there shown and read by those to whom such matters

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ought not to be disclosed; for if all truths returned to you be shown to the adverse party, you will have a great many truths concealed which you will know if things be wisely carried, and the enemy will have time to frame excuses before you can call them to account. What we have returned in arrear we shall make you a good account of, with the value of delinquents' real estates and woods. [The commissioners are very well pleased with the plainness and freeness of their letter, and desire them to proceed.]

The passages in brackets are marginal notes in reply. [1 *page.*]

June 5. Maidstone. **105.** County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of your directions at our late being at London, we summoned in the tenants of the estates assigned for the maintenance of the Prince Elector to bring in their rents; and for the dispatch thereof, appointed this whole week. On Monday many came in and paid their rent; but on Tuesday, [Roger] Calcott, late receiver, and now a commissioner for sequestrations for Middlesex, came and questioned our intermeddling therein, and served us with ordinances and orders of Parliament, by direction from the committee for the Prince's revenue, but produced no authority from them to that purpose. On shewing him your order, he seemed better satisfied, but desired us to forbear proceedings until he could procure an order and send it down. We told him that would be prejudicial to the service, now the tenants were warned in, and not without charge, neither could we justify any such suspension upon his motion, against an express order for receiving of them. But we said that such rents would never be the further off for our receiving them, and in case he sent an order for allowance of the grant, we should be as ready to repay such rents as to receive them. He replied that the rest of the tenants belonging to the estates should neither appear nor pay any rent without distress, and that if any molested them, they would have to answer for it to the committee for the Prince's revenue.

Since then we have not had a tenant appear, except one or two who came to tell us that they had paid their rent to their landlords.

We look upon it as a very great dis-service to the State that we should not only be threatened for executing orders so plainly warranted by the express words of the Act of 25 Jan. last, but the tenants be ordered and encouraged to stand out and disobey summons. Also we find the grants of estates to recusants, or some in trust for them, very prejudicial, by the felling of wood, surplusage of rent, and otherwise. If the State receive the Ladyday rents and profits of such estates, and pay them the money disbursed, with interest, it will be greatly to the State's advantage.

We hear there are additional instructions sent to some commissioners, and desire they may be sent to us. We find, by divers orders of composition brought us, that recusants have found out a way to sell their $\frac{1}{3}$ for their lives, and under pretence thereof, the purchasers compound for the State's $\frac{2}{3}$, whereby considerable estates are taken off with little advantage; and after such compositions, some recusants have the whole management of their estates again.

With marginal note of reply, 6 June, as to the Prince Elector's revenue, that the county committee are to be thanked for their care, and in a few days they will have further directions. Mr. Calcott to have notice of this. [1½ *pages.*]

June 6. Order of the Committee for Compounding, appointing Dan. Gotherson of Southwark, commissioner for sequestrations in co. Surrey.

Order for considering the reasons exhibited by the Earl of Rutland, for voiding the lease of Wallingford House made to Lord Howard.

106. Order on a Parliament order given of 30 May,—that until the bill be passed for settling 1,000*l.* a year on Maj.-Gen. Phil. Skippon, 1,000*l.* a year be paid him out of the revenue of Goldsmiths' Hall, and 500*l.* within one week, as payable the 25th March last—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 226.]

Confirmation to Dr. Saml. Rand of the order of the Committee for Sequestrations of 7 July 1647, making void a former order of the said committee for allowance of a fifth to the wife and children of Dr. Clerke, in whose place Rand was appointed master of Greatham Hospital, co. Durham, by Parliament order of 30 Sept. 1644. [*G* 8, *p.* 109; 10, *p.* 37; 112, *p.* 1035.]

Order appointing Wm. Farewell, jun., steward for Surrey.

Also John Dorney, of Gloucester, steward for co. Gloucester.

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Order that the time from which compounders are to pay interest on the latter ½ of their fines is 6 weeks from the passing of the report by Parliament or by those authorized; and that any interest paid in beyond that be returned to the compounders. [*G* 8, *pp.* 107–110.]

June 6. Committee for Compounding to the Committees for Sequestration for the 6 counties of North and of South Wales.

The late Committee for Compounding ordered you to re-sequester those who have not paid their fines. You are to note that the Act for Wales does not discharge any formerly fined by this committee. We hope the fines will be speedily returned to avoid penalties, and have sent you additional instructions lately resolved on. [*G* 8, *p.* 111.]

June 6. Committee for Compounding to the Sequestration Commissioners of co. Lincoln. We are sorry your mistake should retard the service. We have found no cause to exchange the persons employed by the late committee, nor had we any thoughts of appointing others instead of you, of whose care we have received so good proof; therefore proceed on the former instructions. We can allow no claim to Sir Edw. Hussey's estate till the fine is paid, so secure the profits. [*G* 8, *p.* 112.]

June 6. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Cumberland. You speak of persons compounding at undervalues. If you refer to the instructions of the late committee, you will find that discharges are only to acquit them to the value expressed in their particulars, and you are to receive the surplus. As to what you write concerning receivers of Crown rents, you are not to allow distresses on State tenants on such pretences. If molested, you have power to call in the soldiery to secure your tenants. Send us the addresses of any who are refractory, and we will take care to secure you from further trouble. Return with speed the moneys that come in, the State needing all possible supplies. [*G* 8, *p.* 112.]

June 6. Chepstow. **107.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. Finding courts to be held in divers sequestered manors committed to our care, we beg to present Christopher Catchmay and Rice Williams as fit for the work, and desire commissions to them, or further instructions to us. We also desire to know whether, for encouragement of discoverers of concealed estates, we may not give them the allowance formerly prescribed. [1 *page.*]

June 6. Preston. **108.** Geo. Pigott, one of the County Commissioners for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We gave order to the late and present agents for sequestrations to bring in their accounts in the form requested, and they sent us the enclosed particulars of cases. We request an answer to such of our queries of 8 May last as are not answered in your instructions. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

108. I. *Peter Ambrose, and* 8 *other agents and officers, to the County Committee for Lancaster. We received your letter with a copy of a new form of account, in which the Committee for Compounding require our accounts from the beginning of our employment, but this is impossible, from the largeness of our accounts, consisting of many small rents reserved upon leases for lives, which we cannot reduce to such a form. We enclose copy of the form of our late accounts, until* 1 *Mar.* 1649, *passed with the auditor of this county, and desire you to represent it to the Committee for Compounding.* [1 *page.*]

108. II. *Form of a debtor and creditor account of the estates of J. D. of Preston, delinquent, and S. B. of Garstang, Papist.* [1⅛ *pages.*]

June 6. **109.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We received your order of 17 May for collecting the Marquis of Winchester's rents. Pendryn Manor, belonging to him, is conferred by Parliament on Robert Wallop, but we will receive the rents of the rest with speed, and return them to your treasurer. We desire directions concerning the estates of Sir Hen. Killigrew, Sir John Grills, and John Prideaux, delinquents

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deceased, who have been very oppressing and violent men against the honest party, and have made little or no satisfaction for their delinquency, or to those who were injured by them.

We have received orders directed by the [late] Commissioners of Compounding; we considered that power was solely in yourselves by Act of Parliament; by the diversity of orders from them and you, we are much perplexed. By their orders we are to seize and appraise the goods, and set the estates of divers delinquents; and not being ordered to sell the goods [cattle], we shall be at a great cost in keeping them on other lands, and the tenants who take such lands from us will suffer much damage by the goods remaining there. [1 *page.*]

June 6. Kendal. **110.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. At our meeting this day, the enclosed commission was thrown in by [Wm.] Garnett, who pleaded that he could not attend the service, and desired to be excused. By our letter to the late Committee for Compounding of 20 March last, we named 3 officers, viz.: John Fawcett as clerk, and Wm. Airey and Geo. Archer as agents, for whom we desire commissions. The reason why we desire two agents is that the county is so divided by vast mountains that there is need of one on each side. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

110. I. *Appointment by the late Committee for Compounding of Wm. Garnett as agent and sequestrator to the County Committee for Westmoreland, who are to make him such allowance as his care and labour shall deserve. Westminster,* 23 *Feb.* 1650. [¼ *page.*]

June 6. **111.** Certificate of John Thwaites, J.P., that Gervase Benson and Roger Bateman, two of the County Commissioners for Westmoreland, have taken before him the oath required by Act of Parliament of 25 April last. [⅔ *page.*]

June 7. Order in Parliament that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall and for Advance of Money have the same power to receive discoveries, and to allow to discoverers not exceeding the 5th part of such discoveries, as the Committee of Haberdashers' Hall formerly had. [*C* 1, *p.* 226; 8, *p.* 130.]

June 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding, appointing Fras. Nixon and Thos. Aldridge, of Berkhampstead, sequestration commissioners for co. Herts.

Mr. Gookin moves in behalf of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas, in the Isle of Harty, Kent. [*C* 8, *pp.* 114, 117.]

June 8. **112.** County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. Of the 90 horse to be raised in this county, 26 are laid upon sequestered estates. The commissioners appointed for that purpose have had many disputes, and argue that the horse so raised are to be at the charge of the State. [To allow the proportion, and no further, according to the value of the lands, and if overcharged, to certify.]

The sequestered estates of Fitz William Coningsby and 3 others, are taken off, in regard of mortgages, judgments, or extents. Are we to re-sequester them? [To seize and secure until the parties concerned make good their claims here.]

In the duplicates received from the late committee, the total sum of the present rent amounts to only 1,379*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, from which are deducted particulars taken off in discharge. We have just received from the last treasurer a note of arrears due for the half-year he held office, amounting to 92*l.* 19*s.* We desire the former treasurers may also certify the like, that we may give a better account of our proceedings. [The former treasurers to certify.] The passages between brackets are marginal notes for a reply. [¾ *page.*]

June 8. Kendal. **113.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We will pursue your printed instructions. John Archer, being in commission with us, will attend you about directions for better managing our business. Pray grant him a speedy dispatch. [½ *page.*]

June 10. Wrexham. **114.** County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We long since recommended Andrew Ellis as steward of the Earl of Derby's estates, co. Flint, and inhibited the late steward from officiating, but have no answer. The courts should now be kept, and the profits looked after, or they will be embezzled. We desire your speedy resolutions. [¾ *page.*]

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June 11. Order of the Committee of Compounding, that Mr. Allen be written to, to take order for the receipt of 2,000*l.* from the committee in Yorkshire.

Order that the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall give acquittance for 4,000*l.* sequestration money now lying in Yorkshire, on certificate of its receipt there by Mr. George, appointed deputy-treasurer therefor by the treasurers-at-war.

115, 116. Order on a Parliament order given of 7 June,—that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall have the same powers as the late Haberdashers' Hall Committee.

Also that the House concurs with the committee as to the time for delinquents to pay interest, and that the time for which all compounders are to pay interest for the latter moiety of their fines is to begin from the end of the six weeks after the passing of their respective reports, either by the Parliament or those authorized thereto.

Also that such interest as has been paid to or deposited in the treasurer's hands by any compounder since the 7th of May last, over and above the interest payable by the former vote, be repaid to the respective compounders by the said treasurers,—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 226; 8, *pp.* 126, 129.]

June 11. Petition of Roger Hanmer to the Committee for Compounding, for confirmation in the place to which, by recommendation of Lord President Bradshaw and Sir John Trevor, he was appointed 23 June 1648, of steward of the manors of Maylor, Hawarden, Mold, and Hope, co. Flint, sequestered from the Earl of Derby. Has lately received a dateless letter from the sub-commissioners of North Wales, requiring him to desist from officiating further, and cannot imagine the reason. [*G* 91, *p.* 694.]

June 11. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for North Wales. We require you to certify us forthwith the grounds on which you have discharged Roger Hanmer of Halton, co. Flint, and meanwhile to suffer him to execute his office, till you have further directions from us. [*G* 8, *p.* 127.]

June 11. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Dorset. We send you a transcript of the treaties made by the agents of the late Trustees for Ireland, for estates in the manors belonging to Arthur, late Lord Capel, in your county. We desire you speedily to perfect them, and send the moneys into the Treasury. Also recommend us an able person to keep courts in sequestered estates, that no time may be lost, nor the State prejudiced in a business of such consequence. [*G* 8, *p.* 128.]

June 11. Cambridge. **117.** Late County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. When we were appointed sequestrators in co. Cambridge and Isle of Ely in 1643, we divided ourselves into the east side of Cambridgeshire, containing 5 hundreds, and the rest of the sequestrators into the other part of the county, and seized and sequestered all found guilty in our hundreds; but we had not to do with the rest of the sequestrators until 1645, when all the committee forsook the employment, and left to us and three others the business of the whole county, which we carried an with single aims to the public good, appointing some to receive all rents found due. Enclosed is a note of such estates as we sequestered, in the said five hundreds. We made a duplicate of all under sequestration in the whole county, but as you are not satisfied therewith, let those who sequestered the same give you full satisfaction. [¾ *page.*]

June 12. Knutsford. **118.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We require directions as to engaging an agent. Capt. [Wm.] Shaw received a commission, but has deserted, there being more work than he could perform, and he has accepted a captain's place for Ireland, and is now raising his company. We have been constrained to employ Mark Jellico and Thos. Hancock, whom we recommend, together with Edw. Stealfox, to be agents for this county and Chester, with fitting allowance. Their experience will bring much more advantage to the Commonwealth than their salary will amount to, besides the advantage of their expediting this service. With note that Thos. Hancock is to be agent for Cheshire. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

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118. I. *Appointment by the late Committee for Compounding of Capt. Wm. Shaw as agent to the Committee for Sequestrations for co. Cheshire, at 4s. per diem.—Westminster, 23 Feb.* 1650.—*With note by Shaw, that he would willingly have executed the office, but being commanded by the Council of State to raise a company of foot, he has resigned it to Thos. Hancock. June* 12 1650. [1 *page.*]

June 12. **119.** County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. This morning, Rich. Benson, upholsterer, of the 3 Crowns, over against the Stocks in the Poultry, applied to us to take several tenements belonging to Mrs. Dormer, recusant, in Blackfriars, for 7 years, and to give security. Considering the great prejudice for want of repairs, the difficulty of getting the rents from the poor tenants, and the complaints of Mrs. Dormer for want of her third, we judge it will be for the benefit of the State if his wish is complied with; there are several others who desire the like of us. [¾ *page.*]

June 13. Norwich. **120.** Thomas Garrett to Saml. Moyer, one of the Committee for Compounding. I expected to hear from you on the business we talked about when I was in London. I desire a rental of Sir Hen. Bedingfield's estate similar to the one you gave the Committee for Suffolk. I have been to seize the estate of Sir Miles Hobart, but the tenants will not pay any rent without a distraint, and I therefore desire directions therein. [½ *page.*]

June 13. Chepstow. **121.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. The Commissioners for the Militia are now raising horse, towards which every estate of 100*l.* a year is charged with a horse and furniture, or 14*l.* The estates of recusants and others under sequestration are charged. Is it to be allowed and deducted out of the rent? [⅔ *page.*]

June 13. Stafford. **122.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. We have done our utmost to pursue the Act of 25 Feb. last for better ordering the estates of Papists and delinquents. We have not as yet seen any books or papers of the late committee, whereby to enable us to perform our trust, but the want has been supplied by the ready service of Geo. Thorley, one of their late solicitors, who furnished us with a list of all Papists and delinquents now under sequestration, and a perfect rent-roll of their estates, and has attended us since we began to act; therefore both for his abilities and integrity we have chosen him to be our clerk.

We have let and disposed of all the sequestered estates, with good improvement, though not such as we desired, by reason of the precedents of our predecessors, which as yet we have not totally deserted. Our next labour will be to discover estates sequestrable and yet unsequestered. Divers Papists who compounded at York with the late Lord President and commissioners, and who, by the said Act, are now discharged from payment of such compositions into the Exchequer, are unsequestered in this county. We sent to the late Committee for Compounding all certificates, examinations, and articles concerning the delinquencies of some gentlemen here, and now send by our agent, Capt. John Lea, other informations, with an account at what rates we have let the sequestered estates for this year, and what we have done in pursuance of your letters for seizing and securing the estates of those who have not paid in the remainder of their fines, and of those who have not paid in any part of their compositions; also the state of the extents laid on the lands of Sir Edw. Littleton, whereby the sequestration is taken off.

We desire that the salary of our clerk, Mr. Thorley, may be augmented to 4*s.* a day; his industry well deserves it, and it will tie him to more attendance on us; we must employ our agent to ride abroad for further discoveries and sequestrations. We find some annuities issuing out of sequestered estates to be the sole livelihood of the owners, but we will be very cautious of allowing any, and as they are produced to us, we will take special notice of them and certify to you. [1¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

122. I. *Warrant by the same to the tenants of Sir Edw. Littleton not to pay any rent to any extender of his lands and tenements, but to pay the same to the Committee for Sequestrations for the use of the Commonwealth at Stafford, on*

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Tuesday next, notwithstanding any former extent or judgment to the contrary. With note that Humphrey Lewes and Raphael Hollinshead are appointed to take care for the execution hereof. [*Copy*, 1 *page.*]

June 14. **123.** Order of Parliament, that the Committee for Compounding perform the former order for settling a maintenance on Mr. Owen and 5 other persons, formerly named, from undervaluations of delinquents' estates discovered by them. [½ *page.*]

June 14. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Hussey be appointed steward for keeping courts of sequestered estates, co. Dorset.

Notes of letters from the Commissioners of cos. Hereford, Somerset (to whom a letter of encouragement was to be written), Cambridge, Newcastle, and Monmouth.

Summons to Rob. Adams of Auler, and Thos. Prew of Glaston, late sequestrators of co. Somerset, to appear personally in 14 days to answer their contempt in refusing to give in their accounts.

Order to John Collier of Curry Mallett, and Thos. Phelps of Evell [Yeovil?], late sequestrators of co. Somerset, to make good their accounts with the present commissioners, or appear to answer their contempt.

124–126. Order on a Parliament order of 5 June given—that the Commissioners of Goldsmiths' Hall issue a warrant to the treasurers to pay all such moneys as the Council of State has charged upon the revenue of the lands settled upon trustees for Irish affairs, according to the several contracts and warrants which the Council have or shall charge upon the same, out of the moneys that shall come into Goldsmiths' Hall out of those lands,—for payment accordingly. [*Also G* 1, *pp.* 226, 229; 8, *pp.* 133, 137, 144, 145.]

June 14. Committee for Compounding to Col. Pyne. The committee still complain that you do not send in the books. This is a great disservice; all being brought in to you, you must deliver them or transcripts, that the State may not suffer by the personal animosities which have obstructed the business. If we cannot prevail with these fair addresses, we must proceed according to the Act, and acquaint Parliament of the complaints made. [*G* 8, *p.* 136.]

June 14. Committee for Compounding to Capt. Latimer Sampson and Thomas Shute. We are sorry for the differences that have arisen, but are satisfied with you, and are ready to give you our best assistance. We have written to Col. Pyne, and if he does not give up the books, we must compel him; we have summoned 2 of the late committee, of whom we shall make examples. We hope you will correspond well with the gentlemen joined to you. [*G* 8, *p.* 136.]

June 14. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Gloucester. You speak of debts owing for fines from purchasers of copyhold lands on the Earl of Newcastle's estate, and of lands in Tidenham and Woollaston manors, now belonging to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Let the former be speedily received, and the tenants' estates confirmed. On the latter we will confer with the Lord Lieutenant. Pray use all the means you can in the speedy collecting and returning of money; you can by nothing more manifest your affection. [*G* 8, *p.* 138.]

June 14. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Westmoreland. You sent lists of estates and of offers made for them. You may let for one year, but not more, till you certify what the improved value will be, and the utmost rent, if let for a good term, and then we will give directions. Meantime we daily expect moneys, none being sent from your county, though the sequestrations are considerable. [*G* 8, *p.* 139.]

June 14. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Cornwall. Directions about the estates of Sir John and John Arundel, Mr. Borlace, and others. Lay a sequestration on the estates of Sir John Grills, John Prideaux, and Sir John Grenvile. You complain of want of power to let for more than a year; you shall have it if you certify the full value of the estates. Also our resolutions

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about those who compounded with the late commissioners. Meantime send up your moneys, which the important occasions of the public call for here. [*G* 8, *p.* 139.]

June 14. Committee for Compounding to the Cheshire Commissioners. Mr. Cockson writes of seizures from the Exchequer against the lands of [Thos.] Starkey, a delinquent. We have referred these and like complaints to the Barons, who summoned the sheriffs to this committee. We ordered them to forbear such proceedings, and they promised it. Withstand such courses, and you will have the thanks of Parliament, to whom we shall complain if you are further troubled. Use all means to return money.

P.S.—Seize and sequester the estates of the Earl of Winchester and Sir Art. Aston. Keep the accounts of the estates late in the management of the Irish Trustees separate from the others. [*G* 8, *pp.* 140, 141.]

June 14. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Oxon. Details of sequestrations. We cannot confirm your former orders for payment of your troop out of sequestrations, but we will take care that the county shall not suffer for want of payment. [*G* 8, *p.* 141.]

June 14. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Hereford. You ask directions about sequestrations suspended, but not discharged. If granted by any but the Committee for Compounding, they are void, but if by that committee, wait further instructions, unless there have been orders later than the suspensions, to re-sequester for default of paying fines. Let care be taken to collect money, of which there is great want. [*G* 8, *p.* 142.]

June 14. Committee for Compounding to the Surrey Commissioners. You say nothing of sending money. There are few counties from which we have not received moneys and larger accounts of progress. This must be want of care, you being so near. Give satisfaction, or we must provide otherwise for the service. [*G* 8, *p.* 143.]

June 14. Committee for Compounding to the Northumberland Commissioners. We approve the persons named by you as treasurer and steward. You can choose your clerk, and allow him 2*s.* 6*d.* a day. Be good husbands to the State in your allowances for repairs, yet do not suffer decays for want of repairs. Refer to us any application for fifths. Return what you have collected, or possibly we may prevail with the treasurers-at-war to appoint payment of it there. [*G* 8, *p.* 144.]

June 15. Exeter. **127.** Rich. Carter to John Leech, registrar to the Committee for Compounding. Please to communicate the enclosed to the committee, and ask for a commission for John Dore. If you think fit to put the other two in the same commission, viz., Major James Pearse, and Capt. Joseph Hunkyn, do so; as in the former, the other gentlemen named had not their titles. If you desire to command me in any service here, direct your letter to Mrs. Winter, near Stephen's Row, Exeter. [½ *page.*]

June 15. Exeter. **128.** Rich. Carter to the Committee for Compounding. As the committee for this county make some demur, and expect further instructions from you, I acquaint you with what has been done here of late in the matter of sequestration. The commissioners met on the 6th inst., and issued one order for sequestering Wm. Cooke of Ottery St. Mary, which I have performed. After this they intimated there was nothing more for them to do, until they had been satisfied by you in reference to the obstructions to their acting; I therefore desire you will expedite your answer, for if this work is neglected, the State will be very much damaged, as there are many things fallen into hand, viz., the Sheaf of the Parish of Broadclist, and other particulars. If you conceive by their letters that they will act, a commission ought to be sent down, under hand and seal, for John Dore; and in case there is any further delay, I desire you will give order to Major James Pearse to receive all the rents which are due, and the greater part of which lies in our enemies' hands. I wait your further instructions. [½ *page.*]

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June 17. Curry Mallett. Col. John Pyne to the Committee for Compounding. Lat. Sampson and Thos. Shute write me, 14 June, that they are to sit 18 June on the misdemeanour of their fellow commissioner, Ben. Mason, but I have not time nor warrants to summon the witnesses. You wish yourselves to examine the matter of delinquency *vivâ voce*, but I desire to be excused bringing up the witnesses at my own charge. You are much misinformed if you think I gain much by my employment. I need a month's more time to prove his delinquency; by that time the witnesses may be examined in the country. I will give you the words of the information made to me against him. When Parliament took away committees and placed commissioners here, especially Mason, a known Cavalier, the people said God was dishonoured and the country abused, and they would petition Parliament against them. I begged them to forbear, and promised that their complaints should be heard. If Mason is re-invested, the honest party will be full of discontent, but I trust you will not do this injustice. [*G* 102, *pp.* 53, 381.]

June 17. Kingston. **129.** Committee for Sequestration, co. Surrey, to the Committee for Compounding. We have surveyed Maze Manor, Southwark, sequestered for the recusancy of Wm. Copley, since whose death it has been in possession of his two daughters, who are his heirs, and recusants, and married to Sir Rich. Weston's two sons, also recusants. Mrs. Copley, sen., likewise a recusant, has part of the estate for her jointure, and the yearly value of the whole is 480*l.*

There is a court kept on the manor, but it is merely for setting out the bounds, and no profit is made thereby. We have contracted with George Weston for ⅔ of the estate for 7 years, at 220*l.* a year, payable half yearly, clear of all deductions, and he to give security for payment. We let it at this rent because the estate consists of houses all out of repair, and two of them, which formerly let at 17*l.* 10*s.*, are burnt down; 60*l.* must shortly be laid out in repairing a wharf, and there are tenants too poor to pay their arrears of rent. The assessors lay the taxes for the whole manor upon the best tenants, without order or method, and never tax the poor tenants at all, and thus sweep away all the best rents, and leave the worst for us to collect. It would occupy a man's whole time to gather the rents, they being payable quarterly, and there being nearly 80 tenants, and the former committee appointed a man for the office, at a regular salary.

The estate was never wholly let by the said committee to one particular man, but to several tenants, most of whom had ⅕ of the rents. Half the estate, with ½ Gatton and Colley Manor, co. Surrey, was demised to Messrs. Thurland and Bishop, for 102*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* a year, the committee allowing out of it their proportion of taxes and charges on the estates, but the lease ended at Ladyday last. [3¾ *pages.*]

June 18. **130, 131.** Order in Parliament that one 3rd of the three months' assessment of 90,000*l.* a month be assigned towards the month's pay to the army in Ireland, and that to complete that three months' pay, and the paying of another month to the same forces, 55,000*l.* be charged upon the 100,000*l.* appointed out of the receipts of the Excise for the use of the army, next after the 30,000*l.* already engaged out of that receipt by the Council of State, and that the Army Committee issue a warrant to the treasurers-at-war to pay such money accordingly.

That towards the maintenance of the forces in England, 150,000*l.* be paid by warrant from the Army Committee to the treasurers-at-war, viz., 50,000*l.* out of the receipts of Goldsmiths' Hall, next after the 105,000*l.* already charged there, for the use of the armies in England and Ireland; and 100,000*l.* in course out of receipts from the sale of fee-farm rents, next after the 200,000*l.* already charged thereon for the army and navy.

For the more speedy bringing in of money, the Army Committee is to be empowered to remove any obstructions which may arise therein. [1½ *pages; also G* 1, *p.* 225.]

June 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that any two or more of the commissioners who come first peruse the petitions, and refer or reject them.

To require the late Commissioners for Surrey, Mr. Beauchamp, Mr. Jordan, and Sir Rich. Bettison, to deliver duplicates.

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Note to have from Mr. Calcott the account of the east and middle divisions of Surrey, and from Mr. Bryan for the west. The collectors delivered in accounts from 1644 to 1647 which were delivered to Sir R. Bettison.

Order for And. Ellis to be steward [of the Earl of Derby's estates]. [*G* 8, *pp.* 148, 149, 151.]

June 18. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Gloucester. We wish you, at the request of your agent, Mr. Rogers, to allow him to cross-examine witnesses on the articles exhibited against him, and to return us the examinations. [*G* 8, *p.* 148; 10, *p.* 45.]

June 18. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Stafford. We lately sent you additional instructions, the fifth of which disallows mortgages extents, &c., and orders care that the profits of sequestered estates be levied for the State. We now add that in cases where sequestration is taken off, or any charge allowed by Parliament, by the late Sequestration Committee, or by the Barons of Exchequer, you are only to secure the rents in the tenants' hands, and certify your proceedings to us. [*G* 8, *p.* 148.]

June 18. Winton. **132.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. We summoned all the persons mentioned in your list as in arrear with their rents of the estate of the Marquis of Winchester, to be at Basingstoke on the 17th inst.; most of them attended, not to make payment, but to declare their inability, and we find there is very little to be got of all those arrears, without using much extremity; many of these persons have left the estate, and are now living out of the county. [To send up their present address.] None are immediate tenants of the State. Are we to seize any of their estates for the arrears, and if so, whether such as are in other men's possession, but belong to them or their tenants, or whether you will send for those persons upon whom the greatest sums are charged, and make an example of them to the rest in particular? *e.g.*

Sir Edmond Plowden, who is in arrear 125*l.*, and whose answer was peremptorily not to make any payment.

Samuel Wheate, who owes 174*l.* 9*s.*, but has nothing upon which a levy can be made, being servant to Mr. Blagrove, and he has also declared his resolution not to pay, but to abide the utmost extremity.

Rich. Pitman owes 129*l.* 15*s.*, and produced a note of disbursements amounting to or near to that amount, and resolutely declared himself not to be in a position to make any further account for moneys charged on him.

Thomas Mitchell 24*l.*, who denies that he made any such bargain as might oblige him to pay.

Fras. Ivorey 37*l.*, and 10*s.* for the George Inn, who is so insolvent that he dares not show his head, and declares he is ready to undergo anything imposed on him rather than pay a penny of the sum, and he has nothing upon which a levy may be made.

Edw. Parse, 26*l.* 19*s.* 1¾*d.*, who resides in co. Berks, and has nothing in co. Hants whereof a distrsss may be taken, but he pretends a greater sum is due to him from the State for salary. [To levy the same distress according to the ordinance of 19 Aug. 1643. To send up accounts how the arrears grew due, as also copies of all contracts.]

Besides these, all those in Basing Manor are so miserably poor that there is nothing to be had from them. The widow Johane Evans of Basingstoke is dead, and has left nothing whereby her debt of 3*l.* may be satisfied.

John Kemp, towards satisfying a debt to himself, by virtue of an ordinance of Parliament, has for some time been receiving the profits of a farm at Fullerton, of 50*l.* a year, and the rents of tenements in co. Hants. belonging to Thos. Mill, a delinquent in arrears, and has received the last Ladyday rents. [Not to suffer him to receive any more until further orders.] The passages between brackets are marginal notes for a reply. [1½ *pages.*]

June 19. Lincoln Close. **133.** John Disney, one of the County Commissioners for Lincoln, to the Committee for Compounding. I received yours of the 6th inst., but not the additional instructions stated to have been sent therewith. Most of my colleagues being in London, there is only myself here, this being the place where we meet, but any commands sent to me shall be executed by our agents in the interim. [½ *page.*]

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June 19. Sarum. **134.** County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We have discovered Wm. Arundel, a recusant in arms, and seized and sequestered his estate. As the discoverer has taken much pains and been at great expense in producing witnesses, we beg, for the encouragement of himself and others, some sufficient allowance for him. [Refer them to the Act.]

Shall we allow orders for augmentations sent to us from the Committee for Plundered Ministers, unless first allowed by you? [Yes.]

Does not your 19th instruction direct us not to dispose of any estate to any delinquent, if they give us as much as any other?

We want a commission to Thomas Helme to be our steward, and to keep courts leet and baron, and courts of survey in sequestered manors, and to make him some allowance for his pains. [Hussey for Wilts and Dorset.]

When a minister is outed for scandal or delinquency, and another put in his room, shall we take cognizance thereof, and give you an account? [For temporalities, in case of delinquency, to take notice.]

There are many copyholds on delinquents' and recusants' estates now in hand, which would produce much advantage had we power to keep courts of survey, whereby we might certify the particulars. [To send their agents to the several manors to enquire what estates will be taken.]

The treasurer has taken care to return up 500*l.*, and will speedily give you an account of the residue. [1¾ *pages.*]

June 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding,—on reading the reasons exhibited by the Earl of Rutland in the case between him and Lord Howard,—that Howard have a lease of Wallingford House for 7 years, from 24 June, at 120*l.*, besides chief rent and taxes, and that the Earl yield possession accordingly.

Order that time be given till next Tuesday to the London Committee to perfect the sequestrations of which they offered a return.

The case of the Prince Elector's revenue to be heard on Thursday. [*G* 8, *pp.* 154–156.]

June 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Hants. You are to certify the improved yearly value of 2 copyhold estates in Kingsworthy, late belonging to Lord Capel, and now held by Widow Wayte, that this committee may proceed therein to the best advantage. [With order for the letter, adding that on the return, Phil. Stone is to be considered.] [*G* 8, *pp.* 156, 157.]

June 20. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Warwick. We recommended you a clerk, but finding by yours of 17 June that you have chosen Leonard Piddock, who is fit and able, we approve the desire, and allow him 2*s.* 6*d.* a day. [*G* 8, *p.* 157.]

June 20. Committee for Compounding to the Mayor and Corporation of Faversham, Kent. We would gladly relieve Marg. Trowte as you desire, being sensible of her distressed condition; but being bound by our rules, we cannot do it. [*G* 8, *p.* 157.]

June 20. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Lancaster. We desire you to let to Edw. Gathorne of Manchester, for the best value, the house in Manchester called the College, lately belonging to the Earl of Derby, for the use of the congregation there to meet in, for one year, and to certify its value, to be leased for 7 years. [*G* 8, *p.* 157.]

June 20. **135.** Committee for Sequestrations for co. Middlesex to the Committee for Compounding. Wallingford House, in the Strand, was sequestered in 1644 by the late committee, and was never discharged, and there was a lease made to the Speaker, but he did not accept it. Upon the information of [Hen.] Dawson, made 8th December 1649, of the death of the Duchess of Buckingham, the house was again seized, as belonging to the Duke of Buckingham, a delinquent, and as the first discovery was made to us of the death of the Duchess, we cannot conceive how the Committee of Haberdashers' Hall can take it out of our hands and dispose of it. We refer you to the enclosed orders. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

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135. I. *Order of the Committee for Sequestrations in Westminster, that the estate of the Earl of Antrim and the Duchess of Buckingham, within the liberty of Westminster, be forthwith seized and sequestered. Westminster, 2 Aug.* 1644. *Copy by Roger Wilford, clerk to the committee.* [¼ *page.*]

135. II. *Order by the same that the Speaker of the House of Commons may reside in Wallingford House for one year from Ladyday next, at a rental of 70l.* 27 *Feb.* 1644. [*Copy,* ⅓ *page.*]

135. III. *Information by Hen. Dawson, citizen and skinner of London, that the Duke of Buckingham is a delinquent, and that York House, Wallingford House, and* 19 *other houses in the Strand, have fallen to him by the death of the Duchess, his mother, who had them for her jointure for life.* 8 *Dec.* 1649. [*Scrap.*]

135. IV. *Affidavit of Hugh Croxton, citizen and draper of London, that he went with Dawson to the Committee of Haberdashers' Hall to enter an information that the Duchess of Buckingham was dead, and that the houses before mentioned had fallen to the Duke, who was a delinquent; and that on Dawson's going to Mr. Cox, clerk of the committee, to enter the same, Cox looked over his books, and said he had come in good time, and was the first discoverer.* 18 *June* 1650. [½ *page.*]

135. V. *Affidavit of Hen. Dawson that on 8th December he entered the information of the Duchess of Buckingham's death before the Committee for Westminster; but that two days before, he had entered it at Haberdashers' Hall.* 18 *June* 1650. [½ *page.*]

June 20. **136.** County Committee for Middlesex and Westminster, to the Committee for Compounding. What are we to do about annuities charged? [Not to pay any until we allow them].

Is the Lord General's claim good or no?

What to do about York [House] rents and arrears?

On all directions for sequestration, let us have the best information where the estate lies.

What are we to do for the rent oats of Sir Percy Herbert? [Demand them].

May we contract and let leases, and for how long? [You may treat and certify the best tenant.]

What course are we to take with such as are in possession and will not pay their rents, where no distress can be made? [Distrain where you can find any estate.]

What shall we do about Derby House?

What shall we do when they will not suffer us to survey? [Require the assistance of the county and forces, and enter if there be occasion.]

Is any abatement to be made in impropriations as formerly? [The late Act gives directions herein which you are to peruse.]

The passages between brackets are marginal notes of reply. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

136. I. *Order by the Council of State that Col. Ludlow and Mr. Knight, chaplain to the Lord General, may have lodgings in Derby House.* 31 *May* 1649. [*Copy,* ⅓ *page.*]

June 20. Salop. **137.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We delivered your letter requiring a return of all the sequestrations in this county to the late County Committee, who replied that their agents and collectors were the only persons capable of giving the information. We summoned them before us, but only two appeared, and affirmed that they had delivered their accounts of all receipts to the late Committee for Accounts of this county, and had not kept copies. Although we are commanded to return the names of the defaulters, it would be a speedier way to give us power to secure such persons until they have cleared their accounts before us, whereby we shall be the better enabled to compel obedience.

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By our instructions we are first to examine two witnesses upon oath, to prove the delinquency of any person, and then, and not before, to secure the estate. By long experience of the late committee's officers, we are informed that this course was very prejudicial, for upon examination of witnesses, the party had notice, and so had time to convey away his estate, as many witnesses were sometimes examined before there was sufficient proof to make a person a delinquent. Let us have power to seize and secure the personal estate of all such persons, and after, upon good and sufficient proof on oath, to adjudge them delinquents, and then to sell and dispose of their estates ; otherwise our labours will bring little profit.

We have returned 600*l.*, which will be speedily paid. Let your letters be sent to Wm. Crowne, our chairman, at Col. Mackworth's house, or to Wm. King or John Browne, Shrewsbury. [2 *pages.*]

June 20. Norwich. **138.** Thomas Garrett to the Committee for Compounding. Proceedings in collection of the rents and arrears on the estates of the late Lord Capel, claimed on behalf of Lady Capel as jointure, and Sir Henry Bedingfield, whose tenants obstruct the work therein. I long since seized the estate of the late Sir Arthur Hopton. May I call upon the tenants for the rents and arrears due 25 March last? [1 *page.*]

June 20. Chepstow. **139.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. We desire your answer to ours of 6th June. As to rents due upon leases granted by the Trustees [for Irish Affairs?], we have received part thereof, and are daily upon that business. Pray direct your letters for us to me, Robert Jones, care of Wm. Walter, postmaster, at the Market House, in the garrison of Chepstow. There are certain lands in this county that have been sold by Papists ; from what time are such leases, deeds, or grants to be declared void? [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding on behalf of Lieut. Col. John Fenwick, to whom in 1644 Parliament granted Sherborne Hospital, that no $\frac{1}{5}$ be granted out of it, nor any disturbance made for it.

The Earl of Rutland to deliver Wallingford House to Lord Howard on 24 June.

Order confirmed that Lieut. Col. John Fenwick, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, enjoy the mastership of Sherborne Hospital, Durham, sequestered from John Markham, free from payment of any $\frac{1}{5}$ to his wife and children. [*G* 8, *pp.* 159, 162.]

June 21. Northwich. **140.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Thanks for your furthering us in regard to obstructions by reason of judgments, &c., upon delinquents' estates. As to returning money, we enclose a bill of exchange for 350*l.* to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, and we shall try to get in other arrears, and the Midsummer rents. We are much straightened through want of agents, and again recommend the persons named in our letter of the 12th inst. [1 *page.*]

June 22. Wells. **141.** Latimer Sampson and Thomas Shute to the Committee for Compounding. In the midst of our discouragements, we were not a little revived by your orders requiring the [late] sequestrators to bring in their accounts, or personally appear before you within 14 days. Our agent delivered a copy to each sequestrator, but to this day none of them have appeared before us, or produced any account. We also sent your letter to Mr. Clift, of Bath, by a special messenger, who has since made an affidavit that Clift said he took no notice of your orders, and you might send 7 more such orders. We also sent your orders to Col. Pyne concerning the charge against Capt. Mason, but had no reply.

We desire that your orders to us to certify the cause of our sequestering certain estates in this county may be respited, we being at present full of business ; but we will send an account of Lord Capel's estate, and what has been received from it, and paid into the Treasury.

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Direct your letters for us in future to Capt. [Latimer] Sampson, Temple Street, Bristol, where the post comes twice a week.

We have chosen Hen. Maud as our steward, and desire he may have a commission, as we want to send him to keep courts. Since Capt. Sampson has been treasurer, 100*l.* has been sent up, and he has 500*l.* more, which will be returned by the first opportunity; but it is difficult to return money from hence, and we are unwilling to hazard it by the carrier, or to keep it by us. [1 *page.*]

June 22. **142.** Committee for Sequestrations in London to the Committee for Compounding. We tendered an oath to Mathew Alexander, late servant to Alderman Bunce, for the better discovery of the alderman's estate, which he refused to take, in regard he had been his servant; he lives at the Ship, in Gratious [Gracechurch] Street.

We have not yet received the books of the former sequestrators, so that we cannot proceed as we desire, and we find several sums of money not returned in the duplicate of the rent roll as due to the State. We have paid 200*l.* into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall. [½ *page.*]

June 22. Kendal. **143.** Committee for Sequestrations, co. Westmoreland, to the Committee for Compounding. We will observe your directions of the 14th inst. Let your letters to us be directed to John Archer, at Kendal. [¼ *page.*]

June 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on appearance of the Essex Commissioners, that a letter be written to the former commissioners to make a return according to the Act.

An account returned by the late Commissioners for London of all delinquents under the letters A. B. C., to be left 14 days in the hands of the Commissioners for Sequestrations.

Power to be given to the county committees to summon witnesses and to lay a penalty, &c.

To write the late Surrey Commissioners to certify the persons with whom they have compounded for delinquency, and what fines were set.

John Searle of Bucknell, and Rich. Clapp of Sidbury, appointed Sequestration Commissioners for co. Devon, to act with the other commissioners. [*G* 8, *pp.* 167, 168, 172.]

June 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding that in all cases where this committee allows quit rents, or issues out of sequestered estates, certificate be sent to the committee where such estates lie, with order for their allowance.

Mr. Vaughan, registrar to the late sequestration commissioners, is to return a list of all who have had their causes determined by discharge or conviction before the said commissioners or the Barons of Exchequer. Also to return in 14 days the cases still undetermined, which ought by the late Act to have been returned by 25 Feb. last, with all the papers concerning the said cases. [*G* 8, *p.* 174; 10, *p.* 52.]

June 26. Carlisle. **144.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. We enclosed our account of arrears for sequestrations, and that of the treasurers to the late committee, Messrs. Lamplough and Hutton, with Mr. Pearson's, who was one of the agents, which is no way satisfactory; how are we to proceed therein? The estate of [Chris.] Blencow, at Harby Brow, worth 30*l.* a year, was under sequestration, and freed by the late committee last October, by virtue of an extent. [The extent to be allowed.]

The estate of Thomas Salkeld of Brampton was under sequestration, and freed by the late committee, upon payment of a fine of 15*l.* to the use of Carlisle garrison, the estate being worth 60*l.* per annum The estate of Pickering Dalston was under sequestration, and freed by the late committee upon payment of a fine of 20*l.* to the same use, the estate being worth 80*l.* per annum. Lord Dungarvan's rents at Carlton and Skelton were secured by some employed by the late committee, and the Countess of Pembroke pretends title thereto; we desire further instructions therein, so that we may inprove all opportunity for the better service of the State. [She is to prove her title before any allowance.]

We much wonder that Mr. Musgrave, having the charge against the high sheriff of this county committed to him, to bring before you for your opinion, should cause the same to be exposed to public view, whereby the sheriff

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has obtained what he desired here, viz., the names of his accusers. As we conceive this is damaging to the Commonwealth, so it is a discouragement to us, whose employments before they come to maturity must thus be blasted. We will return the money we have lately received with all expedition. The passages between brackets are marginal notes of reply. [1 *page.*]

June 26. Denbigh. **145.** County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We recommended Andrew Ellis, member of this committee, as steward to the Earl of Derby's sequestered estates, because the Act of 25 Jan. 1650 invests the power of keeping courts on such estates in some member of the county committee, which Ellis is; we judged Mr. Hanmer incapable of continuing as steward, from not being a member. [1 *page.*]

June 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Mat. Clift of Bath, one of the late Commissioners for co. Somerset, who has appeared to answer a charge for non-payment of rent, have a copy of the charge, and bring his answer in writing. [*See* 28 *May, supra.*]

Note that Peter Rudder, who was appointed collector to the County Committee for co. Notts, was ordered to receive 40*l.* of Rich. Pendock or George Flower, for rent, and to pay it for the use of the State, which he did; the power of the late committee terminating, the present commissioners call on him for the 40*l.*, and he begs discharge from further trouble. Order that the present county commissioners examine the accounts and certify. [*G* 8, *pp.* 176, 179.]

June 27. Whitehall. Council of State to the County Committee of Berks. The governor of Windsor Castle says you were ordered by Parliament to sell woods of the Duke of Buckingham, value 1,500*l.*, and the money to be spent in repairs of the castle. The place is important, and the decays increase; expedite the work, reimburse the money already laid out, and furnish the remainder. [*G* 71, *p.* 686.]

June 27. Exeter. **146.** Major James Pearse and Captain Jos. Hunkin, County Commissioners for Devon, to the Committee for Compounding. Some months since we received by Mr. Carter a commission from the late Committee for Compounding, authorizing us, with Mr. Marshall, to be Commissioners for Sequestrations within the county of Devon and City of Exeter, since which it has been intimated to us by some friends in the House that we have been discharged from that employment; we also heard that Mr. Slade and Mr. Wotton have since been commissioned, and believed it until three weeks since, when Mr. Carter brought us a letter directed to the county committee, and by his relation and the contents of the letter, we conceived it was intended for us.

We cannot but acknowledge the expression of your favour towards us, and assure you we are far from declining the service of the Commonwealth in the present exigency, being on public employment in several other capacities, though to our great charge and expense; and therefore after the receipt thereof, we met here to forward this needful work which had been so long delayed in default of commissioners. We gave order and warrant to Mr. Carter to procure from the agents to the former committee a duplicate of their transactions, with a rental of estates under sequestration, and what rents are in arrear, which must be done as preparatory to the work. We then, by our letter to you, craved to be dismissed the service, by reason of our other public employments; but our letter, we hear, miscarried, therefore we again met here this week, and gave warrant to Mr. Carter to seize and secure the estates of persons named in lists we sent you, and also to seize some sheafs that will fall in hand before next harvest. We have also issued warrants requiring all such as have sequestered money in hand to bring it in forthwith, according to your instructions and the Act of 25 Jan. last; but we cannot regulate any further until we can get the former agent's accounts, and a perusal of the books and papers of the former committee, and have such informations, depositions, and proofs as lie before them against any charged with delinquency, all which we are promised shall be brought us the next sessions week, about 9 July.

We hope our forwardness to promote this service will not be charged on us as a transgression because we have not taken the oath prescribed, which we forbore to do, partly in expectation that others would be appointed to succeed us, and partly by reason of some scruples wherein we are unsatisfied; and there being no others joined with us in commission, and one of us (Major Pearse)

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coming to London next week, we cannot make any further progress for the present; but he will then wait upon you to renew our former request, and to give you a fuller relation of our proceedings, and acquaint you with some mistakes in your lists sent to us, so that you may signify your further pleasure therein. As you have directed that one of us should act as treasurer, the money brought in shall be paid to Major Pearse at his house in Exeter. [1 *page.*]

June 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that a steward be appointed for Lord Capel's courts. [*G* 8, *p.* 180.]

June 28. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Somerset. We sent you a copy of treaties made by the agents for the late trustees for Ireland, for letting customary estates in Thorne and other manors, lately belonging to Arthur, Lord Capel. We hear that the estates will soon be sold; therefore hold courts and have them let forthwith, at as much as you can above the enclosed rates, but not under, and use all expedition, employing Maud as steward to keep the courts. Send us word what arrears there are on the estates let by the said trustees. [*G* 8, *p.* 186.]

June 28. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Dorset. To like effect as to Child Okeford Manor, co. Dorset. [*G* 8, *p.* 186.]

June 28. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Hants. To like effect as to Kingsworthy Manor, to be let to Phil. Stone for 3 lives. Moneys already raised on the estates to be speedily paid in. [*G* 8, *p.* 187.]

June 28. **147.** County Committee for [Cumberland] to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 5 and 26 Feb. 1650, we certify that on account of the heavy burden of Scotch and English soldiers quartered on us, no benefit could be made to the public till we raised a troop in 1646. As the committee book for 1646 and 1647 was taken by Lancelot Walker, a plundering enemy, we cannot say when delinquents in the first war were voted or discharged, but loose papers show what the treasurer received. It was but little, but we could not better it, for the estates would not let on account of the poverty of the county and heavy taxes; and where the enemy prevailed, the delinquents possessed their own estates.

In 1648 we thought it better to let at clear rents, the farmers paying the $\frac{1}{5}$, taxes, and other charges. We let some estates at good rates in 1649. Some of the receipts were disbursed for Carlisle garrison. [1 *page, damaged.*]

June 28. Dorchester. **148.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your letters and instructions, with your intimation that we should recommend a fit person to keep the courts on sequestered estates. After the experience we have had of neglect in our agent, we request you to empower us to displace such officers and agents, whereby we may have the benefit of their assistance when we think fit, since we are responsible for their miscarriages. As we are to present the names of such as refuse to appear when summoned, we have thought fit, for example's sake, to present Constance Humfry of Hampreston, widow, who has contemptuously refused to appear upon two several summonses. We desire you will direct your letters to Capt. James Dewy at Blandford.

With marginal note that they are to certify the miscarriages of their agent, so that he may be dealt with accordingly; and that if he neglect his duty, he must expect an abatement of his pay. Lord Bristol's estate is to be surveyed by view. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*]

June 28. Penzance. John Humphrey to Capt. Ben. Mason. I am sorry that after all thy expense of money, blood, &c., for Parliament, thou shouldst be accounted a Cavalier, and captain in the King's army after his death, for while he lived, you followed Parliament's commands, as I know, for 6 years. The ground of the committee's mistake must be that several of thy brothers were in the King's army, but thy innocency will clear thee. If I could, I would come and tell them to their face that they are out of the way in this sequestration. 'Tis a mercy we are out of the paws of such self-seekers. Go on courageously, and if prosecuted further, tell me. This letter should satisfy any honest man. [*G* 102, *p.* 74.]

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June 28? **149.** Statement by John Baker that Curle can testify that Capt. Ben. Mason, since he was a commissioner, manifested more respect to Papists and Cavaliers than to honest men, and that he let better bargains to them than to others, as in the case of [Thos.] Martin, a Papist, of Baltonsborough, to whose use one Pyke took his estate for 46*l.* a year, when Thos. Prew offered 60*l.*; and as in the case of Godwin, a Papist, and the setting of Sir Fras. Doddington's estate.

Jeremy Powell, sequestrator, can testify that Mason was required by the late committee to deliver up a list he had of all those in Huntspill who voluntarily assisted the late King, which he promised, but has never done, and the State has been much defrauded by the concealment.

John Allen can testify that he kept company with Papists and Cavaliers in Huntspill, lived in their houses, and preserved their estates from sequestration.

John Sheppard of Kilton, and Wm. Ash, can testify that two soldiers, one now dead and the other gone out of the county, confessed to Sheppard that they had been soldiers in the King's army, and in arms against Woodhouse when it was taken by Sir Fras. Doddington, and served under Mason, who was then captain in the King's army; and that when Sir Fras. Doddington came to face Taunton at Mattocks Tree, Sheppard being one of the party that went out of Taunton at the same time, saw Mason in arms upon a black horse amongst Doddington's forces.

Gabriel Baker can testify that Mason said Pyke should not take Martin's estate, but only for the benefit of the Papist, and what profit was to be made of the same by letting he should have. [1 *page.*]

June 29. Wells. **150.** County Committee for Somersetshire, to the Committee for Compounding. We have examined witnesses concerning the charge given in by Edw. Curle against Capt. Ben. Mason, and find that he was a sequestrator to the late county committee, and has not as yet given in his account; if it had not been for their private contest in London, Curle's charge had never been made. We find by the account of Thomas Prew, another sequestrator, that the estate of Thomas Martin of Baltonsborough is worth 50*l.* a year, out of which he deducted 28*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* for charges; but we let it at 46*l.* a year free of all charges. 'Tis true we had a contest with Capt. Mason in private about the letting of this estate; but he submitted to reason.

As to the charge against him in relation to Jarvis' estate, the sequestrator for the hundred turned out Jarvis' brother wrongfully, and the sequestrator let it to Capt. How for the year now ensuing, which he had no power to do; on complaint to us by Jarvis' brother, who has always been faithful to Parliament, we could do no less than let it to him at 60*l.* a year, he paying all charges, it being let to Capt. How for the same amount, but the State paying all charges.

As for the estate of Sir Fras. Doddington let to Williams, it is true it was let for 120*l.* by the late county committee, and now by us for 115*l.*, but the tenant defrays all charges, besides 15*l.* yearly to the hospital in Bruton, which he was not formerly to defray, whereby there is 10*l.* a year improved.

As for the impropriate parsonage of Godwin, a Papist, it was Curle's fault, being formerly a sequestrator for the hundred where the parsonage lies, that he did not acquaint us with it, so that it might have been secured.

As your orders and summons to the late Committee for Sequestrations in this county for delivery up of their books and papers have been hitherto contemned, we desire a more severe course against them. [1 *page.*]

June 29. Wells. **151.** County Committee for Somersetshire, to the Committee for Compounding. In reply to your orders touching persons in this county who have neglected to pay the remainder of their fines, we observe that Rich. Long of Bristol, merchant, being dead, his relict showed us his discharge of 30 May last. Peter Coward of Baltonsborough, produced his, dated 6 May last. Edw. Harvey of Brockley gave us a bond for 2,000*l.* to bring his discharge by 25 July next. Valentine Powell of Frome, Gilbert Jones of Bristol, and two others, have no visible estate here, but Powell was formerly a proctor at Wells, and Jones chancellor of Bristol. The estates of five others named have all been sequestered by us.

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With regard to your list of delinquents who have not paid any part of their fines, the estates of four have been sequestered and set; Rich. Slape of Taunton St. James has lately died, but his estate has been secured. Three others received order from us last May to obtain their discharges from you within six weeks. As to the cause of sequestering the pretended estates of four others, mentioned in four several orders from you, we enclose the several cases, with particulars of the cause for our proceedings; also depositions taken by us touching Capt. Ben. Mason's misdemeanour. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing*

151. 1. *Statement by the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Somerset, of their proceedings in the cases of the conveyance by Sir Robert Brett, Papist in arms, of lands to Benjamin Weston, Edm. Ludlow, Hen. Samways, Jane Dowthwaite, and Isaac Bromwich.* [2 *pages.*]

June 29. **152.** Particulars presented by Hen. Maud to the Committee for Compounding, on which the county commissioners request redress. Mathew Clift, Mayor of Bath, late one of the committee for the county, promised that Arthur Radburn [or Rodburn], his kinsman, would pay such rent as the committee agreed for Newton Park, formerly belonging to the late Sir Christopher Nevill, a delinquent, and also perform the conditions; whereupon the committee, as there was 140*l.* arrears of rent in Radburn's hands, and 100*l.* waste on the premises, sent to Clift to make satisfaction; but receiving no answer, they relet the park to Ben. Collins, and employed their agent, Capt. John Burgess, to give him possession, and seize the cattle and goods belonging to Radburn, which was done, but the amount realized was not a third part of the rent.

Afterwards Radburn, with the assistance of some troopers going for Ireland, forcibly entered the house and grounds, took away part of the goods and cattle seized upon, and carried them and the committee's tenant to Bath, and there beat and retained him prisoner until they had forced 16*l.* from him, under pretence of quartering, and 6*l.* expenses. The commissioners desire such course herein that the State may not be damnified, their power contemned, or the tenant go unrepaired, he not being able to legally recover it from Radburn who has enlisted for Ireland.

Request a penalty upon Wm. Phelps, Robert Adams, Thomas Prew, and Wm. Collier, senior and junior, for having as sequestrators refused to bring in their arrears of rent and accounts; also upon Wm. Morris, who has rented an estate these 4 years at half value, and procured a grant from the late committee to continue until Michaelmas at the same rent.

Also request for power to the county committee to keep courts in the manors under sequestration in co. Somerset, as it will prove beneficial to the State and satisfactory to the tenants; and for directions for what term of years they shall grant estates, or whether for lives. Many tenements have fallen in hand, and some cannot be discovered until they can keep courts for the managing thereof. The committee have nominated me as their clerk, and referred me to you for satisfaction for my pains.

Also desire that two assistants may be added to each of the agents, and a salary allowed them, until the sequestered estates in this county are settled, the present agents not being able to perform the whole, but forced at their own charge to employ two or three a-piece under them, for whom they request there may be reimbursement.

Also that a salary may be allowed to the collector for the lot, lead and coal within the several manors under sequestration, it requiring continued attendance, otherwise the State would be prejudiced. [2 *pages.*]

June 29. **153.** Statement by Hen. Maud of points on which the County Committee for Somerset desire direction. They have seecured and let the estate of Sir Robert Brett, a Papist in arms, notwithstanding an order from the Sequestration Commissioners that he should enjoy the same until 4,000*l.* in legacies to his younger children had been defrayed; as the deed of gift was made before any of the pretended children were born, it was merely for his private interest.

A claim by Sir Edm. Pye upon the whole estate of the Earl of Northampton in the county, for a debt of 5,000*l.*

They have seized the estate, real and personal, of Wm. Cox of Long-ashton, he having made dilatory appeals 2 or 3 years, and received the profits of his estate, notwithstanding a charge of delinquency: this has been suffered by the connivance of some of the late committee, and therefore

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they have secured his estate, and will take his rents from the time of the seizure, if his appeal is not finished or composition made by 25 July next.

Hen. Harvey of Bridgwater compounded for his estate at an under value, besides his enjoying Bridgwater Castle, which is a place of strength, and may prove of dangerous consequence if in his possession.

Asks directions as to an extent of John Mustard of London, on the manor of Winsford Rodney, for a debt of 406*l.* from Fras. Baker of Chew, which is now sequestered as the land of Sir Robt. Drury.

Also as to an extent by Adrian May for a debt of 1,004*l.* against Sir Ralph Hopton.

Also on a lease to John Gawen of Norrington, in trust for payment of debt from Thos. Gawen, recusant. [2¾ *pages.*]

June 29. Berkhampstead. **154.** County Committee for Hertford to the Committee for Compounding. We consider Nath. Partridge very fit to be our agent, knowing his fidelity and ability.

With note of reply how to send letters by the carriers. Also that Mr. Turner, the treasurer in Hertford, is to pay the money he has received since Ladyday, or appear before the Committee for Compounding within 14 days. Partridge to be appointed agent at a per centage of 6*d.* in the 1*l.* on all moneys he shall bring in. [1 *page.*]

June 29. **155.** County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We desired instructions concerning the horse raised in this county, and those gentlemen whose estates are taken off by extents; return a speedy answer that we may proceed. [½ *page.*]

June 29. Gloucester. **156.** John Dorney to the Committee for Compounding. I have received your two orders, one authorizing me to keep courts upon the sequestered estates in this county, and the other I presume to Wm. Shepherd, the present steward, to deliver up the court rolls; but as it was without direction, I return it. I am willing to obey your commands, but meet with such obstructions that unless they may be removed, I shall be put upon contests with Mr. Shepherd that will discourage my undertakings. He claims a right of keeping courts, and intends to submit his case to you. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

156. I. *The Commissioners for Compounding to* [*Wm. Shepherd*]. *In pursuance of the late Act of Parliament of* 25 *Jan.* 1650, *you are required forthwith to deliver to the bearer, John Dorney of Gloucester, all such deeds, court rolls, and other writings as remain in your hands, belonging to the estates of delinquents now or formerly under sequestration. Westminster,* 6 *June* 1650. [¾ *page.*]

June? **157.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. We have made some progress in sequestering the estates of delinquents and recusants, and secured the rents of as many as the shortness of time would permit, and that with good improvement. We cannot find that the Earl of Chesterfield has any estate save his lady's jointure by her former husband [*she was Anne, widow of Sir Hum. Ferrars*], for which she has compounded with you. [Mary] Alexander, a recusant, produced letters of suspension for the sequestration of her estate, but as we are certified by an M.P., that on search, no entry of any such order can be found, we have secured her rents in the tenants' hands until further order. Notes of cases.

We have received much assistance from Geo. Thorley, late solicitor for sequestrations here, and desire he may be our registrar. [1 *page.*]

June? **158.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. Some of the townsmen of Weymouth and Melcomb Regis, and the present tenants to Radipole Farm, now under sequestration as the lands of Alex. Raynes, recusant, lately in arms, came before us, and the townsmen made claim to parcel of the said farm, called Melcomb Common, as the inheritance of the town; alleging that since the beginning of the wars, the town chest, where the public moneys and evidences for their lands lay, was broken up by soldiers, and their money and evidences taken away. They also showed us the examinations of credible witnesses to prove that for 40 years past the inhabitants enjoyed the said common, and had a cowkeeper of their own to keep their cattle, and they constantly went in procession to the utmost bounds, called the bulwarks; and that 50 years since, the townsmen had a verdict

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against the then occupiers of Radipole Farm, and afterwards the then occupier—being a Papist, and having great influence with one of the Judges of the Common Pleas at Westminster, being related to him as a kinsman,—brought an action against the townsmen, and, by indirect practices, had a verdict against them, and regained possession of the common, and has ever since wrongfully detained it.

The tenant informed us that the townsmen have sown with him, and give out that they will reap the corn next harvest, unless he turns tenant to the town, and therefore he could not pay us his rent unless he might have security to enjoy the lands. Col. [Jas.] Heane, governor of Weymouth and Melcomb Regis, came with the tenant, and informed us that he knew many pregnant proofs of the title of the townsmen to the common, and desired us to make some certificate thereof to you, and he averred that he was persuaded it was the townsmen's right. As this is an obstruction in our proceedings with the tenant, we present it to you. [1 *page.*]

June? Note of 4 counties, Leicester, Derby, Worcester, and Norfolk, from which returns have been made of receipts from the estates settled on the trustees for Ireland. The Kent Committee report that there are none such in their county. [*G* 95, *p.* 599.]

June? **159.** Instructions by the Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners. Nos. 1–17 are calendared 5 Feb. 1650; Nos. 18–38, 20 May 1650. The additions are as follows:—

39. To keep a distinct account of moneys received out of estates settled on the late trustees for Ireland, and to express the same distinction in your returns to us.
40. To give to every person proceeded against for delinquency or recusancy a certificate of the cause of such proceedings.
41. To seize and sell any timber felled by a delinquent or recusant, the whole if a delinquent, and ⅔ if a recusant.
42. To be present, one or more of you, at all courts on sequestered estates, and to join in setting the fines, which you are to improve for the best advantage of the Commonwealth.
43. In cases of extents, &c., allowed by Parliament or by the Committee for Sequestrations, or Barons of Exchequer, you are only to secure the rents in the tenants' hands, and certify to us the whole matter before proceeding further.
44. When ordered by us to pay fifths or annuities, or rent-charges, you shall satisfy yourselves by oaths that the intended parties live in England, or elsewhere by order of Parliament.
45. To seize and secure all estates of Papists beyond the seas, and of all such as are under 21.
46. When ordered by us to allow fifths, you are to enquire whether the wife claiming the same was married after the delinquency; if so, to disallow her fifth.
47. In all cases of seizure of estates, you are to sequester and dispose thereof, if the parties do not produce a dicharge or certificate that the delay of judgment is not by their default.
48. To certify the full improved value of all estates on which there are mortgages, statutes, judgments, extents, &c.
49. To make leases for one year only, under seal.

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July 2. **1.** Order in the Army Committee, that the committees for Compositions with Delinquents and for the Advance of Money issue warrants to their treasurers for payment of 50,000*l.* to the Treasurers-at-War, out of money received upon sequestrations or compositions, after payment of 105,000*l.* already charged upon the receipts of Goldsmiths' Hall, for maintenance of the army in England. [¾ *page.*]

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July 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Thos. Hancock be agent for Cheshire in place of Capt. Shaw.

That Col. Pyne make good the charge against Capt. Mason in 28 days, both parties to examine and cross-examine witnesses in the country. [Rich.] Jones and [John] Buckland were never laid aside from acting as commissioners.

That William Cleggat be added to the County Committee for Sussex, *vice* Capt. Fissenden.

2. That on the allowance of mortgages, statutes, and judgments, the parties in possession that claim them give in to the committee a particular of the estate, and how it is let, which is to be sent to the county committees, with a desire that they be improved to the best rent.

To obtain power from the House to enforce the county commissioners to bring in their moneys. [*G* 8, *pp.* 188, 191; 10, *p.* 56.]

July 2. **3.** Answer of Matthew Clift, or Cliffe, gentleman, to the information of the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Somerset. Never gave his word to the late committee that Arthur Radburn should pay such rent, and perform such conditions, in not committing waste, &c., as the said committee should agree with him for Newton Park, for the last year he held it, nor was there any entry of such promise. Received two letters from the committee relating to the supposed promise, and replied as above. Knows not what arrears of rent were in Radburn's hands, nor what waste he committed, nor to whom the committee have let the park, nor what seizures have been made for arrears, nor whether Radburn, with the assistance of soldiers or others, entered the house, seized the goods and cattle, and carried them away; nor that he took the tenant a prisoner to Bath, or any other place, or received money of him for quartering, &c.; it is immaterial to him whether Radburn has enlisted as a soldier for the English service.

Has been mayor of Bath 12 months, but never heard of the proceedings mentioned to have taken place there. It is the course of the committee, where any man undertakes for their tenants' rents, to take some writing for payment of them. Did nothing beyond recommending the tenant's fitness. For these reasons, and because the information is so general, uncertain, and insufficient, desires it may be dismissed. [1½ *pages.*]

July 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that his answer be transmitted to the county commissioners to be examined. [*G* 8, *p.* 191.]

July 2. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Somerset. We had intended to hear the evidence against Capt. Mason *vivâ voce*, but as it will be a great charge to bring up his witnesses, we have made an order (enclosed). All the commissioners are to have notice of any evidence against him. [*G* 8, *p.* 189.]

July 2. Committee for Compounding to Col. Pyne. We send an order for your satisfaction. Let it be pursued with fairness and speed, and avoid all just occasion of complaint. [*G* 8, *p.* 189.]

July 2. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners of Berks, Chester, Cornwall, Cumberland, Dorset, Durham, Herts, Lancaster, Monmouth, Northumberland, Oxon, Rutland, Surrey, Westmoreland, and North and South Wales. We find that no moneys have been returned from some counties on the Act of 25 Jan. last, notwithstanding votes in Parliament requiring the Ladyday rents to be detained in the tenants' hands; if you had used diligence, money would have been paid in from your county as from others. We impute it to your remissness, and desire better care in future. Send an account of moneys in tenants' hands, or received, or in arrear. Without this we cannot satisfy Parliament, and shall be forced to complain of defaulters, and take a course to prevent such neglect in future. [*G* 8, *p.* 192.]

July 2. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Hereford. You should allow a proportion according to the value of sequestered estates towards the charge for raising horse in your county, and it shall be allowed on account, but see that the estates are not unduly charged. As to mortgages

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you are to obey the enclosed instructions till the parties make good their claim, and we allow it. We send you the Acts and ordinances, and hope you will carefully peruse them. Return all your receipts, you cannot do a more acceptable service. Send the names of the former treasurers, and the demand you desire shall be made. [*G* 8, *p.* 194.]

July 2. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Cambridge. We are pleased with the plainness and freeness of yours of 5 June, and are fully satisfied with your proceedings. We have ordered Yoward, the late solicitor, to attend us, and will certify his account to you. We have a very imperfect return from John Wright and John Taylor, two of the former committee, but know not how to get a better. Tell us who acted in the several hundreds, and advise the best means for procuring the returns you desire, and we will take a speedy course. [*G* 8, *p.* 195.]

July 2. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Monmouth. We send commissions for the gentlemen whom you wish to be appointed stewards. The charge laid upon sequestered estates for raising of horse must be allowed, unless there be any overcharge. We expect instructions from Parliament as to allowances to discoverers. Pray send up the moneys from the estates late in the hands of trustees, and any other moneys you have, Parliament looking for them daily. [*G* 8, *p.* 196.]

July 2. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Notts. We did not receive yours of 3 June till the 22nd. By this delay, time is lost for felling the timber of the Earl of Newcastle and Sir John Byron. As much of the season as remains must be improved to the best advantage, the timber sold at the best rates, and the money paid in. [*G* 8, *p.* 196.]

July 2. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. York. You are to pay the 4,000*l.* formerly ordered, with such other sums as are in your hands, not exceeding 6,000*l.*, according to assignments made by the treasurers-at-war. [*G* 8, *p.* 197.]

July 2. The same to the same. We wonder you complain of want of power to examine on oath, when a plain order of Parliament authorizes it, which we again enclose you. [*G* 8, *p.* 195.]

July 3. **4.** County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. We have made diligent search for the estate of Ald. Jas. Bunce, and hearing that part of it was in the hands of John Beck, merchant, Barge Yard, Bucklersbury, we sent for him, when he produced a public faith bill belonging to the alderman, dated 15 May 1647, for 772*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.*, and subscribed by Lawrence Bromfield and Richard Glide, treasurers for the 400,000*l.* [loan], which bill was made over by the alderman to John Beck, 19 June 1649, at Middleburg. [Query if *bonâ fide* made over.]

We demanded the last quarter's rent of Robert Hale, the alderman's tenant, but he refused to pay it, as he gave it to Mrs. Bunce on 5 March last. [To levy it again.]

The late Spanish ambassador being returned by the trustees for Ireland to be indebted to the Marquis of Winchester in 600*l.*, Egidio Mottett, the ambassador's steward, refuses to appear before any inferior justice about anything. [They are to see the ambassador himself.]

The passages in brackets are marginal notes of reply. [¾ *page.*]

July 4. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Dorset. Certify forthwith the improved value of the estates of Sir John Webb, and three others, to be let for 7 years, and what copyhold estates of theirs are under sequestration. [*G* 8, *p.* 201.]

July 4. Statement made by Major Nehemiah Collins of Bristol, to the Committee for Compounding, that Capt. B. Mason, having an estate in co. Hereford, was in the city in March 1645, when the governor, Col. [John] Birch, left the garrison weak, to go out and prevent Sir Jacob Astley from joining the King, and that he

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assisted in repelling an attack made by Sir Hen. Lingham [Lingen], governor of Goodrich Castle; also that he has always been well affected to Parliament. [*G* 102, *p.* 255.]

July 4. Charge by Capt. Ben. Mason against Wm. Ceely, recorder [of Bridgwater], for assisting the King's cause, favouring delinquents, &c. [*G* 102, *pp.* 47–49, 61.]

July 4. Charge by Capt. Ben. Mason against Wm. Morris, tenant to Horsington, late the estate of [Wm.] Gawen, Papist in arms, for felling wood, renting the farm at an under value, and detaining it from the person to whom the present commissioners have re-let it. [*G* 102, *p.* 71.]

July 4? Request of Ben. Mason to rent Horsington Farm, and a piece of lease in Broad Hearth. With note that the commissioners are to certify the value, and not dispose of it meantime. [*G* 94, *p.* 371.]

July 5. Order in the Committee for Compounding, on petition of the poor people of Belton and Branston, co. Rutland, tenants of Lichfield Forest, allowing them, as agreed on, 20*l.* in lieu of their right of commons, on disafforestation of the forest, which the county commissioners are to pay, sending up all proofs of the agreement.

Order that if a woman marry a person after delinquency, she shall be allowed no $\frac{1}{6}$, except of the estate she brought.

Alexander Holt, Mr. Bankes, vintner, and John Nuttall to appear on 18 July to answer charges.

Order on Col. Thos. Eyre's petition for allowance of 298*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.*, laid out by him and others for the State, that this committee have no cognizance of it. [*G* 8, *pp.* 202, 203, 207; 10, *pp.* 59, 61.]

July 5. Preston. **5.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We observe your instructions as to the sequestrations, but find it impossible to do such service as we desire without the assistance of officers. You appoint but one agent-general for this county; if all the others be discharged, the sequestrations, being numerous and great, will fall to the ground. Peter Ambrose, who is appointed agent-general, cannot undergo the burden, for though he was only one of 4 agents within the 6 hundreds for the last 7 years, the charge has been so great that he has not as yet perfected his accounts.

We have by several letters requested your approbation of our officers. [Mr. Attorney General to be spoken with about the carriage of letters.] We send a list which are fewer than heretofore. [The letters are answered; however, they have added John Case, and that it is as many as are allowed in any place.]

We also want an agent to represent us in London.

We would rather be discharged of our employment than act in a way predjudicial to the State. We send informations touching the delinquencies of several persons not yet sequestered, and desire directions therein. The passages in brackets are marginal notes of replies. [1$\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*] *Enclosing*

5. I. *List of* 11 *persons whom they desire to be appointed as agents and officers, slightly differing from that of* 9 *May.* [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

July 5. Wellington. **6.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases.

We told you that we had summoned the collectors of the late committee, and that none appeared but Capt. John Crow and Joseph Proud; they could not give us satisfaction, as their accounts were with the sub-committee of accounts, who were and still are away from Shrewsbury, where the books lie. To call them to an account is a work of great concern, and should speedily go on, had we power to force them; but our instructions are only to certify their names, and they, knowing this, only slight us; Rich. Higgins, although summoned, has not appeared, and we are credibly informed that he had 500*l.* in hand. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

6. I. *List of* 22 *persons employed by the late committee for sequestrations in co. Salop, as agents and collectors.* 5 *July* 1650. [1 *page.*]

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6. II. *Similar list, not identical, of* 22 *agents, with request by Edm. Kendrick, agent, for a speedy order to secure such as refuse to appear and perfect their accounts before the present Commissioners, especially Rich. Higgins, now in London.* 5 *July* 1650. [¾ *pages; also G* 110, *p.* 347.]

July 6. Nottingham. **7.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We wish to advance the service, but we meet with many malignant spirits, who deprave both our authority and us, and particularly James Clayton of Mansfield; on 6 June last he said to me, Mich. Brett, in the hearing of many, that I was a troubler of their Israel, and asked me by what authority I sequestered any man's estate, and said that he did not doubt shortly to see me and the power by which I acted fall, that we had killed one king and set up many; he spoke other words with much rancour and bitterness. How are we to proceed against him, and others that do the like, that the authority by which we act, and in defence whereof we would lay down our lives and whatever is dear to us, may not be trampled under foot? Send instructions by John Hough, our agent, now attending you. [A letter to Messrs. Charleton and Linley, and the rest of the justices, to take notice of the misdemeanours, and to right the State upon the person.]

What proceedings are we to take upon the proofs and confessions of delinquency against the persons named in ours of 26th of June last?

We want a commission for Hough to keep the courts on sequestered estates, he having had much experience therein.

Are not the estates of such as were active in the late King's service against Parliament, and are now dead, to be sequestered until composition be made for their delinquency? [If they were slain in arms.]

May not proofs of delinquency taken before the late County Committee be proceeded on as though taken by us? The bracketed passages are marginal notes of reply. [1 *page.*]

July 8. Carlisle. **8.** Thos. Craister and Thos. Langhorne, Commissioners for Cumberland, to the Committee for Compounding.

We are troubled that the sequestrations should be neglected, which will be unavoidable, as Mr. Musgrave is for the most part out of the country, [Wm.] Briscoe often absent, and our own employments, public and private, prevent our giving the requisite attendance to sequestrations. Therefore, unless we have such joined in commission with us as are able and ready to bear equal burden, we must send up our commission, there being no possibility of managing this work without more assistance. Nothing moves us hereto but that we may be the better able to serve the State. [Query whether not fit to add commissioners, or write to Sir Art. Hesilrigge about them.]

A great part of the estate of [Rich.] Kirkbride of Ellerton, was not under sequestration till after the war, and since then part thereof, called the Meal Garner, being concealed, was discovered to the late committee by Thomas Sewell, commissary for the garrison here; that committee, at the governor's request, and in order to lay the same up as provision for the garrison, ordered the commissary to collect the meal, with whatever else he could discover to be in arrear by the tenants.

Meantime Kirkbride compounded for the meal at Newcastle, at 23*l.* a year, it being worth 80*l.*, and after he had procured letters of suspension, he came and demanded the whole; the commissary had recourse to the committee, who ordered him to proceed in discovering and collecting the premises, paying Kirkbride what he had compounded for; this the latter refused, and both appearing before us, the commissary affirmed that Kirkbride, within these 3 years since it ought to have been sequestered, had received more than all his composition amounted to. Kirkbride denying it, we ordered the commissary to bring in an account of Kirkbride's receipts during the 3 years, and how much in meal and money was collected by the commissary, which accounts in gross, with some disbursements, we enclose.

We desire that the commissary may have satisfaction according to ordinance, and be further considered for his long and extraordinary pains, he having employed several agents about the premises.

[That the value be proved upon oath, and there is an ordinance passing for an allowance.] The passages in brackets are marginal notes of reply. [1 *page.*]

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8. I. *Account of moneys and meal due to the State from that part of Rich. Kirkbride's estate called the Meal Garner, viz.:—*

	£	s.	d.
Received of 86 *tenants, in part payment for* 1647 *and* 1648 - - - - - - - -	98	7	3
Received of them in meal for 1649, 200 *bushels,* 24 *gallons to the bushel, which is laid up in the storehouse of Carlisle garrison for the public use, worth* -	100	0	0
In arrear and uncollected - - - -	3	10	0
	£201	17	3

Disbursed out of the above moneys and meal received by Commissary Thos. Sewell:—

	£	s.	d.
To Joseph Nicholson, by order of the Committee of Plundered Ministers, in part of one year's rent - -	10	0	0
To several agents employed - - - -	8	3	0
To the Sheriff's Bailiff, who arrested two of the tenants, at the suit of Mr. Kirkbride - - - -	0	4	8
Received of the said tenants by Mr. Kirkbride, in money and meal for 1647 *and* 1648 - - - -	99	7	5
[¾ *page.*]	£117	15	1

July 9. **9.** Order of the Army Committee, that the Commissioners for Compositions and Advance of Money meet the said committee at the late residence of Sir William Broncard, in the Old Palace, Westminster, to report the progress made on the order of this Committee of 2 July, and to deliver in writing the obstructions to be removed for speedily collecting the money upon compositions and sequestrations. [½ *page.*]

July 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all charges of delinquency be prosecuted by the Committee for Advance of Money.

That the counsel for the Commonwealth sign all charges exhibited against delinquents.

Order on letters from the County Committee of Salop, and information of Edm. Kendrick, their agent, that John Browne, one of them, is in town, that he attend this committee on Thursday morning, between 8 and 9, about public business in that county.

The depositions and informations against delinquents sent in by the York Commissioners referred to Mr. Carey, to peruse and report his opinion. [*G* 11, *pp.* 3, 6.]

July 9. **10.** Information by Edmond Kendrick, agent to the Committee of Salop, that Joseph Proud, of Shrewsbury, chief collector to the late committee, offered Rich. Higgins, another collector to the late committee, 500*l.* for what moneys he had in his hands belonging to the State, if he would make a just account of what he had received and disbursed. Kendrick desires that Higgins may be summoned before the Committee for Compounding, to give an account what moneys remain in his hands. [¾ *page.*]

July 9. Committee for Compounding to Edm. Kendrick. As Rich. Higgins has refused to appear before you and give an account of moneys remaining in his hands, you are to take him into custody, and bring him before this committee next Thursday, to answer his contempt and give in his accounts of money in hand. [*G* 11, *p.* 6.]

July 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of York. We have received your 4 letters of the 3rd inst., and approve your proceedings against Mr. Vincent, of Smeaton; the seizure is to be continued till the claim is proved. Your securing of the rents of Lower Killerby is not amiss, and should be continued till the parties aggrieved apply to us. [Wm.] Bulmer's estate is to be secured. [*G* 11, *p.* 7.]

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July 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners of [Notts]. You return us the names of Thos. Cliffe, and four others, with their examinations for delinquency. Some are convicted by their own confession, and these are to be sequestered; but you are only to seize and secure the estates of those who justify themselves, till they make their defence. [*G* 11, *p.* 7.]

July 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners of Stafford. We have ordered examination of the depositions returned by you of persons charged with delinquency, and will send further directions. As to those who are both Papists and delinquents, and who compounded with the late Lord President and Commissioners at York, we hope a good account of your proceedings with them. We cannot allow any annuities, extents, or incumbrances upon sequestered estates, until the claim is proved before us. [*G* 11, *p.* 8.]

July 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Wilts. We approve your proceedings against Wm. Arundel. You may at present allow the discoverer 1*s.* in the pound, but we hope soon to reward such services better. As to augmentations, the late Act is to be your rule.

We intend by our 19th instruction that you should let any sequestered estate to the best bidder, whether the delinquent or any other.

Though you recommend [Thos.] Helme, your clerk, we nominate Mr. Hussey steward for cos. Wilts and Dorset, for weighty reasons.

You ask direction about outed ministers. If for scandal, such matters do not lie before us; if for delinquency, their temporal estates are to be sequestered.

It would be expensive and tedious to keep courts of survey for finding out copyhold estates. We advise you to do it by sending your agents to the several manors. [*G* 11, *p.* 8.]

July 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Northampton. As to yours about Sir Rich. Lane, our direction in all such cases is that you continue sequestrations on all estates not legally discharged, till you receive order from us. Peruse your instructions, and pursue them, notwithstanding any pretence of interest. [*G* 11, *p.* 9.]

July 9. Chester. **11.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We must remind you of the agents for the service of sequestrations whom we recommended and have been forced to employ. We would not willingly waste the State's treasure or retard its service, and therefore, because they know the employment and are discreet and faithful, we desire you will expedite their commissions. We hope you have received our letters of the 21st, and a bill of exchange for 350*l.*, also the one of the 1st inst., concerning a debt due on a bond to Sir Fras. Gamul from Sir Rich. Grosvenor and others, and since paid to us. We will endeavour to send up more money with all expedition. [1 *page.*]

July 9. Chester. **12.** Col. Robert Duckenfield to the Committee for Compounding. The enclosed order was granted upon good grounds by the deputy-lieutenants against Col. Robert Werden, who fled, and it is not now known where he resides. His estate is under sequestration, so that the 20*l.* cannot be paid to Capt. Godfrey Gimbalt's wife, who is very poor and lost her husband in the service of the State. Pray order the sequestrators here to pay it out of Col. Werden's estate, [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

12. I. *Order by Sir Wm. Brereton and four others to Col. Robt. Werden, to pay* 20*l.*, *part of* 40*l. due from him as balance of his ransom for liberation out of prison, in part of arrears due to Capt. Godfrey Gimbert* (*sic*), *for service in this county, the sum to be charged upon Capt. Hawkridge's accounts as part of his arrears due for his service.* 8 *Nov.* 1648. [1 *page.*]

July 10. Newcastle. **13.** Hen. Horsley, one of the County Commissioners for Northumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. In the absence of the other commissioners, who are employed upon the army's advance into this county, I take on myself as treasurer, and one of the county committee, to inform you that the profits of sequestrations were granted for discharging public engagements of the county. [How were the profits of sequestrations employed?]

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In other counties rents are payable at Ladyday and Michaelmas, but here at Whitsuntide and Martinmas; we will get them in and give you an account; but the tenants, by reason of the troublesome and dangerous times, cannot get their goods sold, and so raise the money; and we are therefore constrained to use more moderation than otherwise we would.

We have only received 1,000*l.* of the Whitsuntide rents, but we hope to receive the arrears shortly, except the rents of the Earl of Newcastle and Sir Wm. Widdrington's estates, which are to be paid to [Susan] Blakiston by your order.

[Is she not provided for two ways? They are to certify what order it is they mean.]

Impute not our former failings to remissness, but to the absolute necessity and exigency of the county's sufferings.

The bracketed passages are notes of reply. [1⅓ *page.*]

July 10. Chelmsford. **14.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. The estate of John Denham, sequestered for delinquency, is rented at 230*l.* a year, out of which there are charges and incumbrances named, which leaves a clear half year's rent of 60*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*, which sum is now ready, but was not received when the last money was paid by [John] Mann, the treasurer. We cannot find the estate of Sir Thomas Bludder; we have given order to our agent to secure that of Sir William Campion.

We find it difficult to make a return of Sir John Lucas's, as part of it, being his mother's jointure, was never sequestered, and we therefore desire a duplicate of the estate given in by him. We hope to give you an account of Lady [Anne] Lake's business next week, when we expect a good part of the arrears of rent in this county will be brought in. We can do nothing in the business of Lord Petre until further orders from you; direct your letters to our agent, Dan. Lucas, who lives in this town, and will carefully dispatch them. James Baxter, who waits upon our Parliament men, has promised to call constantly to see if there is anything for us. [1 *page.*]

July 10. Leicester. **15.** County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. We send depositions against Wm. Cooke, the present minister of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and have secured his estate and desire directions therein.

[For those things that are matter of scandal, they are to transmit them to the Committee for Plundered Ministers; the charge does not amount to sequestration, and therefore they are to release it.]

Notwithstanding the Act of Parliament and your instructions, we cannot get a sight of the old committee's books and papers of examinations against delinquents, and therefore request your order to them.

[To certify the names of those from whom they are demanded, when they did demand, and when they were refused, that the Committee for Compounding may set the fine, and write to the old county committee.]

We have received informations against some of the best tradesmen in Leicester, about their trading with the enemy at Ashby in the time of the war, and especially against one who sent wares by a soldier of the late King, knowing him to be so; and when our gentry would have kept that soldier forth out of Leicester, that tradesman procured that he might come in, and so sent wares by him 3 or 4 times.

[To examine them on oath, and proceed according to their instructions.]

We have paid 1,500*l.* into Goldsmiths' Hall, and near 300*l.* in augmentations, and have 300*l.* or 400*l.* more to return up. We would gladly hear how the case of Lady [Grace] Manners stands. The portions in brackets are marginal notes of reply. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

1. *Depositions that Wm. Cooke did not keep the fast-days prescribed; spoke against Parliament; dissuaded his neighbours from taking the engagements; called the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland and his army murderers and blood-suckers, and prayed that the victories there might not harden the wicked in their sins.* 18 *May* 1650. [*G* 161, *p.* 475.]

July 10. Dorchester. **16.** County Committee for Dorset to Committee for Compounding. We are troubled that instead of a receipt for the moneys we long since ordered, which were undertaken by Saml. Bull as treasurer to be returned before he left the employment, we find your letter of reprehension for our remissness, both in

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raising and paying in moneys. Upon examination of Bull's agent, we find of the gross sum mentioned in our account, there is returned to Sam. Burie, servant to Mich. Herring, your treasurer, 510*l.*, and that he only waits an opportunity to return the residue. The difficulty of returning our money lies more upon us than the service, and we would gladly receive directions for speedy conveyance.

We are also troubled how to reconcile your directions of 11 and 28 June; the former desires us with all speed to perfect certain treaties made with the trustees for Ireland, for some customary estates in the manor of Child Okeford, lately belonging to Arthur, Lord Capel, according to a particular annexed; and the other desires us to take care that courts be forthwith kept, and to let the same estates for as much more as is expressed in that particular as we can, but not under those rates.

In pursuance of the former, we summoned a Court of Survey, where we found the tenements treated for by John Munck to be of the yearly value of 20*l.*, and finding him to stick upon his former offer of 240*l.*, we concluded with Robert Tilly for 250*l.* For the other, treated for by Wm. Munck, we found the two Lannings to be dead before his pretended contract, which is therefore void, and an arrear of 20*l.* rent in Munck's hands, for which arrears, and perfecting the treaty for the three lives therein mentioned, we concluded for 95*l.* We desire further directions therein, being deeply engaged by perfecting the treaties upon your first order.

We likewise found a farm in the said manor in hand, value 100*l.* a year, now let by the trustees' agent for 64*l.*, the Ladyday rent whereof we have received. We have taken care that the rents due out of the estate of the Marquis of Winchester to Sir Thos. Jervis be detained in the tenants' hands until further order. We are now receiving the quarter's rents, which you shall have by the next opportunity. We desire a receipt for the money already returned. [1 *page.*]

July 11. Dorchester. **17.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. On consideration of the 16th article of your last instructions, declaring all grants made by recusants and delinquents since their recusancy and delinquency to be void, we present the case of [Eliz.] Arundel, widow, a recusant, who had a jointure which paid 160*l.* a year to the State discharged a year since, on pretence of a grant made by her to [Marg.] Moore of all her estate, under the composition of 150*l.*, paid to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall; by colour thereof the whole estate is still enjoyed, and estates granted by her agents in Mrs. Moore's name, and no advantage accrues to the State. Also George Penny, a recusant, whose estate was assigned by Parliament to the town of Beaminster for reparation of losses by fire, sold an estate at Cheddington for 800*l.* We require a discharge for the money sent, and answers to our letters.

With marginal notes in reply, that they are to certify what grounds they have to suspect the deed in in Mrs. Arundel's case to be fraudulent, and to enquire how the profits are, and have been disposed of; if to her, the profits are to be seized. They are also to send a copy of the ordinance for Beaminster, and certify who has purchased the estate. [¾ *page.*]

July 11. Oxford. County Committee for Oxon to the Committee for Compounding. You charge us with neglect in not paying in our money, but we were ordered by Parliament and by the late Committee for Compounding to pay a troop of horse raised by Capt. Hen. Smith for this and adjacent counties, 726*l.* in arrear 25 March last, and 72*l.* a week afterwards, and we are in arrears to them, as we have formerly written you. [The Committee for Compounding expect that since June last they have been paid in their own army.] We therefore think you forgot those orders when you wrote us. We have neglected nothing to pay the troop, who have merited much from us who are preserved by God under the present Government. Particulars of cases. [*G* 165, *p.* 107.]

July 11. Durham. **18.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. It is true our county is one of those from which no money has been returned to your Treasury, but you must take cognizance of the state of the sequestrations here when we entered upon that employment; viz., that those lands were all let to farm by the former committee for the year 1649, and the rent days by their covenants were Martinmas, which is 11 Nov., and Pentecost, 20 June,

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which are the constant rent-days in this county, and that until last Pentecost, we could not imburse any considerable sum, which disabled us answering your expectation of the rent becoming due 25 March. For our care in returning what we have received, the bearer can witness, with whom we have dealt to obtain us bills of exchange from the treasurers-at-war, which is the only return from these parts, by reason of the army's present advance northward; and herein we have to crave your furtherance to draw to your Treasury 1,500*l.*, which we have received. We doubt not the bearer will afford you a good account of our constant endeavours in the business of sequestrations, to answer as we may, out of much confusion, the commands of Parliament and your expectations; we will send the examinations and proceedings as soon as duplicates are made. [1 *page.*]

July 12. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Higgins, one of the late collectors for sequestrations in co. Salop, who appeared before them, have a month's time to bring in his accounts. [*G* 11, *p.* 20.]

July 12. Chepstow. **19.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. You impute it to our remissness that we had not paid the money into the Treasury as other counties have, but our commission was the last of any in England that came to hand, and the remoteness of this county makes it the more hazardous and difficult to make returns. We have received 1,000*l.*, and desire to know the safest way to have it conveyed, it being dangerous to trust it without a convoy. As to the arrears, we shall give you such an account as shall render us faithful to our trust, and as forward as others for the advantage of the State. [1 *page.*]

July 13. Kingston. **20.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. You charge us with negligence, but when we were with you we stated that when we could make up 200*l.* it should be paid, which was done by [Ben.] Goodwin, our treasurer. Our agent has attended the old committee several days to receive their records, but without success, which is no small hindrance to our business, yet we have not been idle, as we have already compounded for 800*l.* a year. Next Monday to Wednesday will be spent in keeping 2 courts, and on Thursday we hope to finish the account of the arrears of rent for Maze Manor, which has already taken up 20 days. We have abundance of troublesome business, but are willing to do what service we can, though we know not whether our salary will bear our charges. [1 *page.*]

July 13. Kendal. **21.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. You suppose that we have been remiss, as notwithstanding the Act of 25 Jan. last, and the votes of Parliament, no money has been returned. We wrote you that the rents and profits of all sequestered estates due at and before Candlemas last were disposed of, by virtue of an Act granting the sequestrations arising in the 4 northern counties for their use and benefit, in regard of their great sufferings. As for the profits of sequestrations since we were employed to manage them here, no money will be due until 1 Aug. next, which we will return as soon as received. The postmaster of Preston writes us that [Edm.] Prideaux, postmaster-general, is resolved that the post shall no longer be continued to this town except it be at the town's charge, to which the inhabitants are unwilling. We leave it to you what inconveniences may arise for want of intercourse of letters. [1 *page.*]

July 13. Exeter. **22.** Capt. Jos. Hunkyn to the Committee for Compounding. A fortnight since Major Pearse and myself, formerly appointed commissioners for this county, signified to you the little progress there had been made in sequestration, and the reasons thereof. Major Pearse having since had occasion to go to London, I came hither, and have continued here this week to promote the work; the neglect thereof has already been a great disadvantage to the State, and will be greater unless timely remedy be applied,—especially in regard of sheafs, which in some places have fallen in hand,—harvest drawing near, and some of the former leases of estates having expired; but there can be no new grant made of them by myself, as a single commissioner, and no other is left.

These and other matters Major Pearse said he would inform you of on his arrival in London, but as I have not heard from him, I acquaint you myself, and ask you to hasten down commissions to such as can and will undertake this employment, from which I beg to be discharged, though not

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from sullenness, or of purpose to decline the service of the Commonwealth, or out of any compliancy with the enemies thereof. I hope the many journeys I have made, the expense I have been at, the several warrants I have signed in this business, and the many other public employments I voluntarily undertake, to my great expense, will sufficiently clear me therein; but I have so far expended myself on public employments already, and am so far damnified in my estate during those troubles, that I am now driven to very great exigencies. [1 *page.*]

July 13. **23.** Committee for Sequestrations, co. Hereford, to the Committee for Compounding. You require us to follow our former directions for sequestering those estates that have been taken off by mortgages, judgments, and extents. They have been so long in extent that for the most part the debts are, or might have been, long since fully satisfied. Consider in examination the time when they began, and what the estates were worth, and whether they might not be paid. There is a great deal of double dealing in some of these estates.

You gave us power to employ persons for seizing and securing estates, for whom you would try to competent allowance, but we have not heard any more of it, nor received the Acts and ordinances mentioned in your last, nor the informations and depositions before the late committee against those delinquents that have not yet compounded; wherefore we have had to employ those agents that formerly belonged to the committee; when we require them to give summons, we have to pay them for their pains; in other places where they seize and secure, we do not know what belongs to them for their pains, and if any abuse be done by them, it is contrary to our will, and for want of the Acts, and ordinances, and the committee's books. The money we receive we return with all speed. The duplicates we have received are very imperfect. The former treasurers were Thomas Rawlins and Thomas Blaney, from whom we have not received any return of arrears. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

July 16. **24.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, on 2 orders of Parliament of 13 March 1649 and 14 June 1650, and on the order of 13 Jan. 1649,—authorizing the Committee of Sequestrations in co. Bucks, and the Commissioners for Compounding, to fell and sell so many decayed trees and pollards growing on the Duke of Buckingham's grounds as will realize 3,000*l.*, whereof 1,500*l.* was to be paid to Col. Whichcott for repair of Windsor Castle, and the residue to go towards the pay of the horse forces in co. Bucks;—that the County Committee examine what has been done by virtue of the said orders, and see that they are carried out.

Order that Mr. Carey peruse the informations returned from cos. Lancaster, Stafford, and Bucks, and report whether there is cause to seize and secure the estates.

Order, on reading a charge presented by Capt. Mason against Recorder Ceely, lately chosen Commissioner for co. Somerset, that Ceely be suspended till the business is determined; that the present commissioners examine the witnesses whom he produces in his defence, and that the accusers likewise examine their witnesses; and that a copy of the charge, attested, be sent down.

Order on a charge by Capt. Mason against Edw. Curle, one of the agents for sequestrations, co. Somerset, that Curle be suspended till he has answered it, and judgment has been given, and that he perfect and bring in his accounts. [*G* 11, *pp.* 22, 250, 251, 254; *also* 71, *pp.* 685, 687.]

July ? Petition of Wm. Ceely, recorder of Bridgwater, to the Committee for Compounding. Submits to their order of the 16th instant, suspending him from acting as a sequestration commissioner until he has answered Capt. Mason's charges. But witnesses are ordered to be examined in a month. Lieut. Col. Bovett and Major Sampson are gone or going to London, and Latimer Sampson and Shute have shown great partiality to Mason. Begs 10 weeks time, and leave to examine his witnesses before some justice of peace near Bridgwater. [*G* 102, *p.* 46.]

July 16. **25.** Order of the Committee for Compounding that Edw. Chamberlain, jun., have the drawing of all leases and orders already agreed upon in co. Warwick, with fees and salary, till the next sitting of the County Committee, any commission to Leonard Piddock for executing the clerk's place notwithstanding. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

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July 16. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Norfolk. We received a letter from Mr. Garratt, of 29 June 1650, complaining of tenants of Sir Henry Bedingfield refusing to pay him their rent, and obstructing his receipt thereof. The former ordinances for sequestrations authorize those therein employed to levy rents by distress, which course you are to pursue. Take notice, by way of additional instruction, that you are not to allow $\frac{1}{5}$ if the wife were married to the delinquent after his delinquency. Where you seize and secure an estate, you are to sequester and dispose of it, unless the party, within 3 months, procure a discharge from this committee, or certificate that the delay of judgment is not by his default. Return the moneys that come to your hands with the first convenience. [*G* 11, *p.* 252.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Leicester. We received yours of 10 July with the depositions against Wm. Cooke, minister of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, but not being matter of delinquency, we have no cognizance thereof, nor do they amount to sequestration; therefore you must discharge his estate, and apply to the Committee for Plundered Ministers, to whom matters of scandal belong.

We send you a letter to the old commissioners, again requiring them to make duplicates according to the Act. Send us the names of such as have refused you a sight of the old books and papers, that by making some examples, we may prevent the prejudice incurred by such wilful delays.

Examine witnesses on oath about the tradesmen informed against, and act according to your instructions, and the Acts and ordinances of Parliament, which, if you will peruse, will inform you of many things in which you are not well satisfied. We send another copy, with some final additions. [*G* 11, *p.* 252.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to the late Sequestration Committee for co. Leicester. We wonder that after so many orders, and so long a time, we yet receive complaints of want of the returns ordered by the Act, and essential to the service. There is nothing of which Parliament requires so strict an account, and as we should be sorry to neglect our duty, we must inflict the penalty of the law on those who are remiss. If the duplicates be not speedily sent, we must make examples in your county, to prevent the like in other places, which is a proceeding very disagreeable to our natures, and therefore we hope you will prevent it by compliance with the commands of Parliament and our intreaties. [*G* 11, *p.* 253.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Dorset. You complain that [Sam.] Bull, your agent, retards your accounts. Let us know his defects, that he may be dealt with. Tell him if he neglects his duty, his pay will be according to his work.

You are troubled at our reprehension for remissness in paying in of moneys; if it be undeserved, Mr. Bull is to blame; for when we wrote, nothing had been received from your county, though few counties had not given some accounts. Let us know when you have money to send, and we will ask the treasurers-at war to order its receipt there, but neglect no opportunity of sending it here. Our directions about Lord Capel's estate were only that you should make the best bargain, and we approve your proceedings. Enquire about the purchase of the Beaminster estate. Survey the Earl of Bristol's estate, and let it at its full value. [*G* 11, *p.* 253.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Lancaster. We return answer to your queries of 6 June. We have received a form of the old committee's accounts, and though we wish they had been returned as prescribed, rather than obstruct the work let them proceed in their own way, and use all speed. We send you another copy of instructions, with some small additions, and desire their perusal. [*G* 11, *p.* 253.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Lancaster. You complain of our not answering your request for allowance of several officers named. We cannot comply, having not allowed more than 2 agents to any county, or other officers, and yet they have sent in good accounts of proceedings, and do not want the supernumeraries you require. On your importunity, we allow John Case to attend as your agent with Mr. Ambrose, and with the same allowance, but we cannot yield further. We have ordered examinations on the informations you last sent us. [*G* 11, *p.* 254.]

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July 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for [Cumberland]. In yours of 24 May, 26 June, and 8 July, you ask—

1. What fifths are to be allowed to delinquents, who are out of the country, and acting for a new war? None without an order from this committee.

2. If Papists in arms are to have $\frac{1}{5}$?

3. Whether $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ are to be in land or in specie? The former is answered in reply to your first, the latter by instructions sent that all such allowances are to be in specie.

4. Whether delinquents may farm their own estates? Answered in the instructions that they are to be let to any who will give the best rent.

About allowance of extents, there is a plain direction in the instructions, that none are to be allowed without our order. Lord Dungarvan's estate is to be seized, and to be sequestered in 3 months, unless the parties make good their claim upon it at this committee. [*G* 11, *p.* 254.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to John Dorney, Gloucester. Our order for delivery of deeds, court rolls, &c., belonging to delinquents' estates, was intended for any person in whose hands they were. We return it directed to Mr. Shepherd, who pretends a right, you say, to keep these courts, though we know not whence he had the right. Therefore hearing nothing from him to alter our judgment, we desire you to perform the service to the best advantage of the State. [*G* 11, *p.* 254.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Chester. Instead of Wm. Shaw, first appointed your agent, we sent a commission to Thos. Hancock, thinking one such officer sufficient in your county. There are but two in Yorkshire, where the work is far more vast, as 700*l.* or 800*l.* have been returned thence. But being anxious to comply, we have allowed your other agent, Mark Jellicoe.

The bill of exchange for 350*l.* is with our treasurers. We approve your securing a debt due to Sir Fras. Gamul. The instructions are sent. [*G* 11, *p.* 255.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Hants. We approve your summoning the persons in arrears for rent to the Marquis of Winchester's estate; tell us their names, debts, and whither they are gone. [*G* 11, *p.* 255.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for London. We desire you to wait yourselves on the Spanish ambassador, about the debt he owes to the Marquis of Winchester; represent the trust that lies in you, and desire his answer. [*G* 11, *p.* 256.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Hereford. In cases of extents and judgments, pursue the instructions, which are very plain. We have no order yet from Parliament to allow any extraordinary incident charges, but expect one soon. We send you the sequestration ordinances, which it seems miscarried; they deserve your study. [*G* 11, *p.* 256.]

July 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. York. We think your queries are already answered in the additional instructions; but for your satisfaction, have given particular replies in the margin. Thanks for your care in the service. [*G* 11, *p.* 256.]

July 16. York. **26.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We renew our request for an enlargement of our instructions, Col. [Mat.] Alured having returned without any; otherwise the public will lose, and some private persons be put to inconvenience. We desire that the word "securing" in yours of the 9th inst. may be explained. [¾ *page.*]

July 17. John Bradshaw and [Sir] Wm. Brereton to the Committee for Compounding. At request of Col. Thos. Sanders, we recommend John Pearse of Kingston, co. Stafford, to be one of the county committee in place of John Goring, as he is faithful and well deserving. [*G* 109, *p.* 345.]

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July 17. Helston. **27.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. Before the receipt of yours of the 2nd inst., we had given order to pay into your treasury what money we had received. As for the arrears whereof a duplicate was returned you, by another sent to us from the old committee, we find divers of them paid and returned through mistake. A more perfect list is now promised. [To certify what they have returned, and what is in their hands.]

The greatest part of the residue of the sums are in the hands of persons impoverished, dead, or absent, and a list of those debts, with the answers which we have from the agent, we have enclosed. The small rents which were due by the lets of the old committee to 25 March last we have ordered to be paid, and they had been returned sooner, but we hoped to receive and send a considerable sum of the old debts with them. The rents now due, and as many of the former debts as we can receive (for the recovery whereof we shall use all diligence), shall be sent. Do not impute a failure of our dispatch herein to neglect, for on the committee returning this list, their solicitor and agents told us that there were but few of those debts that would be recovered.

For months together we cannot procure bills, or have any expedient for returning money. We find one arrear of 40*l.* due from Thomas Hankey for the sheaf of Lanteglos, which was let to him on survey on the sequestration of Lord Mohun, who procured Reginald Hankey to give evidence before the late commissioners at Goldsmiths' Hall, that it was not sequestered at the time of the said Act. Upon this, an order was granted to take it, and pay the same to his lordship or his servants, but the County Committee declared against this order, because granted upon a false deposition, which clearly appeared so by their book of entries, and by several orders of sequestration granted against his lordship in 1646 and 1647. They therefore required the 40*l.* from the tenants, whom of late his lordship has sued for the same; but the tenants nevertheless have promised, upon allowance of their costs, to pay it to us. The passage between brackets is a marginal note of reply. [1½ *pages.*]

Enclosing,

27. I. *List of debts returned by the old County Committee for Cornwall, total,* 1,046*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* *With explanations of the answers given by some of the respective parties for their non-payment, and marginal notes in reply, of directions from the Committee for Compounding.* 17 *July* 1650. [4 *pages.*]

July 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Oxon. The urgency of our occasions does not permit us to answer the particulars of yours of the 11th, but we will shortly find time to consider it. [*G* 11, *p.* 34.]

July 18. Northwich. **28.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. You charge us with remissness by reason the moneys have not been returned to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall; but eleven days before the date of your letter, we wrote you enclosing a bill of exchange for 350*l.* We are much troubled you do not mention the receipt of it. We enclose a bill of exchange for 350*l.* more, and will endeavour to send more with expedition. We are sorry that after payment of the money here, we cannot have it paid into your treasury sooner. [¾ *page.*]

July 18. Northwich. **29.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. The late County Committee within the City of Chester, by a duplicate of their accounts delivered lately to us, give an account of a debt of 100*l.* supposed to be due to the State, and we therefore explain the matter.

William, late Earl of Derby, put forth 100*l.* to Wm. Fletcher of Chester, and gave the yearly interest to the organist of Chester cathedral; the earl being dead, and there being no organist, nor likely to be any,—there being no use for such,—the question arises whether the 100*l.* descends to James, the present earl, and son of the late earl; if so, he being a delinquent, it is sequestrable. Edward Fletcher of Chester, ironmonger, and son of Wm. Fletcher, has undertaken to pay his father's debts, except this debt of 100*l.*, because feoffees were entrusted therein, and his recognizances lie in the exchequer of Chester. Yet if the debt be due to the State, may not we call in recognizances, levy the debt from Edward, and give him a full discharge? With note that a copy of the recognizances is to be sent up. [1 *page.*]

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July 19. Cambridge. **30.** County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. We received your orders, but upon examining the old books of the late committee, we could not find that any estate of Lord Petre's had been sequestered. Our agent found one farm belonging to him in Kennet, which we have seized upon. [To receive arrears of rent.]

We will observe your instructions of 20 May last. You state that John Wright and John Taylor, two of the late committee, had made a return in part. Isaac Disbrow, jun., Hen. Smith, Edm. Mayle, John Smith, Thos. Walker, and Robt. Stoughton, acted for 9 hundreds in the county, and Wright and Taylor for 5 other hundreds. For the Isle of Ely, Luke Voice, Rich. Pounsaby, and Mr. Cole. [Letters are gone, fining defaulters 20*l.* a-piece, at the expiration of the time, in case of neglect.] We demanded a return, but Voice said he would rather lie in prison than deliver any more accounts than he had done. Voice was returned to us in arrear by Scotton, one of the committee, who holds a bond for 400*l.* We sent to Isaac Disbrow, who has the records of the 9 hundreds, for a duplicate, but he has not yet delivered it.

P.S.—Voice, Cole, and Disbrow, are the chief in the committee, and as they have neglected your orders, let some course be taken whereby we may receive the duplicate required. We have viewed divers lots of timber; those belonging to Mr. Coningsby are worth 300*l.*, those of Sir Anth. Cage 2,000*l.*, [Charles] Paris's 300*l.*, and Sir Fras. Mannock's 200*l.* [To certify particulars.] The bracketed passages are marginal notes for a reply. [1 *page.*]

July 22. Chepstow. **31.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. The money only waits your answer, whether we shall send it by the carriers or whether some other expedient might be thought of with less risk. Let the answer be left with Denis Hollister, Grocer, High Street, Bristol. We did not find the commissions for the stewards in your letter as advised. [¾ *page.*]

July 22. Winton. **32.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Having received yours with the value of the copyholds at Kingsworthy, we treated with Philip Stone for purchase of 3 lives on those copyholds; but the houses being much decayed, he requested that the Ladyday rents in the tenants' hands might be allowed towards their repair, the rather as he had long been in treaty, and at great charge thereby. We have concluded with him for 250*l.* and received 10*l.* on account; at the court to be held on Thursday we are to receive 120*l.*; and 120*l.*, the residue, is to be paid within 20 days following, and in the interim assured by good security.

Touching the moneys expected to arise by the arrears charged upon the return of the trustees for Ireland on the estate of the Lord Marquis [of Winchester], we have already made a return how we found them, and desire further directions as to levying those arrears, having only received 8*l.* 13*s.*, which we shall send up. [1 *page.*]

July 22. **33.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. There are several augmentations granted by the Committee for Plundered Ministers out of delinquents' estates, wherein we find difficulty how to proceed; as when they grant sums out of some sequestered place, where the whole value will not exceed the sum so granted, we doubt whether the delinquent should lose his fifth part, or the delinquent have his fifth part, and the minister abate so much, or whether we should recompense the delinquent out of his other estates in our county. There is a tithe granted, sequestered from [Thos.] Ellerker, a Papist, and he conceives his third part cannot be granted away from him. [1 *page.*]

July 22. **34.** Committee for Sequestrations, co. York, to the Committee for Compounding. Our clerk, Clement Reed, having to attend you about Sir Watkinson Payler, heir to Sir Edw. Payler, and Mr. Darley and others, his executors, we trust you will give him a quick dispatch, as we are likely to have a multiplicity of business in regard of the assizes on the 30th inst., when many come to York, and remain a week or longer. [1 *page.*]

July 23. **35.** Order in Parliament that all delinquents whose compositions have been set, but who have not paid in all or part at the times limited, and for non-payment have incurred the penalties formerly imposed, that if they pay in their

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whole fines, or such part thereof as yet remains unpaid, with interest: viz., all who live within 80 miles of London before 14 Aug., and all others at a greater distance before 1st Sept. they shall be discharged from the said penalties; but in default of payment, the whole estate of every such delinquent shall be confiscated.

The Commissioners for Compounding are to take care that this order be put in execution, and to return to the Army Committee the names of all such as shall not have paid in their whole fine by the days aforesaid, in order to the speedy sale of their estates for the use of the Commonwealth. With order that this vote be printed and published. [*Printed, 1 sheet; also G* 172, *p.* 697.]

July 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding that an order be sent to the Earl of Rutland forthwith to deliver the quiet possession of Wallingford House to Lord Howard, who has a lease from this committee, or the committee may use their power.

That all directions to the county commissioners for letting sequestered estates be drawn in the words of the Act.

36. That all petitioners who desire to be recommended from this committee as tenants of sequestered estates apply to the county committees, to treat with them on the Act of 25 Jan.

That this committee will only recommend in case of obstruction or appeal. [*G* 11, *pp.* 42, 43, 46.]

Order on an order in Parliament given, of 23 July, on the Earl of Thomond's petition,—allowing 2,812*l.*, lent by him for the service of the State, as a debt of the Commonwealth, and requiring the Commissioners at Goldsmiths' Hall to issue their warrant to the treasurers to pay him 500*l.*, and 20*l.* a week for 5 weeks, out of Goldsmiths' Hall, from the receipts of Haberdashers' Hall, the residue to be charged on the rebels' lands in Ireland after former engagements, and the Commissioners of Parliament appointed to go into Ireland to see this vote performed;—for performance accordingly. [*G* 11, *p.* 49; 142, *p.* 287.]

July 23. Committee for Compounding to the county committees. We send you our resolutions made this day, directing applicants for estates to you. Pursue our former instructions to enter into and survey the estates, and prepare certificates of the full value for us, that you may have orders for letting them for 7 years. [*G* 11, *p.* 45.]

July 23. Chester. **37.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have often written of our great want of agents, and we commended Mark Jellicoe and Thomas Hancock. We desire your approbation and speedy answer, as no one agent can perform the business, nor any other two so well as these. For the last two weeks we have written several special letters, and receiving no answer, fear miscarriage. [¾ *page.*]

July 23. Cirencester. **38.** County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your commands concerning Mr. Denham's estate, also to forbear receiving the rents of the Earl of Worcester's estate at Ayford, to show the cause of our re-sequestration of Lady Elizabeth Somerset's estate, and to return in the moneys due from Tormarton, the estate of the Earl of Newcastle. We cannot find any estate belonging to John Denham in this county.

The Earl of Worcester's estate was mortgaged to [And.] Wanley for 1,000*l.*, and we have forborne receiving the rents, but if the 1,000*l.* he says he has lent upon the houses of the Earl of Worcester in London were really his own money, and not the Earl's that bought his own lands (as we are assured most of those mortgages upon the estates of Papists are, and this may also well be, Wanley having been a servant and tailor to the Earl), yet Wanley has been in possession ever since 1646, and received all the rents, and might have seized the mortgage in or about 1642 or 1643, when it was forfeited; but in those cases men were wise enough not to seize in the heat of the war, while little profit could be made thereof.

Commonly where a mortgage is allowed on a thing before sequestered, they make such good advantage of the sequestration as for the future to value the estate according to those poor, low rates at which they have formerly rented it of the commissioners. This estate was let at 200*l.* a year, out of which all payments were to be allowed; but we have lately let it at 280*l.* clear, by which means, if this mortgage be not satisfied, it soon will be.

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As for Lady Somerset's estate, if there were a real debt assured out of the estate of Badminton belonging to Lord Somerset, we question whether the creditors,—having so good an assurance out of so good an estate that is worth 600*l.* a year,—would stay for so small a debt as 500*l.* for 20 years; but if they did, most of them are Papists, and since the estate has been in possession of Sir Robert Poyntz and the Lady together, to satisfy these debts, there have been let amongst them several estates to the value of 400*l.*, and many more before to a far greater value, even while it was under sequestration; and they enjoyed the whole one half-year or more since the [late] commissioners' discharge, and before we set it again; which, with other sums raised out of the said estate for the creditors, make more than enough to discharge the mortgage. The better to judge of the reality of this mortgage, we observe that, notwithstanding the entry of Sir Robert Poyntz, one of the trustees in the conveyance for the creditors, Lady Somerset is still in possession, and disposes of the estate, and it is not looked after by Sir Robert Poyntz.

According to your order we have respited the receipt of the rents, but have let ⅔ of the estate for one year at 280*l.*; we could go no higher this year, because the Spring quarter that is passed is somewhat eaten and spent. The late committee let it for 140*l.*, out of which they were to allow reparations, which we do not allow; so that now, if any debt should be due, it may be paid suddenly. Lady Somerset and her agent will tell you that they let few or no estates, but one of the tenants confessed to us that he took an estate of 340*l.*, and had his lease sealed for it, which her ladyship has got from him since, on a desire to see it, and gave him bonds—from herself and a servant—for 340*l.*, that he might say the money that he paid was not for the land, but he had a bond for it. If directed from you, we will make further enquiry upon oath amongst the tenants of Badminton, what other money they have paid by way of fines, if further satisfaction of that debt is demanded.

We have not had time to look into the business as we would, having been much occupied in the case of John Chamberlain, wherein Joseph Collett is plaintiff on behalf of the Commonwealth, and have spent many days in hearing and examining witnesses. We hope you will ease us what you can of such troublesome things, as they retard the service.

As to the business of the Earl of Newcastle at Tormarton, where there is about 800*l.* due upon estates let, which you have directed us to receive, would you not have us endeavour a greater improvement of those estates? For besides that some friends to those that let them have taken estates there, the profits of the livings to the time we shall receive the money will pay the purchase; and they let three lives for six or seven years' purchase, and at an under value; this was five years since, which five years' profits must needs pay the fine. What improvement do you require in that particular?

Shall Mr. Sheppard or Mr. Dorney be the steward? We have examined witnesses against Edward Rogers, our now agent, and are pressed by Joseph Collett to send the depositions, but we have forborne doing so until we had your order to cross-examine in his behalf. [2¾ *pages.*]

July 23? **39.** Certificate by Anth. Edwards, Wm. Constable, and John Grange, that Wm. Sheppard and John Dorney of Gloucester, barristers-at-law, have always been active for Parliament, have taken the engagement, and are very fit for places of trust. [½ *page.*]

July 23. Carlisle. Sir Hen. Vane [sen.] to the Committee for Compounding. I hope I need not use arguments in favour of the enclosed. Their petition is recommended by Capt. Cane, Capt. Bee, their former captain, being dismissed. The soldiers interested have shown their valour and faithfulness in several engagements. [*G* 99, *p.* 115.] *Enclosing*

1. *Petition of the soldiers of Capt. Cane, in Col. Fitch's regiment, to the Committee for Compounding, for payment out of sequestration moneys in co. Cumberland, of* 13*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.*, *balance due to them of* 14 *days' pay ordered them by Lord Gen. Cromwell, in consideration of their long march into the North, and want of money to buy shoes, &c., having been long without pay. Before the whole was paid, power was taken out of the hands of the old county committee, who made the order given of* 9 *Nov.* 1648. 35 *signatures,* 9 *of them by mark.* [*G* 99, *pp.* 111, 113, 115.]

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July 24. Worcester. **40.** County Committee for Worcester to the Committee for Compounding. On your instructions of 20 May, we have taken care to collect in all arrears of rents, and will try to discover Popish recusants; we have declined payment of any augmentations, though continually urged by ministers on the Act of 31 May. We enclose an account of such estates as come under your fifth instruction.

We have let a few others at the old rents, and to the same tenants. We delivered your and the former committee's letter to the late committee for a duplicate of their proceedings, which is promised in a few days.

Notes of cases. Several persons have offered information as to delinquents' estates, but finding us not empowered to give them encouragement, they decline it. We are about making a general survey of all estates under sequestration. The estate of Sir Geo. Winter realizes 500*l.* a year, Robert Gower's 200*l.*, and Rich. Street's 24*l.*, and as they are recusants, we desire directions therein. [To secure their estates.] Are delinquents who have compounded for their present estates, which were small, and who have since, by marriage or otherwise, advanced the same, to fall within the compass of your 20th instruction?

With notes of a reply, dated 30 July. As to augmentations, pay them according to the late Act. Secure the estates of the persons named till further order. You are to secure the estates of recusants sold, unless the purchaser compound for them, and the compositions be allowed by Parliament. If delinquents who have compounded, and had estates since, had any right to those estates when they compounded, they are to be seized, but not otherwise. We send you a list of persons sequestered by your late county committee. [2 *pages; also G* 11, *p.* 260.] *Enclosing*

40. 1. *Note of the estates alluded to, that come under the 5th instruction.*
Sir Thos. Nott's estate, yearly value, 240*l.*
Sir Thos. Littleton's estate, yearly value, 250*l.*
[*Edw.*] *Brode of Dunklin's estate, yearly value,* 300*l.*
Col. Fitzwilliam Coningsby's estate, yearly value, 400*l.* [½ *page.*]

July 24. **41.** County Committee for Lancaster to Col. Thomas Birch. We send you a letter from the Committee for Compounding of the 2nd July, with our reply, which you are to present to them, and procure an answer as well to this as ours of the 5th inst., without which we cannot act. Consider the condition of the maimed soldiers, and the widows and fatherless children in this county, who had an allowance out of the treasury here; but the money having now to be paid above, they will be debarred thereof, and most of them have no other subsistence. Procure our order for continuance of their former allowance of 2,500*l.* a year, or so much thereof as shall be thought fit.

At your instance, we signed an order for 200*l.* to Capt. Williamson, and it is taken very discourteously that we have denied to sign others; but we are threatened that we shall make good the 200*l.* to the soldiers of this county, therefore procure us some order for issuing it. There have been several Acts passed during your absence from the House, viz., for the Militia, the pulling down of the late King's arms in churches, the continuing of the pay to ministers, the better observance of the Sabbath, and divers others, copies of which we request you will send down. With note by P. Brereton that Col. Birch sent this letter to him with the enclosures, for presentation to the Committee for Compounding, on his going out of town. [1 *page.*]

July 24. Blackburn. **42.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. In yours of the 2nd inst. you blame us for not sending an account of the profits of sequestrations, but, by orders of the former Committee for Compounding, we have to issue all money arising until 24 June last for satisfying the soldiers and ministers, so that we have not anything to account for; from thence forward we shall not fail to account; there is however little, if anything, due until 29 Sept. next. With note of reply that they ought to have certified before they paid any money, and are to give an account of what has been received and paid, and by what order. [1 *page.*]

July 24. Shrewsbury. **43.** Committee for Sequestrations, co. Salop, to the Committee for Compounding. The late committee for compounding gave order to Edm. Kendrick to come down as agent, at such pay as the county commissioners should think him worth; but such has been his carriage here, in neglecting his duty,

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and other misdemeanours, that it will prove very prejudicial to the State, and scandalous to us. He is now absent, and refuses to appoint any man to execute his office, or to give allowance to any that do it for him, although he demands 4*s.* a day for some months before he came to act, and since the date of his commission, his carriage has been more prejudicial than his services can be profitable. He is very unfit for the employment, not being able to write or read; we therefore desire that his commission may be cancelled, and order given that Thomas Fox and John Llewellyn, who are persons responsible for what they shall undertake, and have estates in this county, be appointed in his place; they will be content with 4*s.* per diem between them. [¾ *page.*]

July 25. Committee for Compounding to Col. Baxter. Whereas this committee, by authority of the Act of 25 Jan. last, have granted to Edward, Lord Howard, a lease of Wallingford House, sequestered for delinquency of the Duke of Buckingham, for 7 years, from Ladyday last, and have sent an order to the Earl of Rutland to give up possession, which he has not obeyed, we desire you to put Lord Howard into full possession if the Earl does not surrender it in 14 days. [*G* 11, *pp.* 52, 257.]

July 27. Whitehall. Council of State to the [County Committee of Stafford]. According to your request, we add Thos. Whitgrean of Burton and Fras. Comberford of Bradley to your number, and will send you instructions, adding their names. Proceed to raise and arm the forces for the militia, and to that end hasten the levying of the assessment. As to the particular cases you name, we desire that sequestered estates should bear their proportion. As to those who live in the county, but have their estates elsewhere, the Act provides that you only assess them for the estate in the county. [*G* 168, *p.* 513.]

July 27. Taunton. County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose the depositions for and against Capt. Mason, with cross-examinations and exceptions, often frivolous and repeated. This case has much obstructed public business and the advance of money by 1,000*l.* We send also the ground of sequestration of Wm. Cox of Long Ashton. Some pretend their estates are not worth 200*l.*, and we cannot contradict them, for want of the late committee's books. [*G* 102, *p.* 283.] *Enclosing,*

I. *Depositions on behalf of Capt. Benj. Mason, in his defence against Col. Pyne's charge, with Pyne's cross-examinations.* 17 *July* 1650. [*G* 102, *pp.* 271–282.]

II. *Depositions on behalf of Pyne against Mason, with Mason's cross-examinations.* 17 *July* 1650. [*G* 102, *pp.* 329–346.]

III. *Cross-interrogatories on which Mason desires Curle to be examined.* 17 *July* 1650. [*G* 102, *p.* 301.]

IV. *Depositions against Capt. Ben. Mason, on order of the Committee for Compounding of* 4 *June, by—*

Jeremiah Powell, of Michael Creech, late sequestrator.
Thos. Prew, of Shapwick, late sequestrator.
John Allen, of Huntspill, husbandman.
Gabriel Baker, of Ilton, yeoman.
Rich. Pyke, of Horton. ,,

[*G* 102, *pp.* 319–321.]

V. *Depositions on Mason's behalf, taken by virtue of an order of* 18 *June* 1650. [*G* 102, *pp.* 257–259.]

July 27. Statement by Wm. Ceely, Rich. Bovett, and George Sampson, of the "partial proceedings" of Capt. Latimer Sampson and Thos. Shute, two of the Committee for Sequestrations [for Somerset] appointed to examine the charge of delinquency against Benj. Mason. That they advised him as to his conduct, allowed him to be privy to the depositions against him, permitted him to act as commissioner, the votes of the Committee for Compounding of 10 May 1650 notwithstanding, refused to receive depositions as to his delinquency, delayed their sittings, did not send notice to Col. Pyne in time, and omitted reporting some of the depositions. This was on their first sitting at Wells.

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On their second commission at Taunton, they interrupted and puzzled the witnesses, allowed Mason and others to threaten them, admonished his opponents to be careful what they said, but encouraged his friends to speak freely, and allowed Mason to question the witnesses, Sampson advising him therein. [*G* 102, *pp.* 387–390.]

July 27. Cambridge. County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. There were several sequestered here in 1648 for assisting the forces against Parliament, and some had estates of value, which were appraised and inventoried, but not at ½ their worth; yet the then Committee for Sequestrations received but a small part thereof, either forgiving the rest or winking at it, and discharging many without authority. Col. Feilder discovered some of these at Haberdashers' Hall before we had to do with sequestration matters, or we would long ago have levied arrears on their personalty, and sequestered their real estates, for they proved their delinquency by paying some money, and giving bond for the rest. They only expected relief by compounding, yet nobody looks after them, and the Barons of Exchequer direct us to discharge John Bridgman, though he is as guilty as any man we know. They also order us to examine witnesses about Sir Ant. Cage, who sent 3 horses against Parliament. If he be discharged without compounding, we shall be discouraged in prosecuting others who aided the King with men, money, horses, and arms. With note that they are to proceed against those discovered, and the Committee for Compounding will give order about those before the Barons of Exchequer. [*G* 147, *p.* 267.]

July 27. Dorchester. **44.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. We need directions about treating for two copyhold tenements in Child Ockford Manor, belonging to the late Lord Capel. We have let one, value 20*l.* a year, to Robert Tilly for 250*l.*, 10*l.* more than offered by John Munck, and the other to Wm. Munck for 95*l.*; 250*l.* is payable within a month, and the residue the 1st of Jan. next. The money has been tendered, but we want further directions from you.

Of the 700*l.* in our hands, we have returned you 200*l.*, and one of us intends bringing up the balance speedily, and perfecting our accounts. [½ *page.*]

July 29. Winton. **45.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Upon perusing the books of our late committee, we found an order of 27 Oct. 1645, touching the parsonage of Owslebury, then belonging to Dr. [Wm.] Lewis, formerly scholar of the Hospital of St. Cross, under sequestration, and in disposal of John Woodman, one of the sequestrators of that county, and then and yet steward of the hospital, which parsonage has continued in his hands ever since. The same not being returned by him as under sequestration, we summoned the tenants to show by what right they held; and by a grant produced of 23 Feb. 1650, we found the parsonage was let to John Boyle and 2 others for a year, at 160*l.*, for which a rent corn is payable to St. Cross' Hospital.

Woodman, by order of the said committee in 1646, was made sequestrator of Whitchurch Parsonage, part of the estate of Thomas Brooks, sequestered for delinquency, but this he also omitted in his return. We summoned those tenants, and on perusal of their grant of 17 Dec. 1649, found that the parsonage was let to Wm. Carter and Wm. Braxton, in right of the hospital, at 240*l.* a year; that the glebe lands, worth 80*l.* a year, were disposed of in right of the hospital to another tenant, and that the remainder of the rent of both parsonages is now due, and ought to be answered to the Commonwealth. We have therefore issued warrants to the respective tenants to forbear payment of any rent to any other person save ourselves.

Finding that the tenants are obliged, by bonds in great sums, to pay their rents to Woodman for the use of the hospital, and so may incur danger in making default, we desire your directions, as well touching the payment of the present rent, as the arrears, which annually ought to have been answered to the use of the Commonwealth, because we conceive the master of the hospital could not expect an account from him of more than the house rent.

We further find that, by order of the said committee of 28 Nov. 1645, a messuage in Winchester Close, held of the dean and chapter, and then the estate of Hen. Fowell, [or Foyle] and sequestered for his delinquency, has been

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assigned to Woodman, for preserving of goods taken by sequestration, and that it is also omitted and not returned; that he has dealt for the re-erection of the house, and that between his first entry and purchase of it, the interest of the Commonwealth has been wholly swallowed up; also that the annual rent, over and above the rent payable to the late dean and chapter, during the continuance of the estate of the said Fowell, is worth 5*l.* or 6*l.* a year. Being now upon letting of estates for the year following, we find that to discover what estates are void within the manors under sequestration, courts of survey must be held; we recommended Anth. Pickering of Odiham as steward, he being a resident, and desire your concurrence and order.

With note of reply that thanks be given them for their care, and that they be desired to enquire what moneys Goodman [Woodman] has received or has in his hands, and that he give an account on oath, and pay in what he has, under penalty of the forfeiture directed in the Act, the commissioners meantime to continue their seizure, and if the tenants be sued, to acquaint the Committee for Compounding thereof. [1 *page.*]

July 29. London. **46.** Major James Pearse to the Committee for Compounding. I have been waiting many days, to give you an account of proceedings in co. Devon, and receive instructions, but your hands being too full to hear me, I must write it. The delay of John Dore's commission has prevented much being done. [To be sent.]

We re-sequestered the persons in your 2 lists. Divers have discharges from you, but unless we have the particulars on which they compounded, we cannot tell whether they compounded at full. Their estates having been re-sequestered some time, ought the compounders or the State to have the arrears of rents?

Details of cases. Several of those ordered to be re-sequestered are dead, some have no real estate in the county that we can find, not knowing what they compounded for. Mr. Spicer of Exeter declares on oath that since his father [Nich. Spicer's] death he has paid 300*l.* more for the estate than it was worth. What is to be done in such cases? [The son is to pay the remainder of the fine, as the State's debt must be first satisfied. Whatever estate Spicer had is liable as assets.]

A commission should be hastened to John Dore, and one to John Heyward to be agent with Mr. Carter, dated 16 June 1650, when he began to act, that he may receive his pay. The county being very large and in 3 divisions, there should be 3 agents for awhile, therefore I desire a commission for Thos. Miller as the third. Also John Dore, jun., should have a commission to be our clerk. There is work for some time for a greater number than are appointed. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Enclosing,

46. I. *Note of 5 persons ordered to be re-sequestered, but they produced their discharges; also of 3 estates seized on order; also of 4 who are dead, and their estates in the hands of their heirs.* [*Noted, the estate of which they died seized to be sequestered till further order.*] [1 *page.*]

July 30. **47.** John Serle and Richard Clapp to the Committee for Compounding. We have perused your order of 25 June last, appointing us County Commissioners in Devon; comparing it with the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, we conceive it unwarrantable for us to proceed upon it, as not authorised under your hands, and because we know not what power has issued to any other, or who will act, either by themselves or with us. Lest the service should be neglected or retarded, we beg that what is required of us may be more clearly made out to us, and if warranted and encouraged, we shall set our shoulders to the work. We presume you well know the condition of this county, in its largeness, and the people's disposition generally to the present government; and as we find ourselves engaged, we shall give you more particular information. With a note to send a commission sealed, and to desire them to take care to improve the sheafs that are sequestered from delinquents, for the best advantage of the Commonwealth. [⅔ *page.*]

July? **48.** Desires of John Serle of Buckerell and Rich. Clapp of Sidbury, to the Committee for Advance of Money. We were lately appointed commissioners, with three others, who either refuse or neglect to act. On receipt of your commission, and considering the necessity of this service, we applied ourselves to the work, though we doubted we were not empowered to act by ourselves, and should be opposed if we did so.

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We therefore request that we may be commissioned to act by ourselves, if others will not act, and have leave to name one or two fit persons to join with us.

Also that the city of Exeter may be expressed in our commission; that we may have three agents and a steward provided to keep the courts of the manors in the county, and also a solicitor, and such a salary as may discharge our necessary expenses. In case we are not encouraged and empowered to carry on this service, we desire to be dismissed; but if we are, we resolve to set our shoulders to the work, and hope to approve ourselves to the Commonwealth. Noted that they are to act as commissioners by themselves if the rest will not act, till others be added to those for the city and county of Exeter. [1 *page.*]

July 30. Requests of John Serle and Rich. Clapp to [the Committee for Compounding.] For a peremptory order to the stewards of all sequestered manors to bring in their court rolls and books of rental. That no extents, rent-charges, or annuities may be levied on sequestered estates, as they deter persons from becoming tenants. Directions as to sequestered persons holding their estates and others pretending a title thereto, who have not paid rents to the State. Request for directions in particular cases.

You gave us liberty to choose another agent, and we request that John Heyward of Bovey Tracy may have his commission for the service, dated 16 June, since which time he has acted with Mr. Carter. [*G* 152, *pp.* 359, 362.]

July 30. **49.** Act on behalf of the tenants of Clitheroe, co. Lancaster. King James made a composition with the copyholders of several manors who were inclosing commons, which they pleaded were granted them on payment of fines: half the money was paid to the King, and the other half, viz., 3,601*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* was to be paid a month after the passing of a bill to be brought in by the tenants, confirming their estates, which they neglected to bring in, and the money is still unpaid. King Charles assigned it to Sir Allen Apsley and Urian Oakes and numerous other creditors of the navy and Tower, from whom victuals were taken up for the navy and for Tower prisoners' diet, amounting to 20,000*l.* Order for payment to Urian Oakes for the said creditors of 4,000*l.*, being the principal with costs and damages, on 1st September next, on penalty of charge of 5*l.* a day for delay. With power of distraint to the said creditors. [*Printed,* 9 *pages.*]

July 30. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that a letter be written to the late Committee of co. Leicester, to give copies to the present commissioners of their books of entries of augmentations, and of those of engagements for payment of rents and moneys. [*G* 11, *p.* 57.]

July 30. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners of Cambridge. You mention in yours of the 27th several persons who ought to be sequestered, but are on appeal, or discharged by the former commissioners. We will proceed speedily against such as are discovered at Haberdashers' Hall; for those not discovered there, you must proceed according to instructions, viz.:—secure their estates till they procure a discharge from us. Those whose cases are depending before the Barons shall be examined according to their merits. We see no ground to disallow their discharge of John Bridgman, unless you have new matter against him. [*G* 11, *p.* 259.]

July 30. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of Cornwall. We have yours of the 17th, with a list of debts returned by the old commissioners, among which is one from Hum. Noy of 12*l.* which they confess to have received, and so it must be required of them. Send the addresses of such debtors as are in London. For those respited by the Barons of the Exchequer, you are to void the suspensions unless they produce their discharges., and also of those who have compounded with the former commissioners, but not paid in their fines.

Pursue our instructions in recovering by distress arrears of rents on delinquents' estates. We cannot allow Mr. Pollard's pretence of money due for service, which he must get in an orderly way and pay what is due. The same for Mr. Frayle, unless he can produce an acquittance from any collector for the 20*l.*

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Unless Elias Wymond and the other agents pay in 14 days the 96*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* in their hands, we shall inflict the penalty of the Act.

Send us accounts and certify which of those sums are secured to the treasurers, that order may be given. Take all those securities into your custody, and require payment of the moneys, for which the parties shall be indemnified by this committee. Demand the 109*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* of Mr. Cock, and we will allow him what is fitting on his account. The penalty will be imposed if he neglect. Tell us what money you have returned which is not expressed in your last, and what remains in your hands. [*G* 11, *pp.* 259, 260.]

July 30. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Worcester. We have yours of the 24th, with account of your proceedings on our instructions, and desiring further directions.

3. Concerning allowance of augmentations [to ministers], proceed on the late Act.

5. Secure the rents of the persons mentioned in the enclosed, and of all others till you receive our orders.

10. Proceed according to instructions about Wm. Child.

12. Expect our answer soon, the matter being now in agitation.

16. Concerning recusants whose estates are sold, secure them unless the purchasers have compounded for them, and the compositions are allowed by Parliament, and sequester Street, he having done nothing for his discharge. Those not confirmed by the House are to be secured, notwithstanding any pretence of compositions.

20. For delinquents who have compounded for small estates which have been increased by marriage or otherwise, if they had any right to the estates before composition you are to seize the estates, otherwise they are to enjoy them. [*G* 11, *p.* 260.]

July 30. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Somerset. In the return from the Cornwall Commissioners, we find Hum. Davey, who owes the State 23*l.* for goods bought of the former commissioners, and is now in Bristol. Enquire for him and demand payment; if he refuses, act on your instructions. [*G* 11, *p.* 260.]

July 30. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Chester. We gave you power to choose Mark Jellicoe, about whom you wrote to us, as another agent. You speak of 100*l.* owing to the Earl of Derby by Mr. Fletcher. Send us up the recognizance, and we will give directions. [*G* 11, *p.* 261.]

July 31. Carlisle. **50.** Thomas Craister, mayor, one of the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Cumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. By yours of the 23rd inst., I understand that you have neither received the accounts of the late committee, of which we have a duplicate, nor our account, sent a month since, with the accounts also of the treasurers; we have since returned all the money in our hands, with the names of persons in arrear.

We have before mentioned our inability to undergo the service, unless we have others joined in commission with us than Mr. Musgrave and Mr. Briscoe, who for the most part have been absent, and with whom [Thos.] Langhorne and myself are resolved no further to join, touching all which we expected your result ere this. At present I am disabled of all country work, and confined to the work of the city, which is not a little, the plague having broken out in several places; if God does not work a miracle, we are likely to be in a sad condition ere long. Therefore that the business of sequestration may not be hindered, I desire you would appoint one in my place. I have sent the instructions and ordinances to Mr. Langhorne, at Penrith. Noted, "A letter to Sir Art. Hesilrigge." [¾ *page.*]

July? **51.** County Committee for Hull to the Committee for Compounding. We had order from you to bring up our accounts for the time we were a committee, and which we had long since done, but one of us was then, and now is, deputy-mayor in place of Mr. Pelham, our burgess, another is beyond sea, and the other two are old and unable to journey to London. We wrote Sir John Bouchier and other gentlemen of our county to move you for a commission to some gentleman here to take our accounts, and transmit them to London, but they have failed us. Lest we be blamed for negligence, we again desire you to consider our case and grant our request. [1 *page.*]

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Aug. 1. **52.** Act of Parliament, that all persons who, since 20 May 1642, have entered on any delinquent's estate by virtue of extent, mortgage, judgment, or forfeiture, pay into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall such sum as the delinquent would have paid in composition according to the prescribed rules, consideration being had of just debts on the estate, and that on so doing, they retain possession till their debt, including the said fine, is satisfied.

If any do not deliver in a true particular of such extent, &c., before 30 Aug., the estate will be seized and sequestered to the use of the State. [*Printed*, 2½ *pages.*]

Aug. 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on Capt. Mason's delivering the returns from the Commissioners in co. Somerset, on oath that they were the same as delivered by their order, and not opened since—that he have a warrant to summon Wm. Rolph and 3 other witnesses to be examined in his behalf to-morrow.

53, 54. Order on two Parliament orders of 31 July 1650, that,—whereas by order of 21 March 1648, 5,120*l.* due to Lord Grey, as Major-General, was to be paid to him out of the sequestration of the Earl of Chesterfield's estate, and the respective committees in the counties where the estates lie were authorized to pay Lord Grey the said rents and profits until the 5,120*l.* was paid; it appearing that there is 2,190*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* still due, the Commissioners for Compounding are to issue warrants to their treasurers of that receipt to pay his lordship the rents due last Ladyday from the Earl of Chesterfield's estate, and which have been paid to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, as also all rents hereafter to become due, until the balance is satisfied—that the treasurers pay him this sum as paid into the treasury.

Order that on hearing all reports from counsel, the order on which the report is granted be also heard.

Ambrose Edwards (or Andrews) appointed agent for Surrey in place of Mr. Nudrick.

Order that the treasurers restore to Wm. Robinson, merchant of London, 209*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, a chest of papers, books of account, and other goods detailed, which were seized in the house of Rich. Williamson, merchant of Thames Street, on bond to restore them if not adjudged to belong to him, and he ordered to prove his title. He deposes that he lives at Croydon, but has a room in Williamson's house, where he stays when he comes to London, and that the goods are his own. [*G* 11, *pp.* 59–62.]

Order appointing Rich. Greaves of Lincoln's Inn steward of all courts leet and baron on the estate of William, Lord Petre, in Essex. [*G* 12, *p.* 155.]

Aug. ? Matters referred by the Committee for Compounding to the Army Committee.

Alderman Gurney's report. Fines on such estates as Mr. Scrope's and others.

Request for allowance of $\frac{1}{5}$ to discoverers of estates, for want of which much money is lost and business delayed.

If those who come in on their own discovery compound at $\frac{1}{6}$, those who are discovered should pay $\frac{1}{5}$, and those who stand out $\frac{1}{4}$.

Request for power to receive the fines of those who have lapsed their time by sickness or the neglect of others. Query about estates of Papists who have compounded at 2 years' value and paid their compositions.

Request for powers to let estates leased on old rents in counties Chester and Lancaster, not held by copy of court roll.

Proposal that the Act for compounding for extents and mortgages on estates of delinquents shall extend to the estates of those excepted from pardon.

Queries about the committees of Kent, Surrey, and Essex; also about forgers of Goldsmiths' Hall acquittances, and about a witness who refused examination on Alderman Bunce's estate; discharge of those who compounded with the Northern Counties' Commissioners after their powers had expired; payments to sequestrators, collectors, &c., employed by former committees.

Request that accounts to 25 Jan. 1650 be passed at Worcester House, and copies sent to this committee. Also for allowance of salaries and charges, especially to Jas. Plumer, officer of the late committee; Rich. Cole and Lynam Robins, officers to the Committee for Advance of Money; and Phil. Darrell, auditor of the revenues of rescusants' estates.

Also request for Benedict Hall's case to be presented to Parliament. [*G* 63, *pp.* 683–691, 704.]

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Aug. ? Drafts, notes, or copies of sundry portions of the preceding documents, and notes of the cases of officers, &c., requiring payment. [*G* 63, *pp.* 694, 696, 698, 701, 709, 711, 741, 749, 753, 779.]

Aug. 1. Salop. **55.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. Several persons have informed us of new delinquents, but as their witnesses live in the furthest parts of the county, and will not come unless their charges are allowed, and as we have no power to imburse money for witnesses or informers, they are discouraged, and the service much retarded. Noted that discoverers must bear their witnesses' charges out of their $\frac{1}{5}$, which no doubt will be allowed by Parliament when delinquents are brought to judgment, and that the Committee for Salop are not to allow a case to be lost for want of a small sum for witnesses. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. 1. Penrith. **56.** Thomas Langhorne, one of the County Committee of Cumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. Last Wednesday I received yours, with ordinances of Parliament and additional instructions for the more effectual managing of sequestrations, but there cannot be any progress made therein as matters are in this county. A particular account of moneys in arrear has been sent you, and what moneys we received are returned by a bill of exchange. We signified that we could not discharge our trust as we desired, being only two of us in this county for a long time, neither are we willing to act further, except such be joined with us who may bear an equal burden, Messrs. Musgrave and Briscoe not having yet returned.

It has pleased God to manifest his displeasure towards this poor county in visiting several towns with the plague, but especially Carlisle, and Mr. Craister, one of the commissioners, being mayor, and bound in conscience and duty to a constant abiding there until the Lord stays His hand, is utterly disabled from doing anything in this work, so that the service of sequestration is wholly at a stand, there being none in the county to act but myself. With note that he is to return the names of three persons who will act, and if he can, confer with Sir Art. Hesilrigge. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. 1. My quarters, Penzance. John Humphrey to the Committee for Compounding. I hear my friend Capt. Benj. Mason is traduced as being a Cavalier. I have known him 6 years, and he has served Parliament and spent large sums in raising horse and arms for them. [*G* 102, *p.* 287.]

Aug. 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Wilson be heard on Tuesday, next to the order concerning the sheriffs. [*G* 11, *p.* 65.]

Aug. 5. **57.** Committee for Sequestration in London to the Committee for Compounding. We waited on the Spanish Ambassador, and informed him that the late Trustees for Ireland returned an account of 600*l.* belonging to the Marquis of Winchester who was under sequestration, as being in his hands, and that it ought to be paid to us for the use of the Commonwealth. He replied that he did well resent the discharge of our trust, and that for his part he never had anything to do with the Marquis, nor with the trustees for Ireland, and could not, with conscience of his trust and honour of his master, treat with any committee but the Council of State; that he was very willing to respond to them, in whatsoever should concern him in this business, but not to any committee whatsoever. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. 5. Petition of John Strange, auditor to the Committee for co. Wilts, to the Committee for Compounding. Was authorized 5 years ago to act for the said committee, and having lately received the accounts of their treasurers and other officers, has therefrom discharged all accounts of sequestered estates and subscriptions on the propositions of Parliament, from their first sitting to their late dissolving, and finds large arrears of rents and fines payable before Midsummer 1649, part received by members of the committee or their officers, and others unduly discharged from payment. Notwithstanding his faithful performance of service, and his expense in keeping a clerk and 2 horses, he has received no pay for 2 years, and 256*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, with 26*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* for disbursements, is due to him. Begs further examination of the accounts, and

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an order to the late County Committee, who usually sat at Sarum, to deliver him the books required for perfecting them. Also payment for himself from the said arrears. Noted "To be read to the commissioners. There was something done in the premises at the Committee for Advance" of Money. [*G* 119, *p.* 364.] *Annexing,*

I. *Order of the Committee for Sequestrations for co. Wilts. requesting the payment to Strange of the said sums, being the balance due of* 571*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *for* 1,715 *days' service at* 6*s.* 8*d.* *a day, from* 14 *July* 1645, *when he was appointed, for want of which he and his family are exposed to much necessity.* 25 *March* 1650. [*G* 119, *p.* 365.]

II. *Like order requesting his continuance in office, and further reward, because he composed the accounts in* 14 *hundreds of the county contributions for the army in Ireland on the ordinances of* 1644–1646, *served as clerk to the commissioners for raising the assessments for the army, and for disbanding, supernumeraries, was at the charge of other clerks beside his own, and has only been paid* 10*l.* *He would be the fittest person to compose the accounts of receipts for the British army, and that under Lord Fairfax, being experienced therein, a skilful auditor, and industrious and faithful.* 25 *March* 1650. [*G* 119, *p.* 365.]

III. *Account of the arrears of rents alluded to in the petition, total* 674*l.* 10*s.*, *with others due from the estates of several persons before composition.* [*G* 119, *p.* 367.]

Aug. 6. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on Mr. Wilson asking explanation from the Committee of Revenue of the order of this committee forbidding the sheriffs to disturb any tenants of the State;—that he confer thereon with Reading and Brereton, who are to peruse the Acts and ordinances concerning this matter, and report.

John Pearse of Kingston, co. Stafford, appointed commissioner of sequestrations there, on surrender of John Goring. [*G* 11, *pp.* 67, 68.]

Aug. 7. Request by Col. John Pyne, M.P., to the Committee for Compounding, for a copy of the certificate sent in by Recorder Ceely, Lieut.-Col. Rich. Bovett, and Major George Sampson, against the partial proceedings of Latimer Sampson and Thos. Shute, on Benj. Mason's charge against himself and Ceely; also requesting transfer of the case to some justices of peace, and time for proofs. Is charged with receiving public money, but refused even the 1,000*l.* of his arrears ordered by the late committee, and spent from his own purse for the service. [*G* 102, *pp.* 87, 88.]

Aug. 7? Additional charges by Col. John Pyne against Latimer Sampson, viz., that he is a drunkard, wasted the timber about Bristol, tampered with the garrison there for its surrender, detains public moneys, defrauds soldiers of their pay, &c. Also additional articles against Thos. Shute, as speaking against Parliament, being in arms for the King, advising constables to return estates under value, &c. [*G* 102, *pp.* 89–91.]

Aug. 8. Parliament order that the salary of 300*l.* a year be allowed to each of the Committee for Compounding, from the time of the Act whereby they were made commissioners. The Army Committee to issue warrants to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall for payment of the said salaries as they become due. [*G* 1, *p.* 231.]

58, 59. Orders in Parliament relating to compositions:—

1. That the same penalty as was imposed by Act of Parliament of 25 January last, on such treasurers and receivers as should not pay the money which they have received, or were accountable for, before the 1st of April then next following, shall be inflicted upon such treasurers, and other receivers for the time being of the rents of sequestered estates as shall receive any money upon sequestration, and not return the same to the treasury, or acquaint the Committee for Compounding therewith, within 14 days after receipt.
2. Power is given to the Commissioners for Sequestration in their respective counties to send for witnesses, and compel them to attend if necessary.

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3. Also to make allowance of 5th parts to the wives and children of delinquents and Papists in arms, and 3rd parts to Papists not delinquents, allowable by the Act of 25 Jan. last, notwithstanding the Act of 15 April last.
4. Also to issue warrants for payment of quit rents, annuities, and rent charges.
5. The commissioners to be empowered to imprison all who fail to acquaint them with any delinquency of which they are informed, or compound with the party, or suborn witnesses.
6. They may give licenses to compounders to come to London on their business, the names being first presented to the Council of State.
7. In all cases of discovery of delinquents' estates, lately depending before the Committee of Haberdashers' or Goldsmiths' Hall, or now depending before the commissioners for compositions and sequestrations, they may give their warrant for issuing a fifth part of all sums brought in upon such discoveries for the benefit of the discoverer. [*Two printed copies; also G* 1, *pp.* 227, 228; 172, *pp.* 691—694.]

Aug. 8. **60, 61.** Copies of the first and last of the above resolutions. [2 *papers*, ¾ *page each.*]

Aug. 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Phil. Stone of Kingsworthy, co. Hants, have allowance of 2 messuages, &c., late occupied by John Wayte.

This committee to hear the business concerning the disposal of the profits of the office of knight-marshal, and the Surrey Commissioners to attend.

Roger Hill of Taunton, late treasurer, to be summoned to bring in his account.

The Surrey Commissioners to attend on the 15th instant. [*G* 11, *pp.* 69, 70; 261–263.]

Aug. 8. Committee for Compounding to the late County Commissioners for Somerset, and especially to Fras. Tuthill, auditor, and Jasper Batt, registrar to the late commissioners. By ours of 1 and 5 Feb. last, we required you to certify the names of all delinquents and Papists under sequestration, with particulars of their estates, their position, value, leases made of them, and rents and arrears of rents, that payment might be made.

You were also to certify by duplicate, one to us and one to the present commissioners of the county, the names of all Papists and delinquents formerly seized, and how the sequestrator was discharged or suspended. Also what incumbrances lie on sequestered estates, and what allowances are made from them. No account having reached us, we suspect some miscarriage, and the matter being of concern, we desire a speedy return, or you must expect the penalty of the Act. [*G* 11, *p.* 262.]

Aug. 8. Information given to the Committee for Compounding by Mary Griffith, widow, against Hen. Cooper of Oundle, co. Northampton, that he has received 450*l.* profits of the sequestered estate of the Earl of Worcester for 1646 and 1647, and given no account of it. With order that the county commissioners examine the case. [*G* 11, *pp.* 70, 71; 76, *pp.* 558, 559.]

Aug. 8. Account by the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers of the moneys arising from the estates settled by Parliament on Trustees for Ireland, from 26 Feb. 1650. Receipts, 1,297*l.* 15*l.* 2*d.*; payments, 1,410*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.* [*G* 95, *pp.* 520, 521.]

Aug. 8. **62.** Ben. Swayne, one of the County Committee for Wilts, to the Committee for Compounding. Some actions of the commissioners here have been misreported to you, especially that they did not let the parsonage of Tisbury, at the full value; for our vindication, I inform you that we farmed it (except the tithes of Mr. Arundel's farm) for 180*l.*,—50*l.* more than made of it since it came to the State's disposing, and as our agent informed us, the very utmost that could be made of it; and because the tithes of the farm were in dispute, we conditioned with the tenants that they should take up such tithes, if feasible to be recovered, and account for them to us on oath, which would have amounted to 60*l.*, so that the whole would have brought 240*l.* for this year

My next remonstrance is, that our agent is about leaving the service, and lest we should be destitute of one, we desire you will appoint a faithful person forthwith, so that the work may not be retarded. [To appear on Tuesday.]

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1. Are augmentations granted out of delinquents' parsonages by the Committee for Plundered Ministers to be paid by us, we being formerly prohibited by you? [An Act since.]

2. Ought we to seize the parsonages of delinquent ministers and farm them out as others, though ministers are placed in them? [No.]

3. What satisfaction are we to allow to such as discover delinquents' estates hitherto concealed? [A fifth part for such now depending.]

4. May we, by virtue of our commission, keep courts in manors belonging to delinquents?

5. May taxes in arrear to the army, and levied upon our tenants' goods, be allowed by us out of this year's profits?

6. What course are we to take to recover those rents which are detained by bad tenants? [1 *page.*]

Aug. 8. **63.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours of 23 July with the instructions, and will take care to observe them. By reason of our instructions, and the Act of 31 May last for better payment of augmentations out of impropriate rectories, vicarages, tithes, &c., we proceeded to the letting of some sheaves and tithes sequestered from delinquent ministers and others, for which the Committee [for Plundered Ministers] storm very much, and deny any power in us, but assert that it is absolutely in them. [The sheaves and tithes formerly belonging to the ministers as church livings are not to be meddled with, but if it be a temporal estate, you are then to proceed.]

We conceive the proviso in the Act of 25 Jan., reserving a power to the committee concerning ministers, is only to the placing or displacing of them. [It is as well to the allowance.]

The harvest with us having begun, we desire advice herein, as, if our lettings be valid, the advantage by them will be great, divers being let for double the amount formerly given.

We have inquired what courts want stewards, and find there are two of special concernment—the hundred court of Penwith, Sir John Arundel's, and Cargole Manor, Nicholas Borlase's, both Papists in arms—for which office we recommend Elias Wymond, a man very faithful and able. Pearce and Rich. Edgcombe, and Lord Mohun, have obstinately refused to give particulars of their estates, having, as we are informed, compounded far within their value. We desire your order to proceed against these high-spirited malignants, by whose example others, though they do not absolutely refuse to give in theirs, are yet slack in it. [To send down copies from hence.]

The passages in brackets are marginal notes in reply. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Collett, the prosecutor, be heard before any answer is given to the request of Edw. Rogers, agent for co. Gloucester, for re-examination of the witnesses against him.

Order on Capt. Ben. Mason's affirming that he has given Col. Pyne the names of his witnesses, and will produce them for examination at a day's warning, that publication pass. unless Col. Pyne show cause to the contrary, in a week. The depositions to be transmitted to Mr. Carey.

Order that Mr. Curle's account, when sent, be transmitted to the county commissioners, and that he bring in an account of receipts and payments. [*G* 11, *pp.* 72, 73.]

Aug. 9. Redcastle, co. Montgomery. **64.** County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We have chosen Edw. Vaughan as agent for sequestrations in co. Montgomery, and Rich Hamer as clerk; they have taken the oath prescribed by the Act, and we recommend them to you for their commissions and instructions. [3 *pages.*]

Aug. 9. Preston. **65.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We enclose an order made by the justices of the peace for relief of several poor people whose estates are under sequestration, and desire directions therein.

Upon information against Wm. Husband of Bentham for obstructing the sequestration of Thomas Morley's estate, we made the enclosed order of 4 July, which has been partly observed by him, but he refuses to pay the charges sustained by the farmer. How may he be compelled to observe it?

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With marginal notes of reply, 3 Sept. You excuse yourselves from sending up your accounts of the profits from sequestrations, by an order of the late committee for issuing all moneys up to 24 June last for payment of the soldiery and of ministers. Though we did not expect the profits, you should have asked our allowance of that order and sent up the accounts. Do this at once.

We would gladly comply with the request of the justices about relief for the poor people under sequestration, but we have no power to do more than allow $\frac{1}{3}$ to Papists, and $\frac{1}{5}$ to delinquents. As to Wm. Husband's obstruction, you must request his obedience, and if he do not comply, we shall summon him.

As to estates of persons who have taken the oath of abjuration, or are dead since sequestration, tell us whether the estates are now under sequestration, and you shall receive further directions. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages; also G* 11, *p.* 268.] *Enclosing,*

65. I. *Order by the Justices of Peace for co. Lancaster. Several complaints have been made by persons whose estates are sequestered, not being worth* 10*l. a year, that their wives and children are in great want and likely to be starved, and they have moved the court for relief; the Committee for Sequestrations are desired either to relieve them out of their own estates, or certify their condition to the Committee for Compounding at Goldsmiths' Hall, Ormskirk,* 25 *July* 1650. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

65. II. *Order by the County Committee for Lancaster—on information that Wm. Husband obstructed the sequestration of the estate of Thomas Morley of Rearan [or Razan, Melling parish], a delinquent, and distrained* 4 *oxen and* 4 *kine belonging to Chris. Dickenson, the present farmer of the estate—that he forthwith restore the cattle, and satisfy Dickenson for the illegal distraint, as also for his charges in his journeys to Preston and bringing his witnesses there.—Preston,* 4 *July* 1650. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. 10. Leicester. **66.** County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. We are getting in the money from estates in this county vested in the hands of the Trustees for Ireland, and hope next week to send in our accounts. We have not yet taken off the seizure set upon the estate of Mr. Cooke, minister of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, against whom we sent you a charge, apprehending that as that charge amounts to matter of such scandal, the sequestration, according to the resolutions of Parliament of 9 July 1649, ought to stand. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 10. Kingston. **67.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. We have received all the records of the late committee that were in the custody of [Wm.] Dyer, their clerk, who has given us his best assistance, and we hope within a fortnight to give you a full account of all the Ladyday rents of the sequestered estates in this county, and how we have let them for the year. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. 10. Kingston. **68.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. We have chosen Hen. Saunders, a very faithful man, as our agent; he lives in the county and knows where the delinquents and Papists' estates lie. We request his commission and allowance. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. 10. Wells. Capt. Latimer Sampson and Thos. Sbute to the Committee for Compounding. The depositions in the case between Pyne and Mason have taken 3 weeks, and are made tedious by the needless cavils of Pyne's agents. Meantime, many sequestrators took advantage of our being engaged to send up their accounts, when we could not peruse them and discover their knavery. This case has cost us 30*l.*, which should be paid by Mason, and Pyne should be found guilty.

We cannot get the books of the former committee though we threaten the fine. Take some course with Col. Pyne, now in London, for their delivery. When he comes down we shall never get them, as he slights all orders. Give us a month more time for the business of Recorder Ceely, who is suspended, that public business may not stand still. Our fellows, Lieut.-Col. Bovett and Major George Sampson help little, and are in London. The allowance will not defray more than half the excessive charges if only 3 act, which we can prove is better. Edw. Curle, our agent, is in London, and has only paid 300*l.*; we hear that before his suspension he had 100*l.* more in hand, though he said he only had 10*l.* or 12*l.* [*G* 102, *pp.* 57, 58.]

Aug. 12. Stafford. **69.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. The Militia Commissioners here, by virtue of the Act and of a letter from the Council of State, have charged horse on divers delinquents and Papists,

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according to their ⅓ or ⅙, and have laid the ⅔ or ⅚ on the remainder of the estates. What are we to disburse in that behalf? We crave pardon for our slowness, occasioned by the death of Col. John Goring's father, his attendance on the funeral and settling of that estate, and by his want of health; if you would add Col. Hen. Danvers, governor of Stafford, to our committee, his presence would add much to the public service. With a note that the commission to Danvers is to be sent. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 12. **70.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We have several times sent up proposals out of a desire to promote the public good and better carry on sequestrations, and among others, we desired an allowance for discoverers. A person assures us he can discover concealed manors of good value, and having been at cost in making searches, besides his pains about them, and the envy he must contract, he expects to be well rewarded; but we, having no power, can only hold him in hand with hopes. As the discovery is held out as very great, we hope that 1*s.* in the pound, over and above the 1*s.* allowed by ordinance, will satisfy him, and if you will allow us to treat with him upon those terms, we will do so. [The House have it now in agitation, and answer will be speedily given.] [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the treasurers return a list of what counties have sent in moneys since their last account.

To write to the Army treasurers to give acquittance to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall for 6,000*l.* paid to the army in the North.

To write to the Gloucester Commissioners to send up the depositions against Rogers, their agent. [*G* 11, *pp.* 76, 77.]

Aug. 13. Committee for Compounding to some county commissioners. We have several times directed you to give a speedy return apart of all the moneys due out of the estates late in the management of the Irish Trustees, but have received no answer. We cannot but notice your neglect, and require you to send up to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall the said distinction, and a speedy return, as you will answer the contrary. [*G* 11, *p.* 77.]

Aug. 13. **71.** County Committee for Oxon to the Committee for Compounding. You require us to return the rents due on estates nominated for Ireland. There is only 80*l.* on estates of Sir Charles Smith and Sir John Yate, Bart., which we had paid in part of arrears to this county troop before we received yours, and therefore not in contempt. We will send up 80*l.* from our first moneys. Notes of cases.

Are we to allow the suspension of the Barons of Exchequer on Sir Thos. Chamberlain's estate? [1 *page.*]

Aug. 13. Northwich. **72.** County Committee of Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We shall do our best to answer your instructions. Concerning our desire for commissions to Mark Jellicoe and Thomas Hancock as our agents, you write that you sent a commission for Hancock only, but we have never received it. Thanks for your condescending to our choice of those two, but we desire a commission to allow them a salary. We have been forced to make use of them both from the first, but have allowed them no more than what Capt. Shaw was to have had, viz., 4*s.* a day, which being too little for them both, we desire you to allow them 4*s.* a day each from the date of their commission. You say our bill of exchange for 350*l.* is with your treasurers. We shall return more with speed, and a greater sum if Sir Rich. Grosvenor's debt of 208*l.* to Sir Fras. Gamul proves due to the State, as we hope it will. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 13. Stafford. **73.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. The mansion house of Thos. Petre of Lapley, county Stafford, in the time of the late war, was made a garrison for both parties, and in the assault thereof, when it was in the power of the King's party, the barns, being full of corn and hay, were consumed by fire; after its desertion, it was demolished, and part of it is now in danger of falling down. Mr. Petre having prayed for allowance for necessary repairs, we employed agents to survey it, and report that 50*l.* is needful for present repairs, and for preventing the falling of such parts as are dangerous. [¾ *page.*]

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Aug. 14. York. County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We send you queries proposed by [Ralph] Rymer which we thought were answered, but it seems they miscarried, and we therefore desire your answer. [*G* 172, *p.* 575.]

Aug. 14. Exeter. **74.** Major James Pearse to the Committee for Compounding. Since my coming from London, Capt. Hunkyn and myself have met in expectation of assistance of the other three gentlemen you told me had been added to us, viz., Messrs. Dore, [John] Serle, and [Rich.] Clapp; we found them all in Exeter, but they had received only a commission under your hand, when the Act required your seal, so that they could not act with us; we could only sit two days, as Capt. Hunkyn had to raise a company of foot as lieut.-colonel to Col. [Rob.] Bennett, and myself the like in our county militia. To prevent what damage we could to the State, we have ordered the letting of some sheafs and lands formerly surveyed, and cut out work for our agents, and also ordered the fetching in of the money that lies in the county, and shall meet again as soon as possible. Pray hasten down commissions for these gentlemen, our agents and clerk, so that we may constantly sit and carry on the service.

It is a trouble to me to see how things lie in our county. There have been several discharges shown us from you for taking off sequestrations, which mention a particular [of estates], but none are annexed or have been produced. This must be done, or how shall we ever know whether all be in? and so we may discharge what they have not compounded for. Others' discharges are grounded on false information, as John Corindon of Bratton Clovelly, and [Wm.] Cooke of Ottery St. Mary. There are divers other things of this nature, and therefore if we had a particular of every man's estate sent us, and what they had compounded for, and the grounds of the acceptance of the composition, it would prove much for the advantage of the State; for I dare say you would find many had left out a good part, and all some part of their estates, which can never come to our knowledge unless we have such particulars.

We have received the ordinances and again given notice to divers of the late committee-men, and they have promised to return the duplicate as desired; also to the city committee, but there we have no encouragement to expect it; they are mostly very preverse. I beseech you to consider the matter, so that a business of so much concern may no longer lie dead for want of hands. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 15. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that [Rich.] Greaves, clerk of the peace for Middlesex, the town clerk of London, and John Pulford, certify to them the names of all recusants convicted before them from the beginning of the late King's reign.

The commissioners for Surrey brought in their accounts. Hen. Saunders, appointed their agent, and [Nich.] Trotman discharged from the office. [*G* 11, *p.* 79.]

Aug. 15. Dorchester. **75.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We had a charge tendered to us against Mr. Boreman, that he was in arms against the Parliament at the fight in Ilemore, co. Somerset; he is now employed as master of many powder mills about London, and conceiving such a trust very disagreeable to his condition, we present it to your consideration.

We find a ready compliance of the late committee for the delivery of any records in their hands, and we are viewing the sequestered lands, and returning certificates thereupon. For the money in our hands, Col. Sexby being, as we are informed, to receive 800*l.* from the Treasury for paying his soldiers in these parts, we have taken order with him by a friend to pay in 500*l.* to the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, and to take acquittances, and upon receipt thereof we shall pay him here. With marginal note that they are to examine witnesses against Boreman; and if they find sufficient proof against him, they are to seize and secure his estate. They are also to hasten the viewing of estates, and take special care for letting them to the full value. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 15. Derby. **76.** County Committee for Derby to the Committee for Compounding. On 23 July last you commanded us to give notice, upon information that the records of the former committee had not been delivered to us by the old commissioners, that a fine of 20*l.* each would be levied upon them by distress, if they did not return duplicates within a month. We now signify that at our

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entering upon the service, we had all the books and papers delivered to us, and by their order the collectors were appointed to deliver the rent rolls, which we have since received, but they are in a very imperfect and defective state. With note that a call is to be made upon all treasurers and collectors for accounts. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 15. Maidstone. **77.** County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding. Upon perusal of our instructions, we find that we are to obey the orders of the Barons of Exchequer as to seizing and sequestering all such as are not acquitted upon their appeals. In this county, Wm. Sharpe, John Bankes, and Thos. Brett have appealed; the former's case had been before them 6 months, and the two latter a considerable time, and not yet disposed of; are we to levy the rents and arrears of these estates, notwithstanding their appeals, or to forbear proceedings as hitherto? [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

77. I. *Extract of the* 17*th and* [*or* 11*th additional*] 28*th instructions to the county committees from the Committee for Compounding.* [*See pp.* 171, 229 *supra.*]

Noted "That they and all others upon appeals are to be sequestered till discharged."

"To certify whether they have not the duplicate from the former committee, and thereupon to proceed." [1 *page.*]

Aug. 15. Newark. **78.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 2 July last, we have improved the season for selling delinquents' woods to the best advantage, so that the bark was as good as if the wood had been felled last June; we enclose an account, by which it will be seen that we sold at the full value. We believe that those who practised to obstruct all advantage to be made of Sir John Byron's estate will oppose our proceedings, because they conceive an opportunity of venting their spleen more freely by the suspension of the sequestration which we have received from you.

We will shortly give you a survey made upon our own view of all delinquents' estates not suspended or taken off, and will observe all your instructions.

Some obstructions have been offered to the carrying away of the wood we have sold, the sequestration being since suspended; what course are we to take for our vindication, which, if slighted, may render all our other actions disserviceable? [To sell and receive the money, and use the power of the county in case of resistance.] With particulars of the wood sold off the Earl of Newcastle and Sir John Byron's estate, the names of the purchasers, and the amount they bought and paid for. Total value, 577*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* [1¼ *pages.*]

Aug. 16. Order in the Committee for Compounding,—on request of Capt. Ben. Mason, for a day of publication in his case, as the charge against him obstructs the whole business of sequestration in co. Somerset,—that Col. Pyne examine his witnesses against the credit of Mason's, and that publication pass on Friday; endorsed with a list of 9 witnesses of known integrity, who were examined in the country. [*G* 11, *p.* 80; 102, *pp.* 153–156.]

Aug. 17. Derby. **79.** County Committee for Derby to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours of the 13th touching land settled [by Act] upon the Trustees for Ireland in this county.

Although we have received all the books from the former committee, that Act could not be found, nor have we received any directions what lands stand charged, so that we can give no account of them, but we understand from the treasurer to the then committee that there was such an Act, and that some money was paid out of the Earl of Newcastle's estate in Litchurch, and that the other place from which the remainder should have issued was mistaken in the Act, and written as the Lordship of Scarsdale, sequestered from the Earl; there being no such lordship, but only a hundred or division called Scarsdale, in which most of the Earl's estate lies, the committee could not proceed without further directions, and so we conceive the Act was taken back

We have received 246*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* from the Lordship of Litchurch, which is part of the money paid into Goldsmiths' Hall, and if you will give directions for the delivery of the Act, or say what lands we are to charge, we shall be ready to observe your orders. What money has hitherto come to our hands has been conveyed to the Treasury as speedily as we could get it. With note that they are to see what lands there are in the county of Derby and certify them, and that the Act for the trustees is to be sent down. [1 *page.*]

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Aug. 17. Leicester. **80.** County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. We have sent up an account of receipts from the estates lately in the management of the Trustees for Irish affairs; we paid in our money on that account with the rest. We have only two estates that were so vested in the trustees, viz.:—Sir Charles Smith's and Mr. Sheldon's, and have now cleared up the half-year's rents for Sir Charles Smith's, which was demised by the Trustees for Ireland to Thos. Bayles and Hen. Nevill, at 320*l.* a year, exclusive of taxes, &c. As for the arrears returned by the trustees, we find them paid by the tenants, who are very poor men, some to Sir Charles Smith's lady for her $\frac{1}{3}$, and others for their minister's augmentation, but we conceive in their own wrong; they have promised us either sudden payment, or discharges for such payments from the trustees. If they fail, we shall collect it on their goods by distress.

We have received 27*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* on account of the arrears on Sheldon's estate, 3*l.* being deducted for taxes, and 17*l.* 10*s.* for the half-year's rent due at Midsummer, 30*s.* being abated for taxes; we will pay in the money. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of South Wales. We received yours of 31 July 1650, about [Wm.] Bromwich; also that about [John] Whitney. We do not know if any [letters] from you have miscarried, but for surer conveyance, if you know any persons in these parts willing to receive yours, and send ours to you, we shall return ours through his hands. We shall, at our first leisure, consider the Act for South Wales, and give you our sense thereon. Meanwhile transmit to us the names of all those whose estates you have seized or sequestered who claim any benefit by the Act, with the reasons of the sequestrations. [*G* 11, *p.* 263.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Chester. The examinations against John Roberts, minister of Aldford, co. Chester, were not proper for you to take, nor within our cognizance, but being matter of scandal, more fit to be enquired into by the Committee for Plundered Ministers, to whom we shall transmit them. [G 11, *p.* 263; *see also* 148, *p.* 435.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Cheshire. We will enquire about the miscarriage of letters. Any of you, or any one nominated by you, is authorized to keep courts in the manors of the Earl of Derby, or Marquis of Winchester, one of you being present, and we will grant a commission to any you name. The profits of Sir Arthur Aston's lands must be secured till Lieut.-Col. [Gilbert] Gerard apply and have his claim allowed. You must make good enquiry about [Wm.] Stanley's delinquency, or his estate will be discharged on plea of conformity.

We send fresh commissions for the agents, the others having miscarried, and allow them 6*s.* 8*d.* a day. Your bill for 350*l.* is sent to the treasurers, who will demand the money on the day. You shall soon have our directions about Great Budworth rectory; secure the profits meantime. [*G* 11, *pp.* 263, 264.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Cornwall. You ask 8 Aug. our advice about setting sheafs and tithes sequestered from delinquent ministers. If they be the temporal estates of those ministers, your proceedings are justifiable, but if they belong to church livings, and to them as ministers of such a parish, the Committee for Plundered Ministers should dispose of them, not you. Their power extends to the allowances, as well as to the placing or displacing of persons incapable of holding place from scandal or delinquency. [*G* 11, *p.* 264.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Derby. Lord Grey acknowledges the payment of the 30*l.* to the minister from the Earl of Chesterfield's estates; $\frac{2}{3}$ of [John] Fitzherbert's estate should be sequestered till the parties concerned prove their claims. We find that of the Earl of Newcastle's estate settled on Trustees for Ireland, only Litchurch Manor is in your county. [*G* 11, *p.* 264.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Notts. We approve your proceedings as to the woods of the Earl of Newcastle and Sir John Byron. Pay in at once the money arising from their sale. Should

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there be any opposition to the carrying away the wood cut down or sold, you are to call the county forces to your assistance, any order for suspension of sequestration notwithstanding. [*G* 11, *p.* 264.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Leicester, We still wish you to discharge Mr. Cooke's sequestration until you receive directions from the Committee for Plundered Ministers, to whom we shall transmit the case. [*G* 11, *p.* 264.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Derby. We are glad the former committee have so willingly delivered up their records to you, but we have received no duplicates, as directed by the Act. We also want the accounts of the particular treasurers and collectors. [*G* 11, *p.* 265.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Kent. Yours of the 15th names scruples about the 17th and 28th instructions. You will reconcile them if you notice the clauses in the Act relating thereto, and a late order of Parliament, empowering the Barons to determine cases depending before them. The suspension is to be void in all cases not determined by them before 1 March 1650, but in other particulars you are to obey their orders.

The list of sequestered persons sent by the late committee contains many names not in your list. You must get a duplicate, and proceed against the persons therein named. [*G* 11, *p.* 265.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Montgomery. We approve your choice of an agent, and have sent his commission. Mr. Lee has shown his interest in the estate pretended to by Lady Scriven, by his sale thereof; seize the remainder, and reserve the rents. [*G* 11, *p.* 265.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. York. Thanks for your care in discharging your trust. As to the $\frac{1}{5}$ of delinquents' estates, you are only to allow them on special orders from us. You may levy all debts due upon rents and all debts due to delinquents, and distrain for them. Estates seized and secured are not to be disposed of, except those of persons beyond seas, which are to be sequestered unless they produce our discharge within 3 months. We have yet no orders for allowances to discoverers, but are expecting them daily. [*G* 11, *p.* 265.]

Aug. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Stafford. The horse charged upon Papists' and delinquents' estates must be provided according to their proportion. We send a commission for Col. Hen. Danvers, and hope you will speedily raise money, the army requiring continual supply, which we are expected to provide. [*G* 11, *p.* 265; 168, *p.* 511.]

Aug. 20. York. **81.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a copy of a letter from Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, and desire your resolutions therein. [¼ *page.*]

Aug. 20. Durham. **82.** Late County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We have had several meetings with such of the committee as would join with us, and did our best for the drawing of duplicates, whereof we returned you one, and caused another to be delivered to your commissioners, with all the books we had touching sequestrations in this county, as also the several charges against delinquents, whereby your commissioners were enabled, and have since let all sequestered lands. Since then we have given them our accounts, and caused our sequestrators and treasurers to do the same; and they have also paid in such moneys as they had in hand. Notwithstanding this, on the 6th inst. we received an intimation from your commissioners here that a fine of 20*l.* would be imposed upon every member of our old committee, unless we returned the duplicates required under the Act within a month.

We have been ready to show our obedience, and have done our best, and much more than most committees, or than any committee in the like condition, which has been kept so long and so many times under so many distractions; we were never a year freed since we were a committee, save in 1647, wherein we had forces of our own raised in the county, and in 1649, which two years were

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all wherein we could make any considerable benefit of sequestrations; the rest of the benefit thereof, and also a great part of the benefit of those two years was not sufficient for the unavoidable charge forced upon us, above that which this poor exhausted county was then able to bear, the King, Queen, Prince, and bishops, and dean and chapters' revenues being otherwise disposed of for most part of the time, and when benefit might have been made thereof; therefore we intreat that you will not expect impossibilities from us, but accept our loyalty and faithful endeavours. With marginal note that the present commissioners are to certify whether they have sufficient duplicates from the late committee or not. [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 22. **83.** Order in Parliament that the Army Committee consider the propositions made in the House touching discoveries of concealed estates of delinquents who have compounded, and for printing the compositions already made and sending them into the several counties, as also confer with the Commissioners of Goldsmiths' Hall, prepare some propositions to be made to the House for the advantage of the State, and report them next Wednesday. Mr. Stephens and Sir James Harrington added to that committee. [*G* 1, *p.* 227.]

Aug. 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Col. Pyne's servant, being his sole witness, be examined on the return made by the 3 Commissioners of Somerset, complaining of the partial proceedings of Latimer Sampson.

A further return made by the Commissioners for London referred to the auditor. [*G* 11, *p.* 85.]

Aug. 22. Nottingham. **84.** Committee for Sequestrations, co. Notts, to the Committee for Compounding. In yours of the 13th, you require a speedy return of all the moneys due out of the estates late in the management of the Trustees for Irish affairs, charge us with neglect for not making the return of such moneys, and much enforce your commands. We look upon your letter as prepared in general for the commissioners in several other counties, and if so, shall not trouble you with any vindication, or else you are misinformed. We have none of those moneys in hand, but having received your order for gathering up the rents and arrears due out of the estate of the late Lord Capel, we, to the great discontent of those concerned, informed ourselves what was payable out of that estate, and issued warrants to the tenants to pay in their rents and arrears, but it not being according to their usage, there was much obstruction. We again desire instructions how to proceed against those accused of delinquency, whose proofs were heard and debated last term, as the neglect much discourages those who informed us, and they impute it to ourselves. [1¼ *pages.*]

Aug. 22. Carlisle. **85.** Thos. Craister, mayor, one of the Commissioners for Cumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We beg your resolutions about the sequestrations of this county, [Thos.] Langhorne and myself being desirous to be freed of the employment, except others be joined with us. I being disabled by the breaking out of the sickness in this place; nothing more can be done till it is removed, unless you appoint commissioners that are more free to act than it is likely I can be for many weeks, except God works a miracle. With note, 17 Sept., of deposition that the sickness was in his house. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 22. Exceptions taken by Col. John Pyne against the partial proceedings of Capt. Lat. Sampson and Thos. Shute, in taking depositions to make good the charge against Ben. Mason, by threatening and severely treating those against him, and favouring all who spoke on his behalf. [*G* 102, *p.* 317.]

Aug. ? Interrogatories by Mason on the exceptions. Also depositions thereon. [*G* 102, *pp.* 293–295, 349–376.]

Aug. 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Auditor Sherwin give copies to all who desire it of the charges exhibited against them.

Edw. Curle, late agent to the Commissioners for co. Somerset, to have a month to perfect his accounts. [*G* 11, *p.* 87.]

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Aug. 23. **86.** List of the tenants of 8 recusants in Teesdale who have not compounded; total of their compositions for their $\frac{1}{3}$, 61*l.* 18*s.* 2½*d.*, and of the present rents of the $\frac{2}{3}$, 17*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* On making their compositions they are to pay the half-year's increased rents due at Ladyday, when they pay their $\frac{1}{2}$ fines. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 23. Petition of William Collier, sen., Rich. Collier, and Thos. Prew, sequestrators to the late Commissioners for co. Somerset, to the Committee for Compounding. Being called upon for an account of their employment, which they have already given to Fras. Tuthill, auditor of the late committee, by their order, and have only imperfect notes in their hands, beg that Tuthill may return their accounts to the Committee for Compounding or to the present commissioners; and that if further accounts are required of them, time may be given to prepare them. [*G* 76, *p.* 359.]

Aug. 23. Order that Tuthill give them forthwith the transcripts of their accounts formerly delivered. [*G* 11, *p.* 93.]

Aug. 23. **87.** Daniel Gotherson, one of the County Committee for Surrey, to the Committee for Compounding. I am bound to take account with the rest of the commissioners here what estates have been sequestered, how discharged, and what money received, and I am informed that great sums might be brought in if this were well looked into and a perfect account returned. I have moved the committee about it several times, that we might do our duty, but they replied that if I had nothing to do, they had. Col. [George] Dodding, a gentleman who has done good service to Parliament, and who has 7,000*l.* owing to him by the State, informed me that [Wm.] Dyer, our clerk, took 27*l.* of him for writing orders. With note that the commissioners and Col. Dodding are to appear on Tuesday morning. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 24. Taunton. **88.** Roger Hill to the Committee for Compounding. You order me to bring in my accounts within a month; but as the originals are with the late committee, they are the best able to comply with your request, and this will save me the long journey to you, being aged. With note that he is to give in his accounts to the present commissioners for co. Somerset within three weeks, and obtain their certificate of his having done so. [¾ *page.*]

[Aug. 24?] Information by Capt. Ben. Mason, Latimer Sampson, and Thos. Shute, that Edw. Curle, appointed agent to the Sequestration Committee for co. Somerset, has received great sums, but given in no account; has absented himself from the service 6 weeks at a time; threatens to detain the moneys in hand if not allowed his charges; and complains of the injustice of the Committee for Compounding. With note that a copy was given to Curle. [*G* 166, *pp.* 611, 613.]

Aug. [24?] Petition of Edw. Curle to the Committee for Compounding. Served faithfully as agent to the Sequestration Committee for co. Somerset. Could not have done so much without great industry, nor with fewer than the 2 men he had. Had no order to collect improved rents till 28 June last, though one was given to Capt. Burgess, agent for Bristol, who has lost the State 5,000*l.* Has done much more service than in merely collecting money. Expended part of it in a suit against Sir Edw. Berkley, undertaken by order from the Lord President and the Committee for Articles of War.

Mason, who complained of petitioner having moneys in hand, had himself 850*l.* in hand before he was suspended last May, and has only paid 600*l.*, and Latimer Sampson, the receiver since, has only paid in 250*l.* Has been unable to perfect his accounts, not having had a day's leisure since Oct. 1647. Begs time to perfect them, and an order to the county committee to examine who it is that has taken the surveys and done the committee's business, and who have kept the State's money in their hands. [*G* 79, *p.* 84.]

Aug. 24. Exeter. **89.** Major James Pearse to the Committee for Compounding. Since being in London, I have written several letters to you of the affairs of this county, and of the necessity of hastening down a commission.

I could not examine witnesses as ordered in the case of Ralph Richards, of Therverton, now a constable of the hundred, against whom there has been a charge of malignity, I being left alone, and Capt. Hunkyn engaged with raising a regiment. Some other orders of like nature have been received, but having nobody to join with me, I could do nothing. Some cases are sued out for

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no other end but to protract time, as that of [Winston] Churchill, who, it seems by his order, pretended his father [John Churchill] and Lady [Ellen] Drake had an interest in his portion, whereas he has still a suit depending against Col. [Wm.] Fry and Sir Hen. Rosewell in his own name, only for his wife's portion; had anybody else a title to it, he would not have commenced such a suit. As to his being in arms, he will surely not so far degenerate from his principles as to deny it. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 24. Norwich. **90.** County Committee for Norfolk to the Committee for Compounding. Details of the case of Mary, widow of Sir Hen. Compton. We have suspended gathering in the rents until further order, but we hold it impossible for her ladyship to produce any authentic certificate of her non-conviction for recusancy, in regard of the several assizes, sessions, counties, and cities, at which she may have been convicted, the clerks of whom may have records of the fact.

It is clear that Parliament adjudged Papists and popishly affected prelates as the first fomentors of our late intestine war, and therefore as the most equitable objects of sequestration, and ordained two-thirds of every Papist, without any limitation or qualification, to be sequestered; and unless that ordinance is repealed, there is no colour of excuse for any Papist, though not convicted, from sequestration. Lady Compton is vulgarly known to have been a professed ancient Popish recusant, and we know her to be not only within the ordinance of 19 Aug. 1643, but also the former one of 31 March 1643; had she then been a widow, she might easily then, as now, have been convicted by witnesses of recusancy; but being notably known to be a Papist, the late committee, after her husband's death, and before Michaelmas last, sequestered ⅔ of her estate; and she neglecting for 2 or 3 months to offer any excuse, either by taking the oath of abjuration or otherwise, the half year's rent due last Michaelmas was collected to the use of the State; but all sequestrations being suspended for a while by the late Act of Parliament, we, according to our power and instructions, re-sequestered her estate. [2½ *sheets.*]

Aug. 26. Maidstone. **91.** County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding. Having seen some late resolutions of Parliament, giving you power to satisfy some desires of ours formerly submitted to you—which you then alleged you had no power to order, but assured us of your willingness to do so as soon as you had—we again request your consideration therein. If these desires are granted, it will be of as much advantage to the State as encouragement to us, we asking only $\frac{1}{20}$ out of compositions, whereas your power extends to allow $\frac{1}{5}$. [½ *page.*]

[Aug. 26.] **91A.** Note of the requests alluded to:—

1. An order for allowance of taxes, reparations, quit rents, and necessary charges, formerly allowed, without which the tenants cannot use the farms, nor make even their rents, but arrears will still be upon them, and will obstruct the keeping of accounts. [Taxes and quit rents to be allowed, and such necessary reparations for this year as the commissioners shall approve.]

2. For power to require assistance in execution of orders for sequestration in case of resistance, as also to break open doors, chests, and locks. Also to dispose of personal estates by removal or sale, and to have allowance for charges of seizing, securing, and disposing of them. [They are to call the trained bands to their assistance, who by several Acts and ordinances are required to aid.]

3. An order for entertaining and paying under officers. [To be considered.]

4. Allowance of a room for receiving and keeping money until sent to London, also for keeping books and papers belonging to sequestrations. [They are to provide themselves accordingly, and the Committee for Compounding will endeavour to obtain their allowance.]

5. That for such delinquents as have compounded since the Act of 25 Jan., or shall compound before any of their rents or estates shall be received, there may be some allowance out of their fines for necessary charges, as formerly allowed by the old committee, or it will be a great charge with no receipts, most of the work being upon new sequestrations. [The commissioners have no power as to this particular.]

6. Having by virtue of the Act of 25 Jan. last put a stop upon divers estates and rents transferred upon the Prince Elector's revenue, ask whether to receive

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them or discharge them according to the respective grants, whereby the State has been much prejudiced. [What is yet in the tenants' hands is to be reserved for the use of the Commonwealth.]

7. Having sent to Capt. Nich. Franklin, late collector of part of the sequestrations in Kent, for an arrear of 150*l.* in his hands, he sent word he had addressed you; and that when there was an occasion for the money, you would write him thereon. [Capt. Franklin to be required to pay the 150*l.*] The passages between brackets are marginal notes for a reply. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the treasurers and registrar examine the petition of the messengers employed into the several counties of England and Wales, as to the service they have performed, what is due to them for it, and why it has not been paid. [*G* 11, *p.* 96.]

Aug. 27. Interrogatories and examinations thereon taken before the Committee for Advance of Money, &c., at Westminster, on behalf of Capt. Mason on the charge of delinquency, 3 to 27 Aug. 1650. [*G* 102, *pp.* 297, 299, 223–253.]

Aug. 27. Order on motion of Capt. Mason that the business be heard on Thursday week, and that meanwhile all letters and depositions be sent to the examiner. With his receipt of 15½ sheets thereon. [*G* 11, *p.* 98; 102, *p.* 305.]

Aug. 27. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Devon. We send you a commission with more names for carrying on the sequestrations in your county. You ask particulars of estates of some who are re-sequestered for default of payment of fines. The former committee must have them, as they would be sent down with the letters for suspension, but if you do not find them, you shall have transcripts from our register. Directions in cases. [*G* 11, *p.* 265.]

Aug. 27. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Westmoreland. You write us how much the business of sequestration suffers from want of able men to assist. You are to advise with Sir Art. Hesilrigge, and return the names of 2 or 3 fitting persons whom we will willingly commission. [*G* 11, *p.* 266.]

Aug. 27. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Oxford. The order of Parliament for you to pay your county troop out of sequestered estates we do not dispute for the time it was in force, which was till last Midsummer. But from that time the profits are to be returned to the Treasury with the 80*l.* from estates late in disposal of the Irish Trustees. Directions in cases. You are to send up in custody those agents guilty of abuses in executing the service. The orders of the Barons are to be obeyed except as regards suspension of sequestrations. [*G* 11, *p.* 266.]

Aug. 27. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Dorset. Notes of cases. Prosecute the charge against Boreman, examine witnesses, and if you find proof, secure the estate and certify us. We are glad you have so good assistance from the former commissioners. View the sequestered estates as often as possible, and take especial care to let them at the full value. [*G* 11, *p.* 267.]

Aug. 27. Committee for Compounding to Roger Hill, Taunton. Wishing to give you all the ease we may, we consent that you should exhibit your accounts to the present commissioners within 3 weeks, and have their certificate that you have so done. [*G* 11, *p.* 267.]

Aug. 27. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Durham. The late committee affirm that they have returned you the required duplicates. Say whether you have received them, and whether they are satisfactory. [*G* 11, *p.* 267.]

Aug. 27. Northwich. **92.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose to your treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall a bill of exchange for payment of 300*l.* We desire orders on the 208*l.*, seized from Sir Rich. Grosvenor as due to Sir Fras. Gamul. Concerning the 100*l.* due from Fletcher of Chester to the Earl of Derby, as soon as we can procure the recognizance and deed, we will send copies. [¾ *page.*]

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Aug. 29. Chester. County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your late instructions, and will observe your directions as to keeping courts in the manors of the Earl of Derby and Marquis of Winchester, and for securing Sir Art. Aston's estate. We have concluded bargains for Great Budworth rectory, and received and returned most of the arrears. Particulars of cases and of depositions sent up. [*G* 147, *p.* 597.]

Aug. 29. Bath. **93.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. Capt. Mason presented to you a charge against Edw. Curle of misdemeanour, in having received very great sums of Commonwealth money, which he detained and would give no account of to us. Since then he has received other considerable sums, and refuses to account for any to you. If he has not discharged his account before you while in London, and paid in the money to the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, give us a commission to seize or secure his person upon good security, until he perfects his account, and pays in the money. He took up very great sums from the tenants and others that held estates of delinquents under sequestration, while he was a sequestrator, and before we came into this employment, besides what he has received since he was our agent. This we urge with more earnestness, because we know him to be of no fortune and less reputation in this county, and he has said if he could not pay it, he could but lie in prison for it. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 30. Westminster. **94.** Order in the Committee for Compounding for an additional instruction for the County Commissioners of Sequestration. You are to act according to former instructions in surveying all Papists' and delinquents' estates. In the case of those worth more than 20*l.* a year, you are to prefix a day for letting, post the same in writing 14 days before on the door where you sit, and at the market town nearest the lands and premises to be let; set down therein the utmost value of the estates, under which no offer will be accepted, and take in writing, sealed up, the offers of all who desire to be tenants, which you should publicly open at one time, on the day fixed, and accept the highest bidder, from whom you are to take good security for the contract, certifying the same to us for confirmation, according to the direction in the Act of 25 Jan. last. [*Printed*, 1 *page.*]

Like order, that neither counsel nor any other person be heard in any case, unless they produce the last order upon the case. [*G* 11, *p.* 125.]

Aug 31. **95.** County Commissioners for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. Request directions in the cases of sundry compounders named. Also whether those that were compelled to bear arms for defence of the city of Hereford against Sir Wm. Waller, the Scots, and others then for Parliament, are liable to sequestration. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 31. York. **96.** County Committee for York, to the Committee for Compounding. Hen. Cockerill farms of us for this year the sequestered estate of Edm. Cockerill, his brother, a Papist and delinquent, deceased; Nicholas Cockerill, his brother, also a delinquent, in contempt of several of our orders for Hen. Cockerill's quiet enjoying the farm, interrupts him therein. By our instructions we have power to call the trained bands to our assistance to compel obedience, but they can seldom be found, and hardly obtained; yet no penalty by fine or imprisonment is therein mentioned, and we are short of power to punish him and such like refractory persons; unless some be made an example of, neither you nor we will be obeyed.

[If you read your instructions, you will find you are not confined to the trained bands, but may use the power of justices, and any other forces. The agent is to be examined upon oath, and such others as can give evidence, and the depositions to be sent up, and if any refuse to assist, it is to be certified.] [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. ? **97.** County Committee for Rutland to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your instructions and orders, and enclose the returns required. We have also perused the resolutions of Parliament of 8 Aug. 1650, concerning neglect in payment of money into the Treasury; but it is very difficult for us to observe the time limited, because of the distance from London.

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In the last ordinance of 9 Aug. 1648, made for sequestrations, 3 months was given for paying in money. The sequestrations here for the most part consist of tillage, small farms, and mean rents, which have already retarded our payments, and some of the Ladyday rents are yet unpaid, owing to the tenants losing their stock by the rot and other casualties, but we have already paid in some money.

We have not received any rents from the Duke of Buckingham's estate, the most considerable part of our sequestration; the present tenant, William Andrewes, who had a lease of the whole from the late committee, has paid most of this Ladyday rent, on an Act of Parliament of 21 Sept. 1649, to Lawrence Maidwell, receiver to Lord Fairfax, and the rest on other Parliament orders, but contrary to his engagement to us. They ought to have been paid into the Treasury, and thence to have been issued out. We have sent Mr. Bowles, our clerk, with a copy of the Act and orders, to attend your directions.

There were some woods cut up and sold, but the money was received by the officers of the late committee. Most of the courts mentioned in your instructions are in the Duke of Buckingham's sequestration, and the profits small, as there are few copyholders in Oakham, and those of cottages of small value, only they should be kept to prevent disorders amongst the tenants. They have heretofore been kept by Mr. Burton, a barrister, steward by patent from the Duke and Duchess of Buckingham, and continued by the late committee.

We have received a certificate of the estates of delinquents from the late committee, but by reason of the loss of their agents and papers in the war, we cannot make a true discovery of the arrears. Let the late commissioners for accounts here be required to let us view and copy their books and accounts, so that we may discover what is in arrear.

The Militia Commissioners have charged the sequestrations with ten horses, eight for the Duke of Buckingham, one for Sir George Benyon, and one for [John] Digby; what course shall we take therein? With note that if the late committee have received any rents that have grown due since 20 Dec. last, the present committee are to demand them, and in case of refusal, to levy. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 3. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Capt. Mason's business be heard on Tuesday.

To write to the Suffolk Committee to return forthwith the money they have in hand.

Order that the Surrey Commissioners appear on Thursday.

The Sussex certificate received.

Mr. Vincent to give notice to Col. Taylor to appear before this committee on Thursday.

The Surrey Commissioners to attend on the 12th, and Col. Dodding to be present.

Further time to be taken to consider of petitions relating to the Act of 1 Aug. [*G* 11, *pp.* 133, 134.]

Sept. 3. Committee for Compounding to Speaker Lenthall. There is a report in the hands of Ant. Stapley, M.P., on which we much desire the resolution of the House, as it will be a precedent in many other cases. We therefore beg your favour in its despatch. [*G* 11, *p.* 132.]

Sept. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of several counties. You acknowledge ours of the 13th, requiring you to return the moneys from the estates late in the management of the Irish Trustees, distinguishing them from others, but in this latter point you have failed. We therefore return you the accounts to be perfected. [*G* 11, *p.* 134.]

Sept. 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Hereford. You certify that you have surveyed Lord Hopton's estate, and called a court, and that you find the rental value 320*l.* a year, but in respect of charges and taxes you have let it to [Lieut. Evan] Lewis at 240*l.*, he discharging all taxes, &c. We think the charges will not amount to near that deduction, the repairs

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being only to keep all wind and water-tight, and we desire you rather to let it at the full value, making allowance for charges as they shall appear to you, yet so as especial care be had that the committee be not overcharged. [*G* 11, *p.* 269.]

Sept. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Somerset. Mr. Curle has been before us, and we have given him a month to bring in his accounts; if they be not then done, we will take effectual course therein. [*G* 11, *p.* 269.]

Sept. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Stafford. Your agent, Capt. [John] Lee, was with us 6 weeks ago, and said you had 1,000*l.* in hand, but no order had been given for sending it up. We bade him see to its speedy payment, but only 200*l.* has been received, though a large sum must have been levied since.

Send up all you have at once, lest we be forced to use the power Parliament has placed in our hands. [*G* 11, *p.* 269.]

Sept. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Salop. We wish you to examine this account given in by your late collector, Rich. Higgins, and give a surcharge if you see cause. [*G* 11, *p.* 270.]

Sept. 3. Depositions taken before the Militia Commissioners of co. Somerset, against Thos. Shute, one of the Committee for Sequestrations of the county, for neglect of service, undervaluing sequestered estates, breeding jealousies between the East and West divisions of the county, speaking against the Militia and Parliament Committees, and his own colleagues, favouring delinquents and forbearing to sequester them, approving the Scots' invasion in 1648, &c. [*G* 116, *pp.* 681–685.]

Sept. 3. Chard. Depositions taken against Ben. Mason, one of the Sequestration Commissioners for co. Somerset, before the Militia Committee of the county. [*G* 102, *pp.* 97–104.]

Sept. 3. Depositions of Edw. Curle of Batcombe, Lieut. Rich. Young, Lieut. Rich. Bovett, and Major George Sampson, before Col. John Pyne and other Militia Commissioners, against Capt. Latimer Sampson, one of the Sequestration Commissioners, for detaining moneys, associating with and favouring Cavaliers and delinquents, embezzling arms, timber, &c., when governor of Bristol Castle, &c., &c. [*G* 115, *pp.* 423–428.]

Sept. 4. Durham. **98.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. Understanding that the Treasurers-at-War are about to return moneys for payment of the army in the North, we desire that the 2,000*l.* we have received on sequestrations may be paid at Newcastle. We received your letter with the instructions, Acts, and ordinances for sequestrations, and will observe them. We gave notice to the late committee of the fine of 20*l.* imposed for their neglect in not returning the duplicate, and they replied they could make no other; but we have received several books and papers which will better inform us concerning sequestrations. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 4. **99.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours of 17 July and 8 Aug., in which we had satisfaction for what we formerly wrote, and shall proceed according to your directions, and give speedy answer to every particular. The sum formerly sent you was 300*l.*, whereof we have a receipt for 290*l.*, and we also gave order for payment of 70*l.* more. What we have lately received shall be speedily sent you, but other public business of special concern is now lying upon us. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all who have petitioned to compound on the Act for allowing extents and mortgages on delinquents' estates bring in valuations of the estates so charged, to be filed with their petitions.

The committee will consider the Act this day week. [*G* 11, *p.* 139.]

Sept. 5. Durham. **100.** Committee for Sequestrations, co. Durham, to the Committee for Compounding. We recommend Arthur French, who faithfully served the late committee as a sequestrator, but by his expenses in that service, and the non-payment of his salary, amounting to 81*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.*, he is brought into exigencies.

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With note that the Committee for Compounding are sensible of the sufferings and service of the poor man, and would very willingly help him if they could. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

100. I. *Petition of Arthur French, sub-sequestrator in Chester ward, co. Durham, to the Committee for Compounding, for an order for payment of his salary, and allowance for his travelling and other expenses. In the beginning of the troubles, being well-known to bear good affection to Parliament, he was several times taken prisoner, once by Major Holtby, by warrant from the late Earl of Newcastle, and sent to York, whence he escaped; another time by some officers and soldiers sent from Sir Wm. Lambton; one night he had his house beset, and was forced to fly with his son into Scotland, where he continued a year, and meantime had all his estate seized by John Heath of Durham; returning with the Scottish army under General Leslie, had his barn and goods burnt, and had nothing left for maintenance of himself, his wife, and 7 children. He commenced a suit against Heath, but was overthrown by reason of the Articles on the surrender of Oxford, and was forced to pay Heath 4l.*

Being employed as a sequestrator, undertook a dangerous journey into Yorkshire to sell goods for the State, and there is now 81l. 4s. 1d. due to him, arrears of salary, besides satisfaction for his journeys. Has several orders, but never received payment. [1 *page.*]

100. II. *Writ of execution for payment of 4l. to Heath,* 12 *Feb.* 1650. *With a receipt endorsed* 16 *Mar.* [*Parchment, Latin.*]

Sept. 5. Carlisle. **101.** Thos. Craister, mayor, one of the County Committee for Cumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. Since [John] Musgrave's return from London, he denies the reception of any letters or accounts from us during his residence there, so that there is just cause given of neglect in us; but the bearer can show by copies of our letters that our actings were industrious and real. In several of those letters we declared that we would no further join with Musgrave and Briscoe in this employment, and desired to be freed. We expected long since to know your pleasure, but not hearing, and being disabled for the present, and the work in a manner dead, I prevailed with Mr. Langhorne to go to London, and give you an account of all our proceedings. From him you may receive satisfaction to what propositions you make. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 6. Carlisle. **102.** Col. Thomas Fitch [governor of Carlisle] to the Committee for Compounding. As much blame is laid upon the county committee here for not acting according to the State's expectations and their trust, Thos. Langhorne journeys to London to represent the true state of affairs, and show where the neglect lies. I certify in his behalf, and that of Capt. Thos. Craister, mayor, that they have, ever since I knew them, been faithful and active in all things wherein they have been entrusted by the State. They are Commissioners for the Monthly Assessments, for Propagating the Gospel, and for the Militia, in all which they have acted with much cheerfulness. As to sequestrations, if the other gentlemen in commission with them had followed the work as closely as they, you might ere this have had a better account from them. Pray notice the grievances the bearer will acquaint you with. With note that a commission was sent down. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 6. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Cambridge Commissioners certify whether Newton Manor and Foxton Rectory be sequestered.

Capt. Hamlyn's accounts passed by Aud. Sherwin. [*G* 11, *p.* 148.]

Sept. 6. Articles exhibited to the Committee for Compounding against Dan. Gotherson, Commissioner of Sequestrations for Surrey, by Wm. Sawle of Southwark.

1. That he sided with delinquents, and hindered the proceedings of the Committee for Sequestrations.

2. That he associates much with malignants and delinquents.

3 & 4. That he solicits in behalf of Sir Ambrose Browne, and endeavours, by offers of money, to stay proceedings against him. [*G* 89, *p.* 63.]

Sept. 6. Wells. **103.** Capt. Lat. Sampson and Thos. Shute to the Committee for Compounding. In ours to you of the 27th ult., from Bath, we requested that if any charge was exhibited before you against either of us, the parties producing it might give

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Sept. 6. security to pay our costs and expenses, in case their charge proved scandalous; but we have since received a warrant, whereby it appears that Col. Pyne and the rest of the Militia Commissioners,—who are most of them of the late committee, and some of them under a charge, and others have accounts to give in to us,—have, on pretence that we have obstructed the proceedings of the militia, desisted from prosecuting us before you, where we conceive it most proper, and obtained a letter from the Council of State to examine witnesses against us as to our obstructing the militia. Under that notion, they are examining divers corrupted sequestrators, and many inconsiderable corrupt persons, that make no conscience of oaths, so they may abuse us for misdemeanours and delinquency, though never so innocent; and although Col. Pyne acknowledged that the said letter did not give power to take these examinations, yet he affirmed that he had a verbal order from Lord President Bradshaw to that purpose.

In submission to the authority pretended in the enclosed warrant, we appeared according to summons in Chard, the remotest part of the county from us, and desired a knowledge of their commission. Copies of our charge being denied us, we could not make our defence, but entered our protest against their proceedings, and appealed to the Council of State, from whom they pretend their authority. Notwithstanding this, they continue taking examinations against us, neither suffering us nor any agent for us to cross-interrogate, or see their proceedings. They send troopers 40 miles for inconsiderable profane men to swear against us, and send abroad agents like those witnesses to procure remonstrances against us.

We think you are sensible of the ends of Col. Pyne and the rest of the commissioners in these actions; by our former letters, we have deciphered their actions to be only to delay, if not to totally stave off their coming to an account. Their actions will appear fouler than we could wish them, or they dare bring to light, if they deliver in their records to us, according to your orders.

Lieut. Col. Bovett, Wm. Ceely, and Major George Sampson, whom you added as commissioners to act with us, never sat with us, but when Col. Pyne's charge against Capt. Mason was under examination; by our former letters we described them to be men forced by Col. Pyne and the late committee into the employment, to palliate their corruptness; and they have now fully appeared in their colours, being the most active men that sit with Col. Pyne and some of the Militia Commissioners as our judges in this case. We are so vexed and obstructed by these unjust proceedings against us that we cannot attend the public affairs. Pray consider our condition, and let us be freed from these turbulent spirits, and go upon the employment of the Commonwealth, coming to a legal hearing before you as the proper judges. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

103. I. *Sir Thos. Fairfax to Capt. Sampson, commander-in-chief of the forces at Bristol. Understanding that there is some distraction in Bristol by reason of the coming of Col. Charles Doyly to take possession as Governor of the Castle and Fort, I shall speedily acquaint the Parliament with the condition of the place, and doubt not of a speedy supply of moneys for the soldiers of that garrison who are much in arrear, and also for the settlement of the government, so as to satisfy yourself and soldiers. Meantime secure that place until you receive further order from me, and let me hear from you as occasion requires. Reading, July* 13, 1647. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

103. II. *Sir Thos. Fairfax to Capt. Sampson. I am sensible of your good affection and discretion in managing affairs in relation to the Castle and Fort. Continue your diligence and I will do my utmost for you. I have communicated about your arrears with Parliament, but have not yet received an answer; now, my power being enlarged by the authority of both Houses, I shall speedily take care of the government, and a more settled way of subsistence for the garrison, particularly for yourself and those honest officers and soldiers that have so cheerfully concurred with you in the present affairs. Reading, July* 20, 1647. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

103. III. *Certificate by Fairfax that Capt. Latimer Sampson having been employed in the service of Parliament from the first advance of the army under his command into the field, has upon all occasions of service there, and as Governor of Bristol, behaved himself with much fidelity and resolution. Kensington, Aug.* 17, 1649. [½ *page, copy.*]

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103. iv. *Resolution of a Court martial held under the Lord General at Whitehall—upon the report of Col. [Edw.] Whalley and Dr. Staines to the Lord General, on his reference concerning the articles exhibited against Capt. Sampson by Lieut. Young—that Capt. Sampson be acquitted of such articles, and that Col. Cox, Dr. Staines, and Lieut.-Col. [Wm.] Goffe report the proceedings of this court to his Excellency, and represent Capt. Sampson as a person deserving his favour for some considerable employment, suitable to his condition and the loss sustained in this business. Aug.* 1, 1649. [¾ *page, copy.*]

Sept. 6. Brentwood. **104.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of your order of the 23 Aug., in the case of [John] Sharpe and [John] Radley, we enclose their offers for the farm in question; there are no other competitors for it. As to our agreement with Radley for it, Sharpe held it by grant from [John] Wright, the landlord, and on no other authority, and this was contrary to our instructions to allow. This behaviour in the late troubles of our county was such that we expect his sequestration when particulars are proved. On the other side, Radley's good affection to the government creates him daily trouble from those of a contrary persuasion.

Sharpe's active comportment with malignant cases and persons renders him so obnoxious to the gentlemen of our county that they think ill of us in continuing him as a tenant on any estate in our power. Many resolved to leave acting as justices of the peace this year, if he succeeded in his endeavour to obtain the place of under-sheriff. As to his complaint of sustaining wrong by being turned out at so short a warning and without recompense for his expenses, he has the disposal of Shenfield Hall, which is near him, and void next Michaelmas, nor will he be without recompense for his disbursements to improve the estate; they were allowed him by the committee, unless for planking a barn floor. If you had known what manner of person he has been, you would not have sent the order unsealed, for he has made use of that intimation to us about our power to the prejudice of our service for the public by divulging it, we being constrained to make agreements with some men for a year, beginning next Michaelmas, though it was not in the letter of our instructions, in order to avoid farms lying without tenants; in this we hope to obtain your approbation. If the offers of the two competitors be proportionable, the integrity of one of them will add weight towards turning the scales.

We are now travelling the county to view sequestered estates, of which we will send you a speedy account, but for want of the books of the former committee, we are much in the dark and the service obstructed. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

104. i. *John Radley to the Committee for Compounding. Having agreed in a very just way with the Commissioners of Essex for lands at Brentwood, in the occupation of John Sharpe and two others at* 51*l. for a year, the full value and the utmost ever afforded, I find that Mr. Sharpe has since offered more to be admitted tenant. Having no other habitation, I am content to pay* 62*l., to lay on* 300 *loads of dung, and to engage not to plough up any of the same except nine acres, now a wheat stubble, and doubt not but this tender will render me a better tenant than Mr. Sharpe. Shenfield, Sept.* 5, 1650. [¾ *page.*]

104. ii. *John Sharpe to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of your order of* 23 *Aug. on my petition to you as tenant in possession of part of Stamford farm, belonging to [John] Wright, a recusant, I offer for the lands and house I now hold, and for that held by Stephen Shouke and James Lewis, two others at Powle Hearnes,* 70*l. a year, so that I may have a lease for* 7 *years, according to the Act. Sept.* 5, 1650. [½ *page.*]

Sept. 9. Whitehall. Council of State to the Committee for Compounding. We have considered the examinations and proofs of complaints against Ben. Mason, Thos. Shute, and Latimer Sampson, returned by the Militia Commissioners, co. Somerset. We pass no formal judgment, but persons so detected should be no longer continued by you in sequestration work. From the names presented by Major-General [Thos.] Harrison, choose fit persons, and forthwith discharge the others. The matter being of concernment will not bear delay. Proceed to a full examination of the crimes charged against these 3 persons, and either represent their demerits to Parliament, or take such course that the Commonwealth may

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be righted against such frauds, and that by due censures on them, others may be contained in their duty, and deterred from offending in that kind. [*G* 172, *p.* 721.]

Sept. 9. Norwich. **105.** Thomas Garrett to the Committee for Compounding. In yours of 14 June last, concerning the seizing of the estate of Sir Arthur Hopton, deceased, you state that a distinction is to be made in the account, of moneys issuing out of estates formerly settled upon the Irish Trustees; therefore I gave order to a friend to pay 400*l.* into Goldsmiths' Hall, upon the estate of Sir Hen. Bedingfield, which is within 6*l.* of all I have received out of that estate, and to take a particular receipt; but I received a general receipt, and conceive this to be a mistake. I have now ordered my friend to pay in 650*l.* as fast as he can get it in from various estates; and if any receipt ought to be so distinct, I desire that 400*l.* of that may be in lieu of the money from Sir Hen. Bedingfield. Noted that a general receipt is sufficient, but that it is necessary to keep a distinct account. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Mason's case be heard the first on Thursday.

Order after debate, that Col. Taylor be allowed 20*s.* a day for self and 2 servants, as surveyor-general, and 250*l.* a year salary.

To write to the Commissioners of co. York, to certify what has been paid.

The auditors to charge the treasurers-at-war with 6,000*l.* received in Yorkshire.

Col. Dodding to appear this day week.

Order on a letter from the Council of State, for making void all commissions to Capt. Latimer Sampson, and other commissioners of co. Somerset, that the present commissioners be discharged.

The County Committee of Cambridge to examine whether Newton Manor and Foxton Rectory are sequestered.

Also the Committee of co. Lincoln, whether the impropriate parsonage of Louth, late belonging to Dr. Wilson, is sequestered. [*G* 11, *pp.* 158–160.]

Sept. 10. Committee for Compounding to the Attorney General [as controller of the posts]. We are obliged to complain of the frequent miscarriage of letters between us and the county committees, which, unless prevented by your strict commands to the managers, will render our employment troublesome and fruitless. Pray give directions to your officers. [*G* 11, *p.* 159.]

Sept. 10. Committee for Compounding, to [Edw.] Moseley. We sent you a commission to keep all courts in sequestered estates in co. Lancaster, and are confident of your care and fidelity, but a mistake may arise about those in Clitheroe, to which there is an unquestionable right. You are therefore to forbear to act for that manor. [*G* 11, *p.* 159.]

Sept. 10. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Durham. You are to pay 1,500*l.*, or any other moneys in your hands not exceeding 2,000*l.*, on assignments made by the treasurers-at-war. [*G* 11, *p.* 160.]

Sept. 10. Nottingham. **106.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We suspect that several conveyances of Papists' and delinquents' estates are contrived to deceive the Commonwealth, and therefore, knowing their endeavours are subtilly to obtain a discharge of their sequestrations, we hold ourselves bound to give this information. The estates of Sir Edw. Golding, Lady [Alice] Dormer, and Dr. [John] Moore, which are considerable, are much controverted, some under pretence of engagements for payment of debts and raising of children's portions, with extreme impudency and injustice.

What course are we to take for getting in 138*l.* 8*s.* in the hands of George Flowers, an active Cavalierian agent, under pretence of great zeal to the Parliament service, which he received out of Sir John Byron's estate by reason of your order for stay of the rents in the tenants' hands, he undertaking to pay the same to us, although a discharge of the sequestration might be obtained, which has since come to hand; but he now refuses to pay without your special order. William Stanhope, farmer to part of Sir John's estate, also promised to pay 30*l.*, but now refuses.

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It may be matter of complaint that we do not comply with your demands and precedents of other counties, in allowing the younger children of the Earl of Newcastle $\frac{1}{5}$ as heretofore set out in specie, but we have assigned $\frac{1}{8}$ in specie, although not the same as assigned by the late committee, which was above the proportion, because we find on survey of the lordship of Kirkby in Ashfield, which they so much endeavoured to continue as a portion of the $\frac{1}{5}$, that it is well wooded, and that the tenants' leases, formerly let upon fines, are within a year of expiring, and an advantage may therefore be made on the new letting.

Answer our often-repeated queries touching proceedings against delinquents whose causes were heard before you last term, for those who are well-affected are much discouraged, and much blame is charged upon us. We again recommend our agent, John Hough, as a steward for keeping the courts here, which is much desired by the tenants, on account of the disorders amongst them. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 11. Brentwood. **107.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. We have received from Mr. Leech the book of particulars of estates disposed of to the Prince Elector, which we have copied out and returned the book; they will be of use to us in the management of those estates. Some persons have addressed us about discovering delinquents not sequestered, and concealed estates; but before they do anything, they desire us to engage to satisfy them; having no order, we cannot do so. If you judge it expedient to encourage such business, send us an order, a sight of which will put them upon action.

We enclose a deposition about Mr. Winstanley, who has an extent on part of Edw. Green's estate, by virtue of which he has long enjoyed it, although the sum due by Green belongs to a Papist delinquent; we request advice, that if it is so, we may hinder Winstanley's further enjoyment of it. The Militia Commissioners, alleging that every estate in the county should help to secure it, have ordered that the horse and dragoons mentioned in the enclosed note be found by us, on behalf of the $\frac{2}{3}$ parts of the sequestered estates, according to the Act. We beg your timely answer. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

107. 1. *List of the estates given to the Prince Elector, with particulars of their value and the rents at which they are leased by the Committee for the Prince's Revenue. The estates are now let for* 2,600*l.*; *but the former value was* 5,547*l.* 14*s.*, *or, deducting* 1,109*l.* 10*s.* 10*d. for taxes,* 4,438*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 11. Northwich. County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases, and requests for directions in that of several ministers, that the State be not prejudiced, viz., Hum. Whittingham of Wistaston, and Elias Clarke of Tattenhall. If they be the same as those given in yours of 20 August last for John Roberts, minister of Aldford, we will not further intermeddle therein. [*G* 147, *p.* 555.]

Sept. 12. Order of the Committee for Compounding. Order on a charge against Ben. Mason of delinquency, and of unfitness to act as a public officer, after hearing depositions and counsel on both sides,—postponing the case till Tuesday next. [*G* 11, *p.* 162.]

Sept. 12. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Berks. We had fixed on Mr. Knight as steward for keeping courts on sequestered estates in your county, but find you have chosen Mr. Blagrave, M.P. We wish you had advised with us, for though he might have advanced the service, we do not think it well to nominate any M.P., nor any member of the former committee; therefore we cannot approve your choice, but nominate Knight, and have sent him his commission and request your assistance for him. [*G* 11, *p.* 162.]

Sept. 12. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Dorset. We have received your charge against Rob. Burbidge, Walter Rideout, and others in service against Parliament in Blandford. The proofs are so pregnant that you are to seize their estates, and tell them to expect sequestration in a month, unless they show cause to the contrary or obtain our discharge. [*G* 11, *p.* 163.]

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Sept. 12. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Dorset. You mention some copyholds on the Earl of Bristol's lands, from which large sums may be raised. That you may improve the opportunity, we sent you a commission appointing Walter Foy steward of all the sequestered estates in your county, and doubt not but you will assist him in letting those void. [*G* 11, *p.* 163.]

Sept. 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Capt. Sampson and Mr. Shute have a copy of the charge against them before this committee.

All accounts brought to this committee to be referred to the auditor, and by him stated and reported, before any sequestrations be discharged. [*G* 11, *p.* 165.]

Sept. 13. Committee for Compounding to Thos. Latch, Hum. Blake, Sam. Whetcombe, and Nat. Quash. As the sequestration business in co. Somerset is much obstructed by private differences, we have thought it best to lay aside all the former commissioners (though we cannot but commend and thank them for their care in its management), and to appoint others unconcerned in the differences.

We have therefore, on testimony of your integrity and ability, sent you a commission to act as sequestration commissioners, and enclosed copies of the Acts and instructions; we have sent a letter to the present commissioners, ordering them to transmit to you all their books, papers, and accounts, and to give you their best assistance, which we think they will readily do. [*G* 11, *p.* 167.]

Sept. 13. Committee for Compounding to the late Sequestration Commissioners for co. Somerset. We had hoped to reconcile the differences among you, but, finding they rather increase, we have, on advice from the Council of State, appointed other commissioners, for whom we request your best assistance, and we hope that you will thus be more free to endeavour a union amongst yourselves. [*G* 11, *p.* 167.]

Sept. 13. Committee for Compounding to the late Committee of Sequestrations for the City of London, formerly sitting at Camden House.

On motion in behalf of Mrs. Anne Digby, for satisfaction of arrears due to her late husband, John Digby, for his service to Parliament, we acquaint you therewith. Certify with all speed what was his employment by you, also what arrears are due to him. [*G* 11, *p.* 168.]

Sept. 13. Redcastle, co. Montgomery. **108.** Committee for Sequestrations for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. Col. Hugh Price, Governor of Redcastle, has not received any of the composition money, but it has been paid to Rich. Hamer, who was appointed receiver, and who is ready to account for all he has received since his last payment at Chester. We have caused the amount imposed on this county to be assessed, and hope shortly to be able to get it in. With note of reply, 17 Oct. 1650, that an account is to be sent up, and a return made of the moneys upon the general composition. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 13. Wells. **109.** Latimer Sampson and Thos. Shute, late Commissioners for co. Somerset, to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose particulars of the grounds for our sequestering divers estates in this county. We gave notice to the late committee that if they did not deliver us a duplicate of their records, a distress would be levied upon each of them for 20*l.*; as they have hitherto neglected to deliver such duplicate, we desire further directions.

We are still prosecuted with violence by Col. Pyne and his accomplices, and, notwithstanding our protest against their not delivering us copies of our charge, and appealing above, they have continued taking examinations, and have transmitted them to the Council of State, from whom they pretend they have a verbal authority. Lieut.-Col. Bovett and Major George Sampson never sat with us but when Col. Pyne and Capt. Mason's business was under examination, and they violently prosecute us by virtue of that verbal authority, as our judges.

Recorder Wm. Ceely, who is under suspension, does the like. Let it come to a hearing before you, that the State may not suffer, as it has done too much

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already, through the late committee's opposition. They strike not so much at us as they aim at their own interests, being highly concerned to stave off their being brought to an account. [1¼ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

109. I. *Statement of cases. John Chaffey, of Stoke under Hamden, clerk to the late Committee for Sequestrations for co. Somerset, was sequestered for concealing a quantity of gold, a pearl and gold necklace, pair of gold bracelets, and other things of value seized by the committee belonging to the State, and for which he has given no account. Also John and James Chaffey, former sequestrators for the hundred of Tintinhull, procured John Lye, late of Tintinhull, a delinquent in arms, deceased, to make them his executors, in consideration that they would omit sequestering his estate, though there was a charge of delinquency proved against him, which was accordingly done; Lye soon after dying, the Chaffeys seized the estate, both real and personal, which was of great value, and dispossessed his wife, on which we in June last sequestered the estate.*

Case of William Cox, of Long Ashton, who is on composition.

Rich. Browne, of Backwell, who has delayed his appeal four years, was a commissioner for the King's party at the beginning of the war, and came to treat with the Parliamentary army then upon Mendip, to hinder their advance, and said if there were blows, it would be a bloody day, and said to the Parliamentary army, "Gentlemen, if you will suffer us to come into the field, we will fight it out to the last drop of blood."

Nathaniel Jones, of Bridgwater, sequestered by the former committee, on what grounds not known.

The estate of Sir Robert Brett, formerly a Papist in arms, is worth 325*l. per annum. Old Lady* [*Anne*] *Brett, wife of Sir Alexander Brett, died three years since. Care has been taken of the corn upon the ground; it was sequestered for delinquency of Thomas Fursey.* [2½ *pages.*]

Sept. ? Requests by Capt. Ben. Mason, Latimer Sampson, and Thos. Shute, Commissioners for co. Somerset.

1. For a further order to proceed vigorously, and for all to bring in arrears, and the late committee their books, and the fines for not bringing them earlier.

2. For leave to sequester the estates of sequestrators and others who have large sums which they do not pay in.

3. For leave to require an account of all fines levied, and re-sequester those who have been discharged contrary to the rules of composition.

4. For dispatch, as the rent day is past; also if any of them are laid aside and others employed, for payment for pains and expenses. [*G* 102, *p.* 52.]

Sept. 15. Buckerell. **110.** John Searle to the Committee for Compounding. Your commission and instructions to act on the sequestration work in co. Devon have arrived, but there are 2 obstructions to my acting; one, that sufficient signatures are wanting to the commission; the other, that you interdict any to act who hold unpaid money of the State. I was treasurer with Capt. John Yeo, and, after his death, with [Col.] Rob. Bennet, for the Parliament service in the West. The accounts have long since been given in, and Bennet has bought Crown lands for his arrears; but I left service when Massey's brigade was disbanded. I have petitioned Parliament to discharge my account, which I sent to Maj.-Gen. Skippon, who knows my service and sufferings, and what is due to me from Parliament.

There are many enemies untouched in this large county, and much to do in cases of sequestration and discovery of fraudulent actings to deceive the State. There should be good encouragement given to any that put their shoulders to the work.

P.S.—I find by the later Act that 4 signatures suffice for a commission, which removes my first obstacle. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 16. **111.** County Committee for Rutland to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases, all calendared in their places. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 17. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Essex Commissioners transmit the names of compounders on the late insurrection there, and that Sir Wm. Hickes have a particular summons.

The Middlesex Commissioners to certify what is done on this committee's orders about York House.

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The new commissions for co. Somerset to be stayed till further order.

Order on further debate of Capt. Mason's case, that there is no proof of delinquency nor of misdemeanour for which he should be laid aside as a sequestration commissioner. [*G* 11, *pp.* 171, 172.]

Sept. 17. **112.** County Committee for Monmouthshire to the Committee for Compounding. On your orders touching divers persons in this county and the cause of their sequestration, we report that Frances, relict of John Morgan, late of Pencreek, has an annuity, formerly sequestered by the late committee, from the estate of Wm. Morgan of Pencreek, her brother, she being a recusant, in lieu of her jointure. Joan Lewis of St. Pierre, recusant, is to receive 120*l.* a year from the estate of Thos. Lewis of St. Pierre, lately discovered by us.

The lands of the late Wm. James, of Llandilo Grosseny, sequestered by the late committee for his recusancy, have been turned over to us by duplicate granted to John Edwards of Llanthewyvach; John Jones of Dingestow, also sequestered by the late committee, has been also returned to us as a Papist in arms, for being in Raglan Castle during the siege. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 17. **113.** County Committee for Monmouthshire to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a certificate of the sum received and paid from the lands leased by the trustees [for Ireland?] and of the remainder unreceived, which for the most part is in arrear upon Mr. Weston and Mr. Roberts, the forfeiture of whose grants we intend to take cognizance of, and to enter into the premises except we receive instructions to the contrary. As there have been overtures between yourselves and Mr. Weston touching his arrears, we desire further instructions, and whether we may not contract for the same. What moneys we receive we will give notice of, that we may receive directions for its exchange. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Sept. 19. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Whichcott and Calcott bring in a week their account of moneys received from the revenue formerly settled on the Prince Elector.

The county committees to certify monthly to this committee's auditor what estates they let, whose they are, and for what rent.

114. Order on a Parliament order of 8 Aug. last,—authorizing this committee to issue warrants for payment of salaries and incident charges, if approved by the Army Committee;—

That Reading and Brereton, counsellors at law, should have 5*l.* a week each.

Mr. Carey, examiner, 160*l* a year for himself and clerks.

Mr. Leech, registrar, 6*l.* a week for himself and clerks.

Mr. Cox, 150*l.* for himself and clerks.

Mr. Vincent, usher, 20*s.* a week.

Two messengers, 20*s.* a week each.

A servant for inferior offices, 12*s.* a week.

115. Order, on a Parliament order of 8 Aug.,—that the salary of 300*l.* a year be allowed to each of the Commissioners for Compounding, from the time of the Act by which they were appointed, and the Army Committee to issue warrants to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, to pay the salaries, with arrears, —that the said treasurers pay to Sam. Moyer, James Russell, Edw. Winslow, Josias Berners, Rich. Moore, Art. Squibb, and Wm. Molins, Commissioners for Compounding and Advance of Money, their arrears of salary from 22 April, and so quarterly in future.

Order that the fees to be taken shall henceforth be as follows:—

	s.	*d.*
REGISTRAR AT GOLDSMITHS' HALL.		
Discharges	6	8
Suspensions	2	6
Orders to certify the fine into the Treasury	1	6
Copies of particulars	2	6
All orders signed by the committee	2	6
Orders, copies, and certificates signed by the registrar	1	6
HABERDASHERS' HALL.		
Order or letter signed by the committee	2	6
Orders or copies signed by himself	1	6
Orders of discharge	6	8

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	s.	d.
Every witness examined *ex parte* - - - -	1	0
Every sheet of 16 lines copied - - - - -	0	6
Every exhibition examined and certified - - -	1	0

Counsel's Clerks.

Copies of reports, 2*s.* the first side, and 1*s.* 6*d.* every other side, and the like to the registrars and their clerks.

[*G* 1, *p.* 231; 11, *pp.* 176–179.]

Sept. 19. York. **116.** County Committee for Yorkshire, to the Committee for Compounding. Lady Carlisle has an estate in this county, worth 1,000*l.* a year, and is disaffected to Parliament, and now a prisoner in the Tower for some disservice to the Commonwealth, and is said to have some hand in the late engagement with Sir John Gell and others for the King. If she be guilty of these crimes, her estate is sequestrable, and therefore we desire order therein. Noted 3 Oct., to take the opinion of the House. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that a commission be granted to Thos. Cholmley, Cuthbert Studholme, and Thos. Sewell, to be Sequestration Commissioners for Cumberland; Mr. Briscoe and Musgrave to be informed that they are discharged. [*G* 11, *p.* 186.]

Sept. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Bucks. The pressing occasions of the State for money has put us to enquire into the state of the sequestration revenues under your management. We have compared the annual revenue of your county with the sums paid in, and find that your yearly revenue is 3,922*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*, so that the rents due 25 March last are 1,961*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, besides arrears not received by the former committee remaining in the tenants' hands, and the money on account of the treasurers and collectors of the former committee, which we think considerable, of all which we find but the inconsiderable sum of 921*l.* 1*s.* paid in by your county. This shows either remissness in enforcing payment, or detention of moneys in your hands.

We hope you have received the late votes of Parliament, and note the penalty you incur by not returning moneys. We can neither satisfy our consciences nor answer our trust to Parliament when moneys lie uncollected or unbrought in. We hope your care in future will prevent our further solicitations and your further trouble.

Return such contracts as you have made.

In some counties we hear that the committees are remiss in their meeting. Meet weekly, or oftener if needful, and tell us your time and place of meeting, and also why each particular rent remains unreceived.

Had you put forth your power, most of the last ½ year's rents would have been paid. Pay in the revenues as they grow due; send a perfect rental of your revenue and alterations or improvements each month.

Pay no charges or allowances without orders from us, except augmentations to ministers. [*G* 11, *pp.* 271, 272.]

Sept. 20. Like letter to the following counties, *mutatis mutandis*:—

	Revenue. £	s.	d.	Half. £	s.	d.	Returned. £	s.	d.
Cornwall - -	1,872	3	4	936	1	8	290	0	0
Chester - -	3,634	14	6	1,817	7	3	778	0	0
Dorset - -	5,607	10	10	2,803	15	5	652	10	0
Leicester - -	7,579	19	9	3,789	19	10½	2,470	0	0
Lincoln - -	16,713	19	3	8,356	19	7½	2,068	0	0
Northampton -	4,228	6	8	2,114	3	4	1,220	0	0
Nottingham -	9,260	14	9	4,631	7	4½	1,286	0	0
Somerset - -	4,406	3	4	2,203	1	8	850	0	0
Wilts - -	2,765	6	8	1,382	13	4	715	0	0
Worcester - -	4,333	8	0	2,166	14	0	750	0	0
Stafford - -	3,834	16	0	1,917	8	0	200	0	0
Gloucester - -	3,396	0	0	1,698	0	0	1,280	0	0
Huntingdon -	643	18	10	321	19	5	70	0	0
Montgomery -	2,833	8	11	1,416	14	5½	117	2	0

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	Revenue. £	s.	d.	Half. £	s.	d.	Returned. £	s.	d.
Salop	1,430	16	5	715	8	2½	550	0	0
Berks	1,260	17	8	630	8	10	300	0	0
Bedford	2,239	2	8	1,119	11	4	191	0	0
Cambridge	1,749	2	6	874	11	3	514	10	0
Essex	3,774	5	7	1,887	2	9½	1,209	11	8
Rutland	490	13	4	245	6	8	100	0	0
London	1,299	16	8	649	18	4	548	0	0
Middlesex	2,723	6	9	1,361	13	4½	500	0	0
Sussex	9,358	5	10	4,679	2	11	1,816	13	4
Suffolk	6,384	5	2	3,192	2	7	2,925	11	11
Cumberland	1,255	5	3	627	12	7½	—		
Durham	6,776	5	6	3,388	2	9	—		
Oxon	6,439	15	9	3,219	17	10½	—		
Westmoreland	557	4	3	279	12	1½	—		

[*G* 9, *pp.* 272, 273.]

Sept. 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Devon. There is urgent occasion for money, and though you have made no return of the estates under sequestration in your county, we suppose the annual revenue, with the arrears, will amount to large sums, of which only 393*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.* has been paid. Also to the same effect as the preceding letters. [*G* 11, *p.* 274.]

Sept. 20. Like letters to the following counties:—

	Returned. £	s.	d.
Derby	1,400	0	0
Hertford	70	0	0
Surrey	295	0	0
Hants	745	0	0
South Wales	17	0	0
North Wales	117	0	0

[*G* 11, *pp.* 274.]

Sept. 20. **117.** Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Bucks. We said on 23 July last that we had imposed a fine of 20*l.* on every member of the late committees, treasurer, collector, or solicitor who had not returned their proceedings to you according to the Act, and that if not paid within a month, it should be levied by distress. The time being now expired, and no returns made in several counties, we order that if you have given timely notice to the late committee, you levy the fines accordingly.

Call for all accounts, examine them, surcharge them if needful, and transmit them to us, requiring payment of the balance; or in default, levying it on the accountant. [1 *page; also G* 11, *p.* 273.]

Sept. 20. Like letters to the following counties:—

Cornwall.	Leicester.	Nottingham.
Chester.	Lincoln.	Somerset.
Dorset.	Northampton.	Wilts.
Worcester.	Rutland.	Devon.
Stafford.	London.	Derby.
Gloucester.	Middlesex.	Lancaster.
Huntingdon.	Warwick.	Hertford.
Montgomery.	Sussex.	Surrey.
Salop.	Suffolk.	Hants.
Berks.	Cumberland.	Northumberiand,
Bedford.	Durham.	Hereford.
Cambridge.	York.	Kent.
Norfolk.	Oxon.	Monmouth.
Essex.	Westmoreland.	North and South Wales.

[*G* 11, *p.* 283.]

Sept. 20. Durham. **118.** Late County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. This is to certify that Arthur French, being honest and well affected in the beginning of these troubles, suffered much loss and injury by the contrary

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party. After we were appointed a committee of sequestration, we employed him as sub-sequestrator. He was faithful and diligent, and undertook divers dangerous journeys, which few or none would have undertaken, especially one in 1648 for selling sequestered goods of value, to raise money to pay Col. Wren's regiment, then lately raised here, for which he was forced to drive the goods to divers fairs in Yorkshire, with hazard of his life. We intended to have paid him his stipend, with arrears, out of the sequestrations due in 1649, but were prevented by our authority being unexpectedly taken away and committed to the now commissioners, who have received most part of the said arrears and other sequestrations since due. We beg an order for his relief. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 20. Deddington. **119.** County Committee for Oxford to the Committee for Compounding. You prohibit us from paying the troop of horse under Capt. Hen. Smith longer than to 24 June last, but we had already paid them, by virtue of the enclosed orders, to 30 Aug. last, as they were not to receive pay as of the army until that date, when they were mustered by order of the Major General at Oxford, as part of the army, by virtue of an order of Parliament of 13 August. It stands with justice that they should be paid, having being in constant service, and having applied to us for what we formerly engaged to pay; we desire your final resolution. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

120. I. *Order in Parliament that the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall consider the business concerning the troop of horse in co. Oxford, and take special care to see them paid out of the sequestrations of that county until further order. Jan.* 25, 1650. [*Copy,* ¼ *page.*]

120. II. *Order by the Committee for Compounding, on the above order, that the County Committee for Oxford pay the said troop* 72*l.* 9*s.* 3*d. arrears, due to* 25 *March, and thereafter* 72*l.* 9*s. a week out of the profits of the sequestrations in the county until further order. Mar.* 25, 1650. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

120. III. *Note that Capt. Smith's troop of horse appointed for the guard of Oxford, Wallingford, and Windsor, were entertained into the pay of the army,* 30 *Aug.* 1650. *Sept.* 10, 1650. [*Copy,* ¼ *page.*]

Sept. 20. Dorchester. County Committee for Dorsetshire to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases.

Your last instructions for posting such things as we now let at our place of sitting and the next market town shall be observed. If we may let for 7 years the rents will advance. We have 500*l.* waiting your orders for a safe return. We shall post a farm of the Marquis of Winchester's, though Sir Thos. Jervise pretends a verbal promise to have it at a low rent. [*G* 152, *p.* 503.]

Sept. 20. Chelmsford. **121.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. We fear that our ambition to present you with an exact account has exposed us to the censure of neglect for not having yet sent the returns required. We have received some books of returns made by the old county committee, but they contain little more than an account of what they received, and no mention of estates discharged.

We resolved first to view the orders of compositions from Goldsmiths' Hall, now with the clerk of the committee, and see how they agree with the estates under sequestration, and certify what we can discover that way. The committee are ready to assist, but we find little or nothing upon record with them or their clerk, who trusted altogether to the solicitor, Mr. Pulley, deceased. His place was very profitable, and he was looked upon as very exact in business, although we find it otherwise. We had his widow, son, and servant before us, who offered to make oath that they have not found any other papers concerning the sequestration business, but a book which they have given to us, and which is imperfect, being only a record of the returns by the constables of the parishes, at the sittings of the committees in their respective divisions, upon the first coming out of the ordinance for sequestration, in which divers parishes made default, and others defective returns.

Neither that book nor any other records what estates were given in charge to the several sequestrators, nor any time of the alteration of the sequestrators, nor the authority or cause of the discharge of any of the said estates from sequestration. Where we cannot do as we would, we must be content to do as we can, resolving to omit no industry whereby we may discharge our trust.

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We enclose a return of the estates as they now stand charged, also the particulars of John Wright's estate, which upon view and enquiry is the most that was ever made of it, or like to be, unless the contest between Sharpe and Radley heighten some part of it above its worth. The tenant of an estate called Athorne Barnes, belonging to Anderton, a delinquent, refuses to hold it longer than Michaelmas unless the rent may be abated. We found Sir John Lucas's estate so much obscured that to discover it we had to make many journeys, it being a service that all men decline assisting in as much as they can, and of all others it contracts the greatest odium upon us. Let this be a motive to you to preserve our interest upon such discoveries. If upon this return you send us an order of seizure, we may discover something further, although this seems very considerable.

As to the estates given to the Prince Elector, some of them not having been managed by any power derived from the late committee of our county, it is impossible for us to understand them until we have returns from the agents, which we rest upon your power to procure for us.

There are some arrears of unpaid rents, of which we have left a list with our agent, that he may collect them by distress.

Mr. Calcott, now employed by you, was treasurer to the Prince Elector's Committee, and received the second half year's rent, although since that time the persons sequestered have farmed their whole estates; he promised us the rentals of those estates, but having failed, we entreat you to require them of him.

Particulars of cases. There are divers houses upon sequestered estates very much in decay and the farms not tenantable, about which we require your direction. [2⅓ *pages.*]

Sept. 21. Preston. County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases.

We are preparing the accounts required by yours of 3 April, and shall return them as soon as possible. We continue as yet under sequestration those who have taken the oath of abjuration, though they were discharged by the late County Committee. The sheriff has lately received a charge on the lands of delinquents and Papists for arrears of rent due to the Court of Wards, and now transmitted into the Exchequer, and his officers are actively making seizures, and compelling the tenants to pay not only the arrears, but great fees for distraining, so that the profits of sequestration will be lowered, and the farmers will be unwilling to contract unless they can be secured from the charge. [*G* 158, *p.* 525.]

Sept. 21. Leicester. **122.** County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. Note of a case.

We have some courts to be kept, and propound Thomas Martin, an attorney and a well-affected man, as steward for keeping them, and desire his commission, the time of the year being at hand. With note 1 Oct. for a commission to be sent. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 21. Taunton. **123.** Roger Hill to the Committee for Compounding. Thanks for your granting my desire. Hearing that the committee for this county was to be at Chard, I hastened thither, hoping they would appoint a time for bringing in all my accounts, but they stayed only one night, and were gone before I arrived; since then I have sent twice to ask them when I can present them my accounts. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 21. Coventry. **124.** County Committee for Warwickshire, to the Committee for Compounding. There is a discovery made to us of 100*l.* due by bond to a woman convicted of recusancy. The debtor has paid part of the debt to us, and will pay the residue if he may have his bonds; they are in custody of Fras. Smith, attorney, Clopton, near Stratford-upon-Avon, who promised to deliver them up, but now refuses. What course shall we pursue for getting them in?

Shall we dispose of Col. Morgan's estate, in the possession of the trustees of Mr. Pym, and receive the rents due at Michaelmas?

What are we to do with ministers about the payment of augmentations granted them out of Papists' or delinquents' estates by the Committee for

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Plundered Ministers? To some ministers they have granted a recusant's tithes in kind, not exceeding 50*l.* a year, and to others 40*l.* a piece out of sequestered tithes, the whole tithe being but 40*l.*, and but two parts sequestrable. Shall we permit the ministers to take tithes in kind, and where the tithes sequestered do not amount to the sum granted, shall we make up the sum out of the rents of the demesnes or other lands, or their third part of the tithes? [1 *page.*]

Sept. 22. Ipswich. **125.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. We cannot execute your additional instruction as to letting sequestered estates not above 20*l.* a year, by giving notice in writing at market towns on certain days beforehand, as we had some time before contracted with most of our tenants for another year. As for the tenants in general, their time expires at Michaelmas, and we cannot remove them without half a year's warning, and if we now give them warning to leave at Ladyday, being the winter half-year, we should never get above a quarter's rent. After we have got in the Michaelmas rents, we shall give them warning to leave at Michaelmas 1651; if we had done it before, it would have much hindered the coming in of the rents of those farms that are to be let. [Take good security in letting all leases.]

We shall observe your instruction, only we are afraid the weakest and worst tenants will offer most, and there will be a general design amongst our recusants to get out those well-affected tenants that with much trouble have been got in and kept there, and to put in disaffected ones. [The Committee for Compounding are unsatisfied not to receive more money.]

We are proceeding in our view of Papists' lands, and find them let at so considerable a value as very few counties in England have the like, and this year of plenty falling so out, our country commodities being very cheap, we cannot see how any considerable increase of rent could be obtained; but as we find opportunity we shall advance the public good.

We have certain copyhold lands sequestered, which the lord of the manor has seized for want of paying the fine due from the recusant. [They must be careful to pay the fine to the lord of the manor, and then the commissioners hope that he will not take advantage against Parliament.]

We also find that the sheriffs had levied large sums out of the estates of Papists before the Act of 25 Jan. last, and we cannot see how they shall be called to exact account about it; for in their accounts in the Exchequer, they will pretend that the estates were taken off by the Act, and that they could not levy the charges, when in truth they have levied a great part of them, even out of our last Ladyday rents. This will be a case of public concernment, and some way ought to be settled in it before next term, when the sheriffs leave their places. [To send particularly what they find levied by the sheriff; Mr. Fowle to search what he has accounted for, and the sheriff to be required to repay them into the Treasury.] [1½ *pages.*]

Sept. 24. Stafford. **126.** Capt. John Ley [or Lea], agent to the County Committee for Stafford, to the Committee for Compounding. I received yours of the 20th inst., and in the commissioners' absence, beg to observe that had their diligence in sitting and acting been proportionable to my zeal, the receipts here had been carried on with greater expedition. In some things, for necessity's sake, I have acted the commissioners' parts.

I have taken the accounts of Major John Ashenhurst, one of the commissioners, and treasurer, who is now sent into Scotland, and the 750*l.* which he had in hand I hope within 14 days to pay in myself.

The commissioners thought fit to lend 260*l.* for the better and quicker dispatch of the horse into the North, which will be repaid out of the money to be levied upon the county. I hope, the service being so considerable, this will not be unpleasing to you. [Capt. Lea is to acquaint them that they are on no account to do it, and that the Committee for Compounding do not see how they can dispense.]

Business is at a stand for want of commissioners; Col. Danvers being in London, and Major Ashenhurst having gone into the North, there is but one, and therefore I hope there will speedily be a supply of new commissioners. [This is for the immediate service of the Parliament, to which no service can be preferred.]

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Thos. Adshead is a fit person, having always been for the Parliament, and now a justice of peace, well known to the Lord President, living near Stafford, and having no public profession, he might more conveniently attend. I have delivered in a rent roll, and not omitted anything that will speak me the least careless of the service. [A letter to the commissioners, that their meetings have been very slack, and that if they cannot attend, others must be appointed.] [1 *page.*]

Sept. 24. Northampton. **127.** County Committee for Northampton to the Committee for Compounding. The duplicates received from the late committee were transmitted to you long since, and given to Mr. Reading, who gave them to the chairman then sitting in the late Lords' House. Therein you will find not only what has been discharged, but what remains still sequestered, and what we were to receive as due to the State for the half year ending 25 March, or in arrear, a brief of which is enclosed, with some of the charges going out of the same. There are a few rents still uncollected, arising from the importunity of some tenants who lost their stock of sheep by the rot, but they will be speedily collected, and the whole account transmitted, with what money shall be due. The account of [Wm.] Baud's estate at Walgrave, and the arrears thereof, let to certain shoemakers for the last two years, for payment to them of a debt according to order of Parliament, is now before us, and shall shortly be sent up with the rest, and the account of the former collectors.

We constantly appoint Wednesdays for our meetings at Northampton, and will thank you to send your letters to [Peter] Whalley there. We have let a few estates and appointed persons to survey them, and enclose particulars. We have been much importuned by the Militia Commissioners to provide horses according as they have appointed, viz., one horse for every 200*l.* a year rent, and they have promised the tenants an abatement of their rent per rate, and threatened to distrain on them if they do not provide them. We desired to be excused until we saw some order from you, without which we could neither provide the horses nor abate the rents. We also send the examination of witnesses in the case of Abraham Hunt of Barnwell.

With notes of reply, that the raising of horse is a personal charge, and must not be laid when the party is not resident; but the estate is liable to monthly taxes.

Augmentations are only to issue out of impropriations.

Another reason why allowance of horse is not to be made out of sequestrations for maintaining county forces is that Parliament maintains the forces of England, Ireland, and Scotland. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 24. Northwich. County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We send a bill of exchange for payment of 200*l.*, and hope our last bill for 300*l.* due 20 Sept. was paid. We will observe the Parliament order of 8 Aug. and your instructions of 30 Aug. Notes of cases. [*G* 147, *p.* 493.]

Sept. 25. Petition of Edw. Rogers, agent for co. Gloucester, to the Committee for Compounding. Complains that, notwithstanding their orders, the county committee refuse to examine and cross-examine witnesses in his defence, and begging further order. [*G* 114, *p.* 701.]

Sept. 25. Order thereon of the Committee for Compounding, that he and the prosecutor have three weeks given them to cross-examine, and then publication to pass unless cause be shown. [*G* 11, *p.* 190.]

Sept. 25. Coventry. **128.** County Committee for Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. Mr. Smith has sent us the two bonds taken from [Rich.] Gunn, since we certified his refusal. Ask directions in particular cases. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 25. Chester. **129.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. As soon as the business we have come here upon is over, we will answer your letters, but so punctual have we been in our returns, and so industrious in all our sittings, that none in any county have acted more vigorously. We are every week 2 or 3 days on the service, either in the city or in some part of the county, besides other days in the week preparing business. As we cannot act all the business in one place, we are not sparing of our pains and travel to sit for the

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country's ease, and for the better expediting the service, and so our meetings are well known wherever they are; but ordinarily we sit at Chester, Northwich, and Knutsford, and at other places as occasion requires.

As for our return of money, we have sent in all 1,200*l.*—350*l.* was paid into your treasury 20th July last, 350*l.* 20th Aug. last, and 300*l.* the 20th inst., and a bill for 200*l.* is sent up this post. All bills we enclose in our letters to you, that you may know what we send before your treasurers receive either bill or money. Several cases lie before you of moneys lying by us, which we should have sent had you not by your order prevented us, as that of Sir Rich. Grosvenor and Peter Skelhorne. We are neither remiss in our actings nor guilty of detaining money, but are as observant of all your instructions as we may possibly be. [1¼ *pages.*]

Sept. 26. Parliament order on the amendments to the bill of sale of the estates of several delinquents, that

* Sir Thos. Haggerston,
* Sir Fras. Doddington,
Sir Rich. Penruddock,
* [Sir] Andrew Cogan,
Lieut.-Col. John Robinson, co. Denbigh,

be inserted into the bill, and that the rest of the names of delinquents reported be recommitted to the [Army] committee, to confer with the Committee for Compounding, and to bring in the names of such as they think fit to be inserted into the bill, and state their delinquency. [*G* 172, *p.* 663.]

Sept. 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Collins and Calcott return by Tuesday a rental of the estates in Essex, late in the management of the Committee for the Prince Elector's revenue.

The commission to [Thos.] Latch, and the others lately named as sequestrators for co. Somerset revoked, and the Council of State to be informed of the proceedings of this committee, before the former commissioners are sent down.

Mr. Winslow and Russell to attend the said Council this afternoon. [*G* 11, *pp.* 195, 196.]

Sept. 26. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Essex. You are forthwith to return us a list of all who compounded with you by virtue of the ordinance of Parliament in the late Essex insurrection, the value of their estates, and the fines set on them. Also require from them such particulars of the estates and their value as they will avow. [*G* 11, *p.* 199.]

Sept. 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding that —— Amberton at the Fox, St. Clement's, Richard Boucher of Lincoln's Inn Grange, and Hum. Ditton, receivers of the Prince Elector's revenues, be ordered to bring in their accounts. [*G* 11, *p.* 201.]

Sept. 27. Oakham. **130.** Capt. Mathew Barry, one of the County Committee for Rutland, to Edw. Winslow, one of the Committee for Compounding. The change of sequestration business into other hands has caused us much trouble, and the more because some malignant and envious spirits have stirred up opposition against our proceedings. "The one by promoting the hopes of a change of the mains in the Scots' business, and the other to prevent our enquiry into former proceedings," have very much engaged Lord Fairfax, in the principal part of the sequestrations, to interrupt us; so we are forced to send up our clerk to attend your determinations.

We have also sent up the Act, but there are other orders of Parliament to be satisfied out of Burley Manor as well, confirmed by the House since that Act; one to Lady [Catherine, widow of Robert, Lord] Brooke; another to [Mary] Blaney, daughter of Lord Blaney; and an augmentation to Mr. Shalcroft, a minister, which argues clearly that there was no intention to settle Burley on Lord Fairfax, but merely to pay some debts pretended to be due out of engagements upon the lands given him in Yorkshire, and proved and allowed by the Committee of Indemnity. But we have had much opposition in it, as Mr. Maidwell has sent his warrants to prevent the tenants taking their farms and grounds

* There are proceedings before the Committee for Compounding in these cases. All but Sir Richard Penruddock occur in the first Act for Sale, 10 July 1651.

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of us, and has seized upon the rents and got them into his hands, contrary to the Act for Sequestrations, and made such a bustle about it that it is much to our prejudice and disrepute; we hope you will vindicate us, this being stirred up by a malignant fellow, Wm. Andrewes, the present tenant, that he may rule, which Dr. Heynes does not know, else he would not so much hearken to him. Pray inform your fellow commissioners. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 27. Chester. **131.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of the Act for settling the militia in this county, the estates under sequestration stand charged, some with the finding of 10 men, and some more and some less; we doubt whether the revenue of the sequestered estates will procure and hire so many as are charged upon them. We have consulted with the governor of Chester, who advised us to certify this, and procure your speedy directions, as we have only a week allowed us to obtain them, and know not how to procure so many men. We are willing to promote what may stand with the advantage of the State, and yet as willing that the State's revenue and treasury may be upheld. We beg directions. With note of reply to allow as other men do for the like estates, and no more, and take care that the Commonwealth is not abused. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 27. Atcham. **132.** County Committee for Salop, to the Committee for Compounding. You conceive us remiss in our service and in the return of money; on our first entrance into this service, we commenced examining the arrears and perusing the collectors' books, but the very week we entered upon the work, we were shut out of Shrewsbury by the sickness, and all the books and papers of the late committee which were left for our use were locked up in rooms we had taken for a year. Our work, therefore, since then has been to summon the tenants of delinquents to show what rents are owing, of which we will give an account.

Your agent, Edmond Kendrick, has detained some rents, under pretence of his fees, and as he has gone to London, we cannot furnish any account. He also omitted to secure the tithes for augmentations from those ministers who refused to take the oath, although he received our order to do so last July, and he would not suffer others to do it. He has also interrupted us at our sittings, by disgracing our authority before delinquents, countenancing malignants when they were before us, and giving out in many places that his authority was above ours, although his commission was only to execute our orders. These abuses so nearly concern us that we cannot pass them over, more particularly as we have served Parliament from the beginning, lost our estates, ventured our lives, and some of us received little or nothing in return, though great sums are due; although Kendrick's allowance is but 4*s.* per diem, yet it is more than all ours amounts to, and we should return our commission but for our affection to the State. For the present we sit every Thursday and Friday at Atcham, where the Militia Commissioners also sit, and where the post is kept. [1¾ *pages.*]

Sept. 27. Order in the County Committee of Salop, that Thos. Baylie present Thos. Knapp and Thos. Fox to the Committee for Compounding, to be agents in place of Edm. Kendrick, having 4*s.* a day between them, after Kendrick's discharge. [*G* 96, *p.* 671.]

Sept. 28. York. **133.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. The Militia Committee here, in raising forces, charge sequestered estates, which will prejudice the Commonwealth and lessen the rents; write to them to forbear charging estates under sequestration, there being malignants and others to charge besides.

With note of a letter 3 Oct. to the Militia Commissioners, that the Committee for Compounding think "it is a small charge, and ought not to be laid on any person that is not resident on the estate. *Vide* the Act." [⅜ *page.*]

Sept. 30. Whitehall. Council of State to the Committee for Compounding. We have formerly and by this post learnt how dangerous it would be to the peace of co. Somerset if the late County Committee there should be still employed. We conceived that the names offered you by Major-General Desborough, who are without exception, had been already commissionated. Finding no commissions yet out, we desire you to

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dispatch them with all expedition, lest the business of sequestration suffer for want of commissioners, or lest the peace of the county be interrupted by the continuance of those who were lately employed. Take this into speedy consideration, and avoid the mischief very likely to break out if not prevented. [*G* 172, *p.* 725.]

Sept. 30. Cambridge. **134.** County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. We have drawn up an account of the moneys received and paid by our treasurer since we were first employed, and desire it may be examined and allowed. We examined the arrears given in our former account, and find that they are received or discharged by order:—viz., Mr. Russell's were compounded for, and an order granted for his receiving them. [Thos.] Chicheley's were received by the committee for this county, so that there is little of them to be got. Dr. Wilson compounded for 40*l.* of his arrears. We have received some money, and secured the goods for the rest.

The delinquents' estates are very small, and it will not be worth the time to have an agent in constant pay; we therefore desire an order to hire a messenger when wanted, and pay him, and discharge our agent. We find that 40 acres of underwood belonging to Mr. Coningsby are fit to be felled, with some small timber, worth 3*l.* an acre. The woods belonging to Sir Anth. Cage are about 80 acres, and valued at 7*l.* an acre, besides a great quantity of timber of great growth, valued at 800*l.* [1¼ *pages.*]

Sept. 30. Winton. **135.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Having surveyed all estates under sequestration here, we are preparing a certificate of each, and of the terms on which they are let for the year ensuing.

When in the New Forest, on rumour of the delinquency of Hen. Hastings of Woodlands, co. Dorset, and that for matters which lie now before you, he is under sequestration there, we seized his estate, and have treated with several persons for taking it at 230*l.* a year, clear of charges. As the charge against him is unknown to us, or whether there be in truth any such charge, we desire your directions for perfecting those contracts.

Notes of cases. We also made stay of the rents of Rich. Compton, Wm. Englefield, Wm. Lucey, and John Stroud, as we found their estates to have been under sequestration, and no orders for their discharge. On orders which we enclose, we received 32*l.* of Ralph Whistler of Combe, which, with a debt of 7*l.* due to him as administrator to Dr. Thos. Bayley, and 11*l.* alleged by him to have been expended in competition with Walter Bayley, executor of Dr. Thos. Bailey, are in discharge of a debt secured by bond to the said Thomas, of 50*l.*, from George Read of Faccombe, for obtaining the other 50*l.* from Dr. [Wm.] Lucey. We have summoned him to pay it to us for the use of the Commonwealth, and he is ready to do so, if he might have order to compel the delivery of the bond by the executor. We have discovered other debts to be due out of Dr. Bayley's estate, but as the charge against him is unknown, and as his brother and the executors require to know it, and we can give no other account than what is expressed in the said orders, we forbear proceeding further without your directions. [1¼ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

135. I. *Order by the Committee for Advance of Money, that Wm. Lucey of Boroughclere, and George Read of Faccombe, co. Hants, who owe* 50*l. each to Dr. Thos. Bayley, late of Newbury, a delinquent in arms against Parliament, are not to pay the debts to the Doctor's executors without further order. June* 14, 1648. *Copy.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 30. Chelmsford. **136.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. As to Lady [Anne] Lake's business, we sent you an attestation, signed by the tenant, to whom a lease was made long since (of which several years are yet unexpired) at a rental of 290*l.*, he keeping the mansion house in good repair, without any deduction save the payment of 20 nobles yearly to the vicar of [Dunmow] parish, and repairing the chapel.

We have some papers from the late committee, but must have time to make the return required, it being very tedious in regard of the many estates that have passed under sequestration in this county, and the diversity of hands by which they have been managed. We have begun to peruse the orders of discharges, especially those from the Committee for Sequestrations,

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some of which require satisfaction of mortgages and extents out of the profits of sequestered estates, in which case we shall seize the rents in the tenants' hands, and leave the deeds to be allowed by you. We shall then view the orders of discharge from Goldsmiths' Hall, and seize where we find any estate either not valued or uncompounded for.

Particulars of cases. The sequestered estate of Sir Alex. Ratcliffe was only discharged by an order from the Committee for Sequestrations; allowance is enjoined out of it for a debt due to John Cox. We have stayed the rents, and suppose Cox will apply to you for relief. We thought we had made a great discovery in the business of Sir John Lucas, as the duplicate formerly sent up did not contain 300*l.* a year, and this last far exceeds it. What remains unreturned concerning the composition of Essex delinquents, actors in the insurrection of 1648, shall be sent speedily. We also send particulars of the estates leased out by the Prince Elector's Committee, and of the rents payable upon the leases, which, if you give order, we think we can improve.

There are several charges upon sequestered estates issued out of the Exchequer, and [John] Abbott's [Prerogative] Office, by reason whereof the sheriff and officers molest tenants, sometimes distraining for two years' rent where none is due, whereby so much wrong is sustained that, if some course be not taken to hinder, it will cause a great abatement of such rents. We have put a stop to some of their proceedings, but new charges are now in some bailiffs' hands, and will suddenly be levied if you do not hinder it; the commands of the Barons of the Exchequer are so strict that the sheriff cannot with safety disobey them. Should not some course be taken that all such dues might be satisfied by yourselves, many of them being unjustly extorted?

Divers houses on sequestered estates are so much out of repair that if we are not empowered to make allowance for reparation, they will soon be uninhabited. [John] Mann has paid in 1,500*l.*; he and our agent are now employed in collecting arrears of rent. We enclose a note concerning three impropriate estates, which being disposed of to ministers, were left out of our book; let Mr. Leech insert them at the end of Mr. Eldred's charge, being Dunmow Hundred, and also Lord Morley's name amongst the estates given to the Prince Elector. [2½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

136. I. *Note of the rental of ⅔ of the estates of Papists, viz.:—*

	£	s.	d.
Mary Benlow, Finchingfield	29	12	6
Lady Lake, Dunmow	116	0	0
Dr. Wilson, Wimbish	66	13	4

[¼ *page.*]

136. II. *List of* 12 *horse and* 7 *dragoons charged upon sequestered estates mentioned in Essex.* [½ *page.*]

Sept.? **137.** Note that John Gorges, a colonel in the Somerset Militia, Thos. Venn, and Major Nehemiah Collins, of the city of Bristol, are recommended as additional commissioners for sequestrations for co. Somerset and the city of Bristol. [¼ *page.*]

[Sept.] **138.** John Serle and Rich. Clapp, Commissioners for Devon, to the Committee for Compounding. It is but three weeks since we received your commission, which by the Act of 25 Jan. was lame, there being 7 labels to the commission, and but six hands and seals, and no power given us to act thereupon; besides you interdict any that are accountants for public money, wherein, though we are innocent of having money in our hands, yet those niceties may beget some scruples. We stated the case to you, and asked how you were satisfied, but have heard nothing from you.

Nevertheless we applied ourselves to the work, and desired our agents to acquaint the rest of the commissioners, that there might be a meeting at Exeter this Sessions, so that we might know who could act, and by a general consent whom to make choice of to be commended to you, both as treasurer, clerk, and steward; but being here without other assistance, and not knowing whether there be any such man as Capt. Wotton, *in rerum naturâ*, or how capable he is for this work, and Mr. Dore (not out of any disaffection, but through age and infirmity) desiring to be excused from serving, and Major Pearse being absent, we are enforced to send you the enclosed as the result of what is done by us,

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and so free ourselves from any just blame. Though we might, as well as others, look upon the salary as much too low for the work, yet if encouraged for incident charges, and if we receive the fruits of our labours, we shall endeavour to answer what is expected of us; and as you speed your power, we shall apply ourselves to the work.

With reference to your not having received any money, we gave timely notice of a present improvement upon sequestrable sheaves, but receiving neither answer nor power, that opportunity is lost.

Your agent has demanded a duplicate of former transactions from the old committee, according to the Act and your instructions, but we can receive nothing from them, nor can yet receive the records of indictments and presentments acted by the enemy against the Parliament party, either in the county or city, which are necessary for discoveries, and without which the work cannot be perfected, nor can we be so well enabled to the performance of the trust reposed in us. Only Mr. Rowe, who was the county commissioners' clerk, yesterday made a fair offer that all [papers] with him should be brought in, which we wait for, but we can get nothing from the city. Any compositions made with you should be sent hither, that we may discover the frauds and injury of low compositions. We recommend our clerk, Hen. Fitzwilliam, who is fit to keep the courts, which is an especial piece of this work. If you approve, let him be speedily authorized, for Courts Leet must be kept in Michaelmas month. We understand that some Papists and delinquents are shuffling already to defraud the State of that benefit for their interest.

You call upon us for weekly meetings, but if appeals follow us as they do at present, it will occupy our whole time in examining and cross-examining upon orders not yet directed to us, but in a common form; so that, as yet, we know not whether we may or must attend that work as tendered by parties, which will be to our great charge and trouble.

With marginal notes of a reply, viz., The Act of 25 Jan. empowers 7 to act, and the Act of 15 April last empowers 4 to be a committee. As to two of you acting, if your commission does not so state, it is a mistake, and if you send up a copy, it shall be rectified, for we sit by that Act, and are enabled to give you like power.

Capt. Wotton lives at Dartmouth, and was recommended by Sir Greg. Norton, but if you have any objection against him, we will hear it. For Mr. Dore, we shall not force any man upon this service, and for Mr. Pearse, we desire to know whether he will act or not. You are to begin the work with vigour, and all due encouragement shall be given; those who do not act shall not reap the fruits of others' labour. As to the sheaves sequestered as part of delinquents' estates, who ever has carried them away must be responsible for them to the State.

We conceive the duplicates have now been received, but if not, we order that 20*l.* a-piece be set as a fine upon the committee, which you are to levy upon their default, according to the Act of last January. Give notice to any person having the indictments to deliver them up, and upon oath made of their refusal, we will send for them. You have liberty to choose a clerk, but we do not hold it fit that he should have the stewardship as well. Time being past for Leets, we shall think of a steward for the future. You are to take care the State is not defrauded. We conceive the Barons are not proceeding on any new appeals, but are determining those before them; for new appeals, persons are to apply to us, wherein you shall have directions upon their appeals to us. [1½ *pages.*]

Sept. ? **139.** Jasper Batt to the Committee for Compounding. I am preparing a return in pursuance of yours of 8th Aug., but on account of the illness of Mr. Tuthill, late auditor to the committee [for co. Somerset], and the sequestrators' returns being so imperfect, I must request further time. Col. Pyne has given me a sight of the late committee's books, which were fast sealed as they were at their last sitting; there being several delinquents' estates let by sequestrators to divers persons in small parcels, the particulars thereof are not recorded in these books, but an account of such estates as are discharged, and the value of such as remain under sequestration, may be returned if required. The whole business is large and intricate. [1 *page.*]

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Oct. 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Act for mortgages and extents be debated on Thursday.

That all who have lodged petitions thereon bring in particulars to be affixed to their petitions. [*G* 11, *p.* 204.]

Order that Mr. Russell and Winslow attend and declare to the Council of State, on their letter, that this committee will willingly lay by the Commissioners for co. Somerset, if the Council of State dismiss them, but will not do it if left to themselves, not being satisfied, especially as to Capt. Mason; and the party now employed by Pyne having no order to prosecute the charge against Sampson and Shute. [*G* 11, *p.* 204; 102, *p.* 41.]

Oct. 1. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Derby. We fear that you have not noticed that Parliament settled on the Irish Trustees Stoke and 5 other manors, and Windley Hall in Duffield, near Scarsdale, in lieu of lands of Lord Cottington which they took away. Certify us the value of these lands, and what moneys have been returned or received therefrom. [*G* 11, *p.* 206.]

Oct. 2. Order in Parliament that the Committee for Compounding be empowered and authorized to grant leases of the two-third parts of the estates of Papists for the term of 7 years, if they shall so long continue in the hands of the State.

That the House consider the business touching the estates of Papists to-morrow three weeks, the first business. [*G* 1, *p.* 230.]

1. Like order on report from the Army Committee concerning delinquents, viz.:—

1. That all who have incurred penalties for non-payment of fines shall pay the fines with interest by 10 Nov. if they live within 80 miles of London, and by 20 Nov. if further. The names of all who fail to be returned to Parliament, in order to a speedy sale of their estates.

2. The Committee for Compounding are empowered to discharge a part of the estate, so that the delinquent may sell it with licence from the committee, towards raising his fine.

3. All who had savings for litigious portions of their estates may compound for them on the same value as before, if done within the days above named.

4. Also all who have concealed or undervalued may compound at the same rate, if it be on their own discovery, and if the fine is paid before 24 Nov.; but if they are informed against, those who compounded at $\frac{1}{10}$ must pay $\frac{1}{6}$ for the under-valuations; those at $\frac{1}{6}$ pay $\frac{1}{3}$; and those at $\frac{1}{3}$ pay $\frac{1}{2}$.

5. These votes are to be printed and published, and the Committee for Compounding to take care that they are sent to the sheriffs of counties, for publication in all cities, boroughs, and market towns. [1 *sheet, printed.*]

Oct. 2. **2.** Committee for South Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We have sent you 200*l.*, part of the half year's rent for the lordship of Crickhowell, co. Brecon, and as we can get safe conveyance, we will send up the whole arrear due upon that lordship. Are all sequestered tithes, which is a great part of that lordship, to be paid to the commissioners for the Act for better propagating the gospel in Wales?

Pray send your orders by [Wm.] Watkins, one of our commissioners, who is coming to you for advice in some doubtful matters. We cannot get accounts from many of the officers of the late committee, and therefore crave orders to compel them to it. We also desire your sense in [John] Whitney and [Wm.] Bromwich's cases. With note that 20*l.* a-piece was to be levied upon such officers as did not furnish their accounts. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 2. Maidstone. **3.** County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of estates sequestered. You order repayment to [Wm.] Yalden of money which, by your order, we received of the tenants on Lord Montague's estate; his lordship has received quite as much as such rent amounts to by sale of wood on the estate, and the contract made by the Prince Elector's Committee allows it. Shall we send to the tenants transferred to the Prince Elector's Committee for the Michaelmas rents, or are the lessees to receive them? They having failed in payment according to contract, we fear that if

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they once get the rents of the tenants into their hands, it may be difficult to get them back. We also require a list of such as have compounded for mortgages or extents upon sequestered estates in this county. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. **4.** Order of the Committee for Compounding on a Parliament order given of 26 Sept. prefixed,—that the Committee of co. Bucks, occupiers of Whaddon, Eaton, and Winslow, be enjoined to forbear felling any timber or wood thereon till further order—that a letter be sent accordingly. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Oct. 3. **5.** Committee for Compounding to the [Committees for Sequestration in the several counties]. You are to see that the enclosed orders be sent to the sheriff of the county for publication of the late votes of Parliament [of Oct. 2nd]. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page; also G* 11, *p.* 273.]

Oct. 3. Westminster. **6.** Committee for Compounding to the sheriffs of South and North Wales, Bucks, Kent, Middlesex, Dorset, Durham, Gloucester, Hereford, Lancaster, Stafford, and Surrey, to like effect, *mutatis mutandis.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; also G* 11, *p.* 273.]

Oct. 3. Lincoln. **7.** County Committee for Lincoln to the Committee for Compounding. We are sensible of the Commonwealth's pressing occasions for money, and troubled that we can give no better account of our receipts. Our main business has been to view the accounts of the agents of the late committee, that we might know the present revenue and the arrears; but that giving little satisfaction, we surveyed estates, and examined the tenants as to what they had paid, and what were the arrears in their hands or in those of treasurers or agents, but the fifth part of what you expected from this county will never be received. We will speedily send word what is under sequestration, and what may be expected. We have received but 1,314*l.*, most of which is paid in, and as any other money comes in, we will immediately send it up.

Having now done most of our surveys, we hope for the future to give a better account, but most of our time has been taken up in fruitless examinations of former agents' accounts, and in surveys and examination of witnesses against supposed delinquents. We are not unwilling to serve, notwithstanding the smallness of our salary, and have appointed Thursday in every fortnight to meet at Lincoln for dispatch of business, reserving the rest of the time for examining accounts, &c. We have sent your warrants or summons about the $\frac{1}{20}$. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

7. I. *Note that Robert and Hen. Craven of Lincoln, and Philip and Gabriel Thorpe of Market Deeping, made oath before them that they delivered the warrants from the Committee for Advance of Money to* 27 *persons named, on Oct.* 5, 1650. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. Knutsford. **8.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose copies of the examinations taken on behalf of John Robinson of Chorlton, those against him we long since sent you. Particulars of cases.

By one of your letters it appears you have never received the examinations taken against Josias Clarke, minister of Tattenhall, nor those taken by the late committee against Rich. Widdens of Stoke, and yet by your letter of 30 July, you informed us you had received ours of the 23rd of the same month; it is strange, therefore, that these examinations sent therewith should have miscarried. For Mr. Clarke we shall take your resolve as in the case of [John] Roberts. We have again sent copies of the examinations against Widdens, wherein, as in other cases of delinquency lying before you from us, we desire speedy directions. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. Durham. **9.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of your order and the enclosed warrant of the treasurers-at-war, we have paid Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, Bart., 2,000*l.* of the rents of sequestrations received by us last Pentecost; we enclose his acquittance, and desire a discharge from your treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. We are likewise ready to transmit an account of the rents received and in arrear, and in whose hands; we desire to be unburdened before we begin our receipts of the rents due at Martinmas next. With note that they are to return accounts and call the former officers to account. Also that they have not yet paid in the money of the growing rents, beside what was in arrear. That the former officers should give in an account of the arrears unreceived, that it may appear what is in their hands. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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Oct. 3. Aylesbury. **10.** County Committee for Bucks to the Committee for Compounding. We had paid and given order to pay 100*l.*, before the receipt of your letter of 26 Sept., and have not kept any money in hand longer than the time limited in the Act, for notwithstanding the great sums charged upon the several sequestered estates [What are those sums and how charged?], there will be little more money received over and above all taxes, quartering, repairs, augmentations to ministers, &c. [No allowance ought to be made for quartering, and see that the repairs are not extraordinary.] Before we received your instructions, we had paid some annuities, which we shall endeavour to get repaid if the parties cannot get them allowed by you in some short time. [That will be necessary, as the committee cannot allow any upon account.] As to the arrears, the tenants pay most of them in quartering and taxes, they having made no account to the committee, but you shall receive ours next week. [No quartering as before.]

We cannot receive any more money for the several estates than according to the management of the late committee, but we hope you will find improvement in the next half-year's rents. We have meetings every Saturday at Aylesbury, which are publicly taken notice of, and we will send you such accounts and other matters as you desire; when you have perused our accounts, you will find us to have done our utmost to manifest ourselves to be for the Commonwealth. [The annual revenue is considerable, and nothing received, and there must therefore be a good sum in arrear; if any has been received by the former agents since the Act, it is to be demanded, and certified upon if refused.] The passages in brackets are marginal notes in reply. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on motion of — Gookin in behalf of the reduced officers of co. Dorset, that on Thursday next (10 Oct.) the last orders in the case be produced, and then further consideration to be had. [*G.* 11, *p.* 212.]

[Oct. 4.] **11.** Charge by the County Commissioners of Salop against Edm. Kendrick for fraud in the seizure of Sir or Col. John Corbett's estate, driving away the cattle, taking part of the stock, and omitting in his account tithes worth 40*l.* a year. Proved before the commissioners, 4 Sept. 1650. [*Also G* 96, *p.* 673.]

Oct. 4. Order that Edm. Kendrick, agent for co. Salop, be suspended, and the charge and proofs heard on Thursday next. [*G* 11, *p.* 213.]

Oct. 4. Exeter. John Dore to the Committee for Compounding. I thank you for deeming me fit for so weighty an employment, but, being 60 years old, my infirmities deny me strength to travel and attend so great a work; therefore I beg you to accept my apology. [*G* 152, *p.* 363.]

Oct. 5. Leicester. **12.** County Committee for Leicestershire, to the Committee for Compounding. You state the annual revenues of sequestered estates within this county at 7,579*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*, and so account the half year's rents at 3,789*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* They have been so formerly, but if you peruse a return of what the sequestered estates were demised at, which we find to agree with the compositions, and consider what estates you have discharged since, you will find it to fall far short of that sum.

We have not detained any rents, and have been as active in getting in money as we could, having regard to the just complaints of some wronged persons, and all we have received, including Sir Lewis Watson's estate, since fallen in, amounts to 2,800*l.*, and the estates invested in the Irish Trustees to 160*l.* Please to note that the [Irish?] committee let the same, and charged the State with the payment of taxes; also that we have paid 333*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* to ministers for augmentations, and deducted considerable sums for 5th parts to delinquents' wives and children, as also for our clerk and agent's pay, and our own salary. Do not suspect us either to be remiss or unjust to the Commonwealth. We have and will set every estate at its full value; the keeping of courts will be a benefit to the State. We again request that Mr. Martin should be the steward of them. We have returned all the depositions concerning Lady Manners. [1¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 5. Derby. **13.** County Committee for Derbyshire to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours of 20 Sept., stating that only 1,400*l.* had been paid into the Treasury, but before 7 Sept. we had paid in 1,900*l.* You think that the amount is small, and that we neglect gathering in or detain the money; but we have been forced to expend our own money, and have done our utmost both to collect and

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improve the revenue. Where we were not sufficiently satisfied in the values, we have collected ourselves; the Midsummer rents were the first that came to our hands. Little has been received either of the former treasurer or collector, or remained in the tenants' hands at Ladyday. We shall satisfy you, both as to the rentals received from the former committee, and the values let this year. We, Gervase Bennett and Robert Mellor, live in Derby, and constantly meet for the transaction of the business. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 5. Salisbury. **14.** County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. By yours of the 20th ult. we perceive you are not well informed of all our transactions. There have been advancements in the rents of all estates, and there was but one quarter's rent due at Ladyday last, the old committee having received the former rents. We are now receiving the Michaelmas rents; some have been returned, the residue will be sent up with speed, and the treasurer will give you an account of the whole shortly.

We have had frequent meetings, but chiefly at Sarum, and shall sit there every other week, and in other places as often as needful. A perfect rental and a further account of our late contracts will soon be dispatched.

We have received from the Committee of Sarum a copy of the names and estates of all delinquents and Papists sequestered by that part of the committee that sits at Sarum, many of whom have not perfected their compositions; but you shall have a full account as we discover them. We desire your approval of Thos. Helme as steward. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 5. Hereford. **15.** County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. Twenty years since Robert Davies mortgaged an estate called the Marsh, in the parish of Llangarren, to Rich. Ballard for 50*l.*; Ballard passed his estate to James Scudamore, Papist and delinquent, and it has been sequestered; but on application of Henry Davies—grandchild and heir of Robert Davies—to the late committee, the estate was cleared and the money satisfied. General Sir Thos. Fairfax, Col. Barkstead, and others under whom Davies served, certify that he has been a faithful soldier and received many wounds in service. He having petitioned us, we certify that we find that his case is honest and true, and the land in no ways liable any longer to sequestration, he being in quiet possession. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 8. Northwich. **16.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. You write that the yearly revenue of our county under sequestration is 3,634*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, and that the half year's rents due 25 March last amount to 1,817*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* besides arrears unreceived by the former committee, remaining in the tenants' hands, and the money due upon the accounts of the treasurers and collectors to the former committees. We do not find the revenue so much by 1,600*l.*, and think your mistake arises upon the former value of such estates, which is more than they are or have been set for; neither are all estates set for a clear rent, as some of them have levies, rents, and 5ths paid out upon your own order, which must needs make the total sum the less. [To account for all such abatements, and certify the clear residue.]

Also some estates are since taken off sequestration, as General Gerard's and Capt. Minshall's; part of the demesne and other rents in Aldford and Churton, in Broxton Hundred, returned at 34*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* a year were by a verdict at the last Easter assizes recovered by Mr. Fitton from all the co-heirs of Sir Edw. Fitton, and the last Ladyday rents thereof were lost by that recovery. [Not to be allowed.]

Sir Arthur Aston's estate of Cattenhall, of 95*l.* former value, Lieut.-Col. Gilbert Gerard detains as his due towards arrears upon your order, and his case is now in question before you. Rich. Greene's estate in Stapeley, of the value of 33*l.* a year, is claimed by Lord President Bradshaw, whose case was also lately sent to you by us. John Wood's estate in Wincham, Bucklow Hundred, returned at 36*l.* a year, is discharged by order of the Barons, and Leftwich Oldfield's estate in Northwich Hundred, returned at 110*l.*, is discharged by order of the late Committee for Compounding. With regard to some other estates, you will find by the returns that the owners are upon their appeal before the Barons, and thus you will see the revenue is not so much as you conceived. [Those that are upon appeal you are to receive the rents of, until the appeal is determined.]

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You write also that the half of the year's profits was due at Ladyday last; to this we answer, that in regard of the tithes of Great Budworth parish, sequestered last year, and some few other estates, the last Ladyday's rents amounted to 500*l.* besides charges. But our ordinary rent days, except for tithes and for some few estates, are at Midsummer, Martinmas, Michaelmas, and Candlemas. We have not been remiss in collecting arrears in the tenants' hands left by the former committee, but they do not extend to more than 200*l.*, so that the arrears and Ladyday rents are about 700*l.* What is in any former treasurer or collector's hands we know not, having received but little from them; we suppose they may have put in their accounts at London, and there paid what remained, but we will make inquiry, and act as directed by you. For the revenue in the city of Chester, we will answer that in a letter by itself.

You allege that you find but 778*l.* paid from this county, but we have returned 1,200*l.* We have indeed only acquittances from your treasurer for 700*l.*, but 300*l.* more was to be paid on 20 Sept. By the post of 25 Sept. we sent you a bill for 200*l.* We act as vigorously and as punctually as we can.

We have received the resolutions of Parliament, and neither have been nor shall be guilty of detaining money; if small sums could be as well returned as greater, we should observe the very strictness of the Act, and when we return any sum, we always write that as soon as more comes in,—which we hope you will apprehend is meant of considerable sums,—we shall speed it to your treasury. We will send up any contracts as soon as they are made.

As to our meetings, we mostly sit at Chester, which is 14 miles, and in some cases 24 miles from our dwellings; also at Northwich and Knutsford, and many times at other places more distant. For ease of the country and expediting the service, we are not sparing of our pains or expense, although our salary is so small.

All new sequestration cases have been returned to you, but no resolutions have been received thereon, so as to enable us to sequester and receive the profits. The examinations on your orders are very large and tedious, and take up much time; when we receive your resolves as to sequestering, we shall return them. We hope you received ours of the 3rd inst. from Knutsford, wherein were several examinations for and against delinquents specified. The passages in brackets are marginal notes of replies. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 8. York. **17.** County Committee for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have this day received yours of 20 Sept., but it being the day of thanksgiving, we defer answering it, except the clause about non-payment of rent-charges and annuities. When we were about letting the estates, that we might reduce them to a certain rent, we demanded of the tenants what free rents, rent-charges, annuities, &c., were issuing out of them, and such as we found were allowed by the former commissioners, we deducted, and also the $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$ as the case required, and reserved the rent to be paid clear; such rents as had not been allowed by the former committee, or were new demands, or were questionable, we disallowed and referred them to you. The rents being due at Michaelmas and Martinmas, and some being paid, and paying daily, we desire your answer, that if you do not approve of what we have done therein, we may give a timely check. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 8. Sir Art. Hesilrigge to his cousin Edw. Winslow, one of the Committee for Compounding. You have done well, or the Cumberland Commissioners could have acted little. I send an order in Mr. Wortley's case. I wonder not at it, because you do not know how often that business was before former committees. Col. Purefoy did as much as possible in it. This 1,700*l.** was discovered long ago, and therefore Wortley was not allowed to compound for it as his own discovery. Parliament granted it to Carlisle, but it was afterwards determined by Haberdashers' Hall to be absolutely for the State. The governor of Carlisle received 600*l.* from [George] Faunt, and has a statute for payment of the rest. I know you desire public, not private good, so you need not question your predecessors' acts, especially when judgment is given for the State.

I shall be grieved with all my soul if I have to speak concerning acts of yours, but if you alter what has been done by Haberdashers' Hall, I must

* Probably 700*l.* claimed by Frances, wife of Fras. Wortley, as executrix to her sister Bridget Faunt, from Gabriel Purefoy, and 1,000*l.* legacy from her father, Sir Wm. Faunt, to Bridget Faunt [*See G* 220, *p.* 715.]

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declare what I know in it. With note by Lady Hesilrigge that her husband being in great haste has ordered her to seal and send the letter. [*Holograph*, *G* 220, *p.* 701.]

Oct. 9. Derby. **18.** County Committee for Derbyshire to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of the 1st inst., requiring us to certify the values of the lands in Stoke, Little Longstone, Hucklow, Greenlow, Blackwell, Litchurch, and Windley, sequestered from the Earl of Newcastle, supposed to lie in Scarsdale Hundred, and settled upon the Irish Trustees, we have sent the former values and present rentals, with the rebatements for taxes, and with what has been paid into the Treasury out of them. None of them lie in Scarsdale Hundred, but as below expressed:—

		£	s.	d.
The highest value for the lands in	Stoke is	150	0	0
,, ,,	Little Longstone	56	0	0
,, ,,	Great Hucklow	108	0	0
,, ,,	Greenlow	124	0	0
,, ,,	Blackwell, with the Grange	168	0	0
	Total	£606	0	0

These lie in the hundred of High Peak, and are set with other lands there at 540*l.*, which will be due at Midsummer, but the tenants claim 40 days after for payment; part of the half-year's rent is already paid into the Treasury.

The full value of the lands at Litchurch upon rack rent is	£530	0	0
Rebate and taxes as now set	497	0	0

This lies in Morleston Hundred, and 248*l.* 10*s.* was due at Ladyday and was received and paid into the Treasury.

The full value of the lands at Windley is 187*l.* and now amounts to 168*l.* It lies in Appletree Hundred, and 84*l.* 4*s.* due at Ladyday has been received, and also paid into the Treasury with the other. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 9. Redcastle. **19.** Committee for Sequestrations for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We shall be able shortly to give you an account of the charges mentioned in yours of the 20th ult., and of the rents due 29 Sept. last, and all former arrears. You are mistaken in the estimation of the yearly revenue of co. Montgomery. The estate of Herbert Vaughan being 1,000*l.* a year, claimed by Edw. Vaughan, is now in question. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 9. Maidstone. **20.** County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding. We send a list of the estates of recusants and others which we have seized according to your instructions, and will transmit the charges and proofs against them as soon as transcribed; we desire order for proceeding against such of them as you shall think fit. We despatched your letter to the sheriff, and [Lambert] Godfrey, solicitor to the late committee, is preparing the returns, as few or none of the committee know anything about the matter. The work is intricate and difficult. Noted, "To give them thanks, and to desire them to return up the charges and proofs." [1 *page.*]

Oct. 9. **20A.** List by the same of the persons whose estates have been seized and secured.

Delinquents in the late Insurrection.

	Yearly Value of Estate. £	s.	d.
Sir Thos. Godfrey, Canterbury	1000	0	0
Dr. Wm. Steed, Steedhill, estate in several counties	2000	0	0
Sir Walter Roberts, Cranbrook, estate much encumbered	1000	0	0
Walter Roberts, his son	100	0	0
Thos. Hurlston, Fordwich, near Canterbury	200	0	0
Dr. Blechenden	200	0	0
John Quitterill	100	0	0
Gabriel Richards, Goodnestone	estates not yet returned.		
Ant. Sanderson, Canterbury			
Rich. Hartie, Thanet			
Rich. Glover, Lydd			
Peter Annott, Ashford			
Isaac Hunt, Bethersden			
Thos. Barrow, Kennington			

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RECUSANTS—VALUATION OF ⅔ THEIR ESTATE.

	Yearly Value of Estate. £	s.	d.
Clement Finch, dead	150	0	0
Mrs. James, widow	100	0	0
Walter, son and heir of Hen. James	200	0	0
Heirs of — Dorrell, estates in Kent and Sussex	150	0	0

ESTATES STOPPED AND SECURED WHICH WERE DISCHARGED ON MORTGAGES AND INCUMBRANCES.

Sir John Sidley, St. Clere, beside an estate in Norfolk	300	0	0
Sir Ant. Percival	400	0	0
Rich. Thornhill	500	0	0
Sir Rob. Heath, dead	100	0	0
Wm. Gage, estate in several counties	500	0	0

[1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 9. **21.** County Committee for Northumberland to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 23 July, intimating that a fine of 20*l.* was imposed upon each member of the late committee for not returning their books and papers to us, we certified that we had received them, and desired you to remit the fine. As for the accounts required of sequestrations made by them, they were disposed of for public uses, according to Act of Parliament, and by the approbation of Sir Art. Hesilrigge and Col. George Fenwick, so that we presume neither the late committee nor ourselves will be further charged with accounting for them.

We will account for what has come in upon sequestrations since we were entrusted. With note that they are to hasten the return of money, according to the letter of 20 September last. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

21. I. *Draft of the reply of the Committee for Compounding. The fine of* 20*l. laid upon the members of the late committee we have discharged, but we expect that the accounts may be made up and transmitted to us accordingly, or it will not satisfy Parliament to say that the money was disposed of for public uses, by approbation of gentlemen entrusted there—though we know them to be persons of honour and integrity—unless it likewise appears what was disposed of, and to what use, and by what order; this is therefore to be required, and the neglect will compel us to execute the like penalty; prevent it by engaging those concerned herein to make a speedy return. Nov.* 4, 1650. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 9. Durham. **22.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours of 20 September, charging us with remissness in not enforcing the rents due 25 March last, our charge amounting to 3,388*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*; but we have before stated that our rent days in this county are not 25th March and 29th September, but Martinmas and Pentecost, and we did not enter upon our receipts until after Pentecost, since which we have done our utmost to collect the rents. We have paid Sir Arthur Hesilrigge 2,000*l.* in part of our charge, which will nigh clear it, after the out-rents and 5ths to delinquents' wives are allowed, and we will transmit our accounts by the next. [Sir Arthur's receipt to be sent up, that the treasurers-at-war may be charged.]

As for the arrears unreceived by the former committee, and the money resting upon the accounts of their treasurers, we have received some of them, but conceive they are claimed by the county for disbanding of their forces raised in 1648, according to Act of Parliament whereby the benefit of sequestrations in those four northern counties is granted; and having regard to the great pressures of these parts, we have issued several sums of money.

As to our remissness in our meetings, we have constantly met every week, and sometimes have sat 14 days together; and for the future we purpose to sit every Tuesday at Durham; we will send the rental desired, and observe your directions as to annuities and rent-charges. [Accounts and the rental to be sent up, and thanks given them for their care and diligence.]

In all our demises we have covenanted to allow the out-rents, being the fee-farm or old rent issuing forth of any sequestered estate, either to the public revenue or to any other lord. [All out-rents or fee-farm rents to be certified.]

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We have received a duplicate from the former committee, and although it is not so full as directed by the Act and your instructions, yet by that and the help of their books and papers, we hope to carry on this service. The passages between brackets are marginal notes of reply. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Pulford bring in his book of entries of recusants, and that enquiry be made who were Lord Strafford's agents for recusants beyond Trent.

Order on a letter from the County Committee of Oxford of 20 September, about payment of the troop raised for defence of the county, and on a Parliament order of 25 Jan. 1650, and an order of the late Committee for Compounding,—directing payment of 726*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* arrears, and 72*l.* 9*s.* a week, from 25 March, from sequestrations in the county, and on a certificate that they were continued in pay till 30 August last—that the above payments are allowed by this committee. [*G* 11, *pp.* 217, 218.]

Order on an order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers prefixed of 4 October—requesting to know the value of the arrears of profits of Frisby Vicarage, co. Leicester, sequestered from John Holland, the inhabitants having petitioned thereon—that the county committee certify their knowledge of them to the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 85, *p.* 713.]

Oct. 10. Chester. **23.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We hope we have given you satisfaction in ours of the 8th inst. as to the revenue of the county. That of the City of Chester extends to about 170*l.* a year, out of which are deducted 3rds and 5ths according to your orders, and repairs, levies, and taxes, which in this city are very great, so that the clear remains to the State will not extend to 100*l.*

The Dee Mills, in Chester, belonging to Sir Fras. Gamul, are not mentioned in the return of the former committee, and for the greatest part of the time since the reducing of Chester, they have been enjoyed by the mayor and city, on an ordinance of Parliament made immediately after, whereby the causey of the said mills was to be taken up, and the mills removed to some place on Roodee, for the benefit of the city, reserving only 5*l.* a year rent to the dean and chapter, and 100*l.* fee-farm rent to [Edw.] Cotton, a Papist, for ever. Since that ordinance, one of the mayors began taking up the said causey, yet not within the time limited by the ordinance; but he afterwards desisted, and rented the mills yet unremoved, and received the profits, excepting the said rents, and making no repairs of the mills. We spoke to the now mayor, and on perusal of the ordinance, finding his claim for the city not good by the lapse of time, and nothing done according to the ordinance, we at Midsummer entered upon the mills for the use of the State, and found them very ruinous and in great decay; to repair them will take up all or most of the profits for a year. We shall raise what we can to the State out of them at present, and if once put into good repair, they will bring in a considerable clear rent. [To continue it till the claim be made good.]

Most of the arrears in the city left by the former committee were lost, by reason of many houses being left, and not inhabited, at the last visitation of the plague, but what can possibly be got thereout we shall procure. We have made returns to your treasury of all our receipts, and hope, on consideration of all the premises, you will receive satisfaction. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 10. **24.** County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. The farmers of the sequestered estate of Hen. Doughty, of Thornley, complain that [James] Murgatroyd claims a rent-charge on the estate, and threatens to distrain for it. He lives in Yorkshire, on the borders of this county, so that if he distrains, he will quickly convey away the goods. We therefore beg directions. [⅔ *page, copy.*]

Oct. 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding that petitions depending for compositions be referred to counsel, to examine if they be within the rules, and report. [*G* 11, *p.* 223.]

Oct. 11. Chester. **25.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. As to the fines to be imposed upon every member of the former committee that had not delivered duplicates to us according to your notice, we have since received such duplicates from the committees of each hundred, except one; these are deficient by reason of public

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employments in a military way, but we expect their duplicates shortly. We shall also call upon all treasurers, collectors, and others formerly employed in sequestered estates, for an account of rents and moneys paid, and send them to you.

We certified a month since that upon the present settling of the militia in this county, delinquents' estates are very deeply charged for raising soldiers, so as all or most of the profits will be expended that way. We desire speedy directions, not being able to withstand that exaction, if unreasonable, unless empowered from you. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 11. Dorchester. County Committee for Dorsetshire to the Committee for Compounding. You return the ½ year's rents of sequestered estates here as 2,803*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*, but there is a great mistake, for though the whole sequestered estates amount to that sum, 2,340*l.* came not to us; part was transferred by Parliament, part taken off by extents till certain debts are paid, and there are bills of charges on estates, so that our receipts are only 900*l.* We will send you particular accounts, but the business of survey takes up much of our time. Notes of a case.

We are keeping courts leet, or the country would suffer much in changes of officers, but large sums would be raised by keeping court barons in every manor. We have sent you lately 500*l.*, in addition to the 652*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* you name, and shall send 1,000*l.* shortly. [*G* 152, *p.* 601.]

[Oct. 11.] **26.** Instructions by the Committee for co. Salop to [Mr. Bayley, their clerk,] sent up to the Committee for Compounding.

Being ordered to seize and secure on the depositions of two witnesses,—by which means the party informed against has intimation of what is intended, before another witness can be found out, and will then convey away most of the personal estate,—they request that they may seize and secure upon the testimony of one witness.—*Ans.* The commissioners hold it would not be convenient to seize and secure upon one witness.

There are many agents, collectors, and others in co. Salop who have much money to account for, whom the commissioners cannot call to account, by reason of their great trouble touching sequestrations. Request that two persons may be joined with Col. [Wm.] Crowne to take accounts.—*Ans.* Mr. Crowne, or any other of the commissioners, may take exceptions to any accounts, and surcharge the same, and transmit them to the Committee for Compounding.

Edmond Kendrick, the agent appointed by the late Committee for Compounding, is very unfit for his office, and the Committee for Sequestrations in Shropshire two months since made a certificate against him, since which he has very much misbehaved himself, as appears by the information annexed; move that he may be removed and another appointed.—*Ans.* The charges have been received, and upon proof he shall be discharged.

The commissioners in Shropshire, not having appointed any one of themselves as treasurer, move that Col. Crowne be appointed treasurer here, and ascertain what he is to have for his pains.

The commissioners in the county only receiving 1*s.* a day, which, by reason of their riding from one part of the county to another to view sequestered estates, will not defray their charges, move that their allowance may be increased.—*Ans.* The Committee for Compounding cannot make any other allowance than what the Act directs. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 11. **27.** County Committee for Salop, to the Committee for Compounding. We received your order to levy 20*l.* on the members of the late committee, the treasurer, collectors, and solicitor, if they did not make a return of their proceedings within a month after notice given; and the committee having stated that their books and papers were in possession of their officers, we summoned them, when they stated that they had delivered their accounts to the Committee of Accounts at Shrewsbury, and that we might get them there for our money. The books and papers of the late committee touching delinquents and their estates were delivered to us in the week the sickness broke out in Shrewsbury, and they now remain there, and on account of the extremity of the sickness, which increases daily, we cannot have recourse to them.

Our clerk, Mr. Bayley, will pay 500*l.* into your treasury within three weeks, and as soon as we have received the Michaelmas rents, we will examine the particulars of the estates of such delinquents as have already compounded, and

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proceed to discover new delinquents, by which we do not doubt to bring to the State more than 10,000*l.*; but the charge in carrying on of the work will be very great, as we shall be forced to sit at several places in the county a week at a time, to examine witnesses, so as to prove the value of estates not compounded for, and to employ many officers at our own charge. Therefore we hope you will allow to each of us 1*s.* in the 1*l.* out of such moneys as shall be paid into your treasury by us, which is no more than the Parliament allows to every discoverer.

We desire a reply to our certificate respecting the miscarriages of Kendrick, our late agent, and beg you to credit our clerk, Mr. Bayley's, information concerning him, as he has been an eye-witness; we are forced to keep Bayley in London to dispatch our business.

Two third parts of Trench Farm, near Wem, were formerly sequestered as Lord Stafford's estate, under the notion that he was a recusant, and afterwards taken off by an extent at the suit of Sir Hen. Mildmay, and the whole farm is now let by his agent for 130*l.* a year. We have re-sequestered this estate according to your instructions, and intend receiving the rents unless we have order from you to the contrary. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 14. Salop. **28.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your order for payment of 1,000*l.* to the treasurers-at-war. Two months since there was 1,000*l.* in our hands, which was paid into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, and we have now no money in hand, nor have received any of the Michaelmas rents, as the days for payment have not arrived. There is 300*l.* now in London on bills which we were afraid to send up by post, as some have already miscarried, but we will send them by some of the attorneys next week. There is also 100*l.* in the hands of the relict of John Broome, late a fellow commissioner, which will be received on your order; if within 8 or 10 days we can get in 500*l.* of the rents, we will pay it in according to your order. With notes of reply, 6 Nov., that Mrs. Broome is to pay the 100*l.* If they have paid in any money on the order for 1,000*l.*, they are to certify; if not, to pay it on demand within 10 days, or else send it to Goldsmiths' Hall. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 381.]

Oct. 14. Kendal. **29.** Gervase Benson, Roger Bateman, and John Archer, County Commissioners for Westmoreland, to the Committee for Compounding. We, being members of the late county committee, know that the arrears of the profits of sequestrations, and the fines and compositions set on new delinquents, were, by Act of 2 Mar. 1649, ordered to the use of the county, towards paying the forces raised therein in the late war, and discharging other public engagements. This was done, but came short to discharge the engagements, so that the committee yet owe considerable sums, which they were forced to borrow to pay the Lancashire forces the 4,000*l.* ordered, and ease this county of the burden of free quarter until it was raised, and for other charges which they were required to satisfy. There were no rents due 25 March last, but only a few 1 Aug. last, most at Michaelmas, which we are raising, and hope within 14 days to have them ready to be returned to Goldsmiths' Hall.

The revenue will amount to more than heretofore, only we want directions touching an estate at Rydal sequestered from Wm. Fleming, for which 2,000*l.* was offered for one year, though at the utmost value it was never reputed worth more than 120*l.*; but it being in contest, this was done to gain possession. The estate lies waste, so that the profits thereof this year will scarcely amount to 50*l.* An estate in Kentmere, sequestered from [Chris.] Gilpin, has also been much impaired for want of direction. We want a commission for George Archer to be our agent.

We being also Militia Commissioners have not been able to sit until last Thursday, but having put the forces in a posture, and they being now upon their march, we shall fall close to this business, and sit at Kendal on Wednesday week, and thence weekly until we have got the business thoroughly in hand. [2⅓ *pages.*]

Oct. 15. **30.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, that in future the fines on an estate for 3 lives shall be set at 2½ years, and for 2 lives at 2¼.

That this committee will settle commissions for co. Somerset on Thursday, unless commanded to the contrary.

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That they will sit every Tuesday for compositions and reports; Wednesday, 9–12, for hearing motions and petitions for compounding; Thursday, for sequestrations and reports of cases from counsel; and Wednesday afternoon and all Friday as Commissioners for Advance of Money.

If any with whom the late Committee for Compounding, on setting their fines, contracted for any rectory or augmentation of living, allowing it from their fine, do not settle the same before 10 Nov. if within 80 miles of London, or before 20 Nov. if further, what was deducted from the fine shall be paid in money, and the contract be void. In future all such settlements are to be made within the time limited for paying the fine. [*G* 11, *pp.* 226, 227.]

Oct. 15. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Rutland. You write that some of the Lammas rents are unpaid, and some paid to the former committee. You are to demand what has been received since 25 Dec., and in case of refusal, to levy it according to the Act. As to the Duke of Buckingham's lands, you are to allow Lord Fairfax to receive the rents of Burley Manor, settled on him by Parliament, till the debts charged thereon are paid, but take care that the trustees do not underlet it, and require accounts from them. We do not think horses should be allowed to be charged on any sequestered estate, as the Act intended it as a personal charge where the parties reside.

If you return the names of the persons whose books and papers you desire to see, we will give order accordingly. Notice the addition to the late directions for calling in the former officers' accounts, that you require a transcript of all who hold any arrears, in order that enquiry may be made, and a surcharge given in if needful. You complain of Meakins. Take the estate by force, if you cannot by other means, and when the lease of the former committee is expired, make the best advance of it you can. [*G* 11, *p.* 274.]

Oct. 15. Street. **31.** Jasper Batt to the Committee for Compounding. I am endeavouring to perfect the duplicates you expect concerning the rents, profits, and arrears of sequestered estates in co. Somerset, and have been to Col. Pyne, where I found the books and papers sealed up as I left them. I perused what I conceived useful, and have recourse to them at any time, but the colonel enjoined me to seal them up again, and I did so. There are many particulars that only the sequestrators can discover, and I have therefore sent to them to make returns, but they act slowly, and some have made them so imperfect that I was forced to call upon them for a second. As the perfecting of this work will be long and tedious, you must not consider the delay any neglect on my part; pray assign some way that I may be paid for what I expend, as also for my pains in writing. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 16. Penrith. County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. In pursuance of your commission, we have chosen to hold weekly meetings at Carlisle, Penrith, and Cockermouth, each 20 miles apart, and began to-day here. Notes of cases. From the 140*l.* for [Rich.] Kirkbride's concealed meal we have paid 8*l.* to our clerk, from February to September, 12*l.* to our agent, 10*l.* 12*s.* our own poundage. The balance, 109*l.* 8*s.*, we have charged on Thos. Hammond of Blackwell Hall. We have appointed Thos. Craister our treasurer, and will send up our moneys and arrears, and hope to fulfil your expectations. [*G* 150, *p.* 385.]

Oct. 17. **32.** Order of the Committee for Compounding,—the late Commissioners for London having appeared and given in a duplicate of most of their proceedings,—that the present commissioners proceed no further against them in requiring duplicates, because of the tediousness of transcribing, but repair to the auditor if they wish to refer to the said duplicates.

To write to the present commissioners to forbear to levy a fine on the old committee.

Copies of the particulars on which any delinquent has compounded to be delivered to those who desire it. [*G* 11, *pp.* 229, 230.]

Order on complaint of Col. Edw. Whalley,—who purchased of Parliament in 1648 Flawborough Manor, co. Notts, part of the estate of the Earl of Newcastle, and had it passed to him under the Great Seal, that it is secured by the county Commissioners for Sequestrations;—that the said commissioners certify their reasons for seizing it, and discharge it if only seized on general instructions. [*G* 10, *p.* 188.]

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Oct. 17. Committee for Compounding to the Committee [for North Wales]. In yours of 13 Sept. you say that the money on the general compositions, supposed by us to be in Col. Hugh Price's hands, is in Rich. Hamer's, who is appointed receiver. Let an account be returned, and the money paid in as directed. Directions in a case.

P.S.—We hear many complaints of burdens on sequestered estates by reason of horse, dragoons, and forces charged on them. No such charges should be laid, they being no longer the estates of the persons, but of Parliament, who maintains the armies of England, and these are personal charges. We can allow only the tax.

In calling for the accounts of those formerly employed, require the names of all in whose hands arrears are said to be, that enquiries may be made, and surcharges given where needful. With note that this postscript is to be sent to all counties, either after letters, or in a letter by itself. [*G* 11, *p.* 275.]

Oct. 17. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Chester. Particulars of cases. You say that in valuing the revenue of your sequestered estates (besides those lately secured), at 3,634*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* a year, we overvalue it 1,600*l.* a year, because of rents, fifths, and other charges. Send us an account of all such deductions, and of the net revenue.

We must not except against discharges on appeal by the Barons of Exchequer, but for those on appeal, whether suspended or not, you are to receive their rents till they are acquitted or compound.

What we wrote about the money paid into our treasury is true; but we have received 2 bills of exchange not reckoned in that account.

We thank you for your diligence. Our last was not intended as a reprehension, but to show you where we desired more satisfaction. Postscript as in the preceding letter. [*G* 11, *pp.* 275, 276.]

Oct. 17. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Hereford. Notes of cases. When you return proofs about those who bore arms in Hereford city, we will give further directions; examine witnesses and seize estates if needful. Postscript as above. [*G* 11, *p.* 276.]

Oct. 17. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Derby. Answers on cases. The augmentations allowed by the Committee for Plundered Ministers from sequestered estates must continue, if out of rectories and tithes, but not if on other estates. Postscript as above. [*G* 11, *p.* 276.]

Oct. 17. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Durham. If the duplicates you have received from the former commissioners are not according to directions, levy the fine imposed. Answers on cases. Postscript as above. [*G* 11, *p.* 276.]

Oct. 17. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Northampton. Orders for allowance of augmentations to ministers. Postscript as above. [*G* 11, *p.* 277.]

Oct. 17. Committee for Compounding to Thos. Garrett, agent of sequestrations in Norfolk. A general receipt from the treasurers will serve as a discharge for moneys received from the estates late in the hands of the Irish Trustees, but the accounts must be kept distinct. Note of a case. Postscript as above. [*G* 11, *p.* 276.]

Oct. 17. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Bucks. You name great sums charged on sequestered estates in your county. Say what these charges are, for we only allow augmentations, monthly taxes, and needful repairs. You are to allow no quartering, and the allowances for repairs are not to be extraordinary. Try to call in the annuities which you paid before our instructions, till they can be proved, as we cannot allow them on your account.

The revenue of your county is so large that there must be a good sum in arrear. If any part has been received by the former committee since the time limited, 25 Jan., demand it, and certify us in case of their refusal to obey. Postscript as before. [*G* 11, *p.* 277.]

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Oct. 17. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for London. You mention 600*l.* of the Marquis of Winchester's in the hands of the Spanish Ambassador. Enquire how the debt arose, and certify us. [*G* 11, *p.* 277.]

Oct. 17. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Essex. We approve your proceedings, but should be glad to see some further fruit of your care. There must be a good sum in arrears in your county, which we wish you would look after and call in.

We shall offer to the Army Committee some expedient whereby you may receive the benefit of discoveries, which we think reasonable. Take care that repairs are moderate, and that there are no needless charges. Notes on cases.

Speed the returns of compositions of delinquents in the late insurrection, and bid them bring their particulars to us. Allow of no charges that are issued from the Exchequer. The under-sheriffs of the several counties, who, by order of the Barons, appeared before us last term, promised that they would not issue any such without our allowance. Postscript as before. [*G* 11, *p.* 278.]

Oct. 17. **33.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a list of debts returned to you by the old committee, with reasons for the slackness in the return of these amounts. You mention 290*l.* only as returned, where 900*l.* and more appeared due; but we first sent 300*l.*, 10*l.* of which was returned as light, and 90*l.* more was ordered to be paid you since, which has not been paid. Our failing in returning money is not through remissness, nor for self-advantage, for had not love of justice been a greater motive than this, we had never appeared in this affair, which is of high concernment if managed with equal integrity, so that some counties do not bear the burden of others that are remiss.

Had not our integrity supported us, we had not persevered in this service, having to pass through so many difficulties, and to undergo so much odium here, besides false and scandalous aspersions before you, and all this for so small a salary, which some jeer at, in that the solicitor to the old committee had 6*d.* in the pound for his salary, and that we, who are to pass through more obscure and difficult ways, and gather gleanings only, are each to have but two-thirds of what was assigned him, a person of inferior quality and employment. By this you are not to judge it is the wages, but the work that we regard; we do not dispute our salary, seeing the Act allows no more, but you have a power to allow us more.

We suffer much through our activity, and you would pass by small defects if you knew our burdens, being all or some of us Commissioners for Assessments, the engagement, the peace, the business of the Church, and the militia, in which we command also; and we are obliged to give constant attendance, because of the paucity of those that appear for the public. We meet at Bodmin monthly for some days, and then appoint intervening meetings.

We find you expect accounts from us, but many profits are lost for want of a steward to assist us. We named Elias Wymond for that employment. Your only allowing us one clerk is another obstruction, whereas did you allow us three, it would so advance the service as would recompense their salary.

You complain for want of money; we have acquainted you that some thousands would be raised by granting copyholds, and sales, and wood out of the estates of Sir John Grenville, John Arundel of Trerise, and Nicholas Borlace, all notorious delinquents. The first is still in arms against the Commonwealth, the other two implacable enemies, and the last also a Papist, and the most eminent commander here of that party for the late King. There is also on the list of debts 40*l.* on the account of Thos. Hawkey and others, stayed because of an order of respite from the old committee of Goldsmiths' Hall, which would be paid upon your order for it. [1⅔ *pages.*] *Enclosed,*

33. I. *Account of all moneys and arrears uncollected from the estates of delinquents in Cornwall named on the several agents' accounts for sequestrations, from the beginning of their employment in* 1646 *to their dismission, Jan.* 1650; *with note by the County Committee on each case of the reasons why the money is not got in.* [4 *pages.*]

Oct. 17. **34.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We have enquired after the estates of those delinquents who have compounded,

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and find that many have not given in two parts, others not half, and some not one-third of their estates. They are—

Warwick, Lord Mohun.	Richard Hawke.
Sir John Trelawney.	Peirce Edgcomb.
Rich. Pendarvis.	Sir Wm. Godolphin.
Wm. Painter.	Sir Rich. Vivian.
Fras. Jones.	Sir Thos. Hele.
John Coryn.	Sir Chichester Wray.
Rich. Edgcomb.	Sir Hen. Clarke.
Sir Peter Courtney.	Jonathan Rashley.
Fras. Gilbert.	Wm. Godolphin.
Rich. Ley and Thomas, his son.	Ezekiel Arundel.
Hen. Vincent.	James Prade.
Wm. Harris.	John Polwhele.
Philip Sprey.	John Bassett.

We have had an offer of 100*l.* for the estate of John Roe for a year, beyond the sum given in on his particulars, and this offer we thought ought not to be rejected. We are much importuned by the wives and families of Thos. Wood and Capt. Degory Tremaine, delinquents, for relief out of their estates set by us, and desire order for their fifths. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 17. **35.** County Committee for Bucks to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose an account of money received by us for last Ladyday's rents and arrears, and desire notice of what you would have amended therein. As to receiving duplicates from the former committee, we acquainted them with your pleasure, and now have the use of all their papers, which lie in the town where we have our sittings, but have not received any copies, the committee having been much employed in settling the militia of the county; we will return what new contracts we have made of late years as soon as we have any number. With note of reply. [To return what money they have received, and to certify where Nathaniel Hawthorne, mentioned in their account, lives, that we may take course for getting the 315*l.* owing by him.] [1 *page.*]

Oct. 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Winslow and Squibb present to the Army Committee the salaries this committee has agreed on for their officers, and desire their warrant to the treasurers for payment.

Also that they represent the condition of the messengers employed by the late committee and their service, an account of which they have subscribed, and request 7*s.* 6*d.* a day for those days when they were abroad. [*G* 11, *p.* 231.]

Oct. 18. Committee for Compounding to Alderman Allen. There is 500*l.* due from sequestrations in the hands of the Committee for co. Dorset. We beg your directions for its safe and speedy return. [*G* 11, *p.* 231.]

Oct. 18. York. **36.** County Committee for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. We send you the enclosed queries for our better direction. As Michaelmas has passed, which is the time when most men receive their half year's rent, it is very necessary your order should be given, and more particularly because corn, cattle, and hay, as well as rents, are suspended, and cannot be disposed of until receipt of such order. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

36. I. *Queries to the Committee for Compounding on particular cases. Also*

On 3rd July last we gave you notice of [*Lewis*] *Carr, a Scotch bastard, who was an officer in the Scots' army, and who, as also his wife, have since died in Scotland without issue. He had a mortgage of part of the lordship of Low Killerby for* 800*l.*, *the rents of which we have secured until further order.*

[*Hen.*] *Simpson, under pretence of an old judgment, kept the whole estate of* [*Rich.*] *Vincent, which is of far greater value than the rent the lands were found at by the sheriff, and we have therefore stayed these rents also.* [*The seizure to be continued until the party makes good his claim.*]

We also acquainted you with an information from a good hand of 1,500*l.*, *stock of the late King's in the alum works at Stapewath, managed by Sir Paul Pinder, and craved order concerning it, but received none.* [*This belongs to the Revenue Committee, and they will take care thereof.*]

We long since returned informations against Geo. Meynell of Dalton, [*John*] *Garfield of Finningley, Ra. Baynes, Robt. Pollard, and John Todd of Liddell, and his son, but have not received any answer whether they are sequestrable or not.* [*To seize and secure, and pursue your instructions.*]

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Having heard that Lady Carlisle is a delinquent, and in the Tower about Sir John Gell's engagement, what are we to do therein? [We shall endeavour to have the resolution of the House.]

There is much abuse in destroying sequestered woods, and we have no power to punish the offenders, whereby the woods are much wasted; we therefore desire such power. [All justices of peace have it; but if you send up their names, the Committee for Compounding will take course therein.]

There are 30 concealed manors producing many thousands yearly, which several lawyers think belong to the Commonwealth. We enclose a copy of the record; should not the rents be stayed, or otherwise? [We have put it in a way of examination, and will give directions.]

[Thos.] Morley's rents were stayed in the tenants' hands last July, but we have not received any order to collect them. [Send up particulars of the lands at their former worth, and continue the seizures.]

Sir Arthur Hesilrigge having power to compound with delinquents in the 4 Northern counties, compounded with [Wm.] Musgrave of [Penrith] Cumberland for certain lands lying here, though in none of the 4 counties, and expects we should discharge the sequestration, but we cannot do it without your order.

John Scott of Bellerby was taken prisoner by the soldiers for going without his 5 miles' compass, and brought before us; he confessed he had been in the first war, but was not sequestered because he had nought to sequester; since then we have discovered 100l. of his in the hands of Mr. Cresfield, which we have stayed. We desire you will judge him on his own confession, and send us an order for sequestering him, that the party, paying his money to us, may be discharged. [If he shall not within 3 months after seizure produce a discharge, levy the money; meantime, take an examination upon his confession, and send it to us.]

The passages between brackets are marginal notes of the reply, which is dated 9 Dec. 1650. [1 *sheet; also G* 30, *p.* 483.]

Oct. ? Reply to queries of the County Committee for York.

3. You have 3 agents allowed with pay from 1 March 1650, but commissions will not be sent till we hear from you; the pay of 4*s.* a day to be distributed as you think fit among those that act.

4. If witnesses come on State business only and are arrested, we will do our best to procure their liberation, and send for any who obstruct them in contempt of our orders.

5. You are to use the best means you can in returning the sequestration money.

6. Inform yourselves of the value of every sequestered estate by the best enquiry or view, without surveying by acres.

7. Do not pay the arrears of Lord Dunbar's fee-farm rents, but certify who received the profits, and call him to account for the arrears.

8, 9. Sheriffs or officers distraining without our leave shall be sent for in custody to answer their contempt, and you must certify the names of those who molest tenants.

10. Certify the names of all who made discoveries depending before 8 Aug. 1650, and we will order allowance of $\frac{1}{3}$; no other allowance can be made as yet. [*G* 172, *p.* 577.]

Oct. 18. **37.** County Committee for Middlesex and Westminster to the Committee for Compounding. Although your order on behalf of Capt. John Smith is contrary to your former resolves, we have viewed the lands and a tenement belonging to Wm. Kirkham, delinquent in Isleworth, and find them 16 acres, and the tenement much out of repair. [We think no contradiction, because they are to certify us before they let.]

Smith, being tenant, was in treaty with us, but refused to give 8*l.* a year besides taxes and repairs; John Remnant of Isleworth, who brought a recommendation from you, offered 9*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* above all taxes and reparations, and security for performance, if he might have a lease for 7 years. Mr. Sprigg, an able and honest man, has also offered as much as any man on behalf of the delinquent's children, and to repair the house and barn, which are ready to fall down; but we have not contracted with any, as the present lease does not expire until 25 Dec. next. [The estate is to be let to Mr. Sprigg for the use of the children.]

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We have surveyed all the sequestered lands here which are mostly on lease, and would have made a return ere this, had not the case of the York House rents and other references from you hindered; we hope soon to make a perfect return of our surveys and contracts, which will be few in regard of the leases aforesaid. We sent to Lord Howard and Mr. Salway for their rents, but they reply that by their leases they have to pay them to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. The bracketed passages are marginal notes of reply. [1¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 18. Lewes. **38.** The late County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. You order the county committee to levy 20*l.* a-piece upon us for neglect in not making a certificate concerning sequestrations in such form as you expect. We wonder that we should be thus paid for our troublesome service, having dealt therein with faithfulness and advantage to the State.

At the time of this new nomination, we returned you a duplicate of what estates were then under sequestration, and where they lay, together with their worth; but to give account who were formerly sequestered, and how they came off, is impossible for us to do, but for the solicitor and other officers who had allowance for keeping the accounts, which was never expected of us to do. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 18. Derby. **39.** County Committee for Derby to the Committee for Compounding. Enclosed are the rentals of the estates of Papists and delinquents in this county, as they were at the highest value in time of peace; also a schedule of the said estates as they were let by us with a rebatement of the assessments, for one year from 25 March last. We have not paid any annuity or rent charge, save such as we knew issued out of the estates, which are mentioned at the end of each rental. We have defalked the ladies' 5th part, so that the State may have no prejudice.

We have paid in 1,900*l.* and 200*l.*, which is to be accounted of the Midsummer rents, and such arrears as we received for Ladyday rents. We have also received 400*l.* of the Michaelmas rents on part of the Earl of Chesterfield's estate, which either is or will soon be paid in. With note that no annuities are to be allowed without orders; that thanks are to be returned for their care, and that as money comes in, they are to return it from time to time, and take care that the estates are improved. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 19. Leicester. **40.** County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. Our Militia Commissioners have issued warrants to the tenants of sequestered estates to find horses for the use of the Commonwealth, and to deduct for them out of their rents, which, being a considerable sum, will much obstruct us in collecting the rents; so we pray speedy directions therein, and also as to the keeping of courts, about which we are much pressed by the tenants, and the authorising of a steward for them. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 21. Leicester. **41.** Arthur Stavely, sheriff of co. Leicester, to the Committee for Compounding. I received your letter, with the two copies enclosed, one of which I proclaimed in the borough of Leicester on the 12th inst., and the other at Melton Mowbray on the 15th, those being the two most eminent market towns, and fixed the same in public places in the towns, according to directions. [⅛ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

41. 1. *Order in Parliament concerning rates for the composition of delinquents,* 2 *Oct.* 1650. [*See p.* 323 *supra.*]

Endorsed with notes of their publication at Newark, East Retford, Mansfield, Worksop, and Southwell, on 9, 12, 16, 17, *&* 19 *October respectively. Signed by Wm. Clarkson, deputy-sheriff.* [1 *sheet, printed.*]

Oct. 21. Chichester. **42.** County Committee for the West Division of Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. Your letters and orders in relation to the great arrears expected of us, owing to the distance of our habitation, have not been received by us, but have been kept by the Committee for the East Division, who act by themselves.

We wish you to look back to your late orders to us for discharge of delinquents' and Papists' estates in the rapes of Chichester, Arundel, and Bramber, in our West Division. We hear of like letters and orders sent to those in the East Division.

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The estates discharged or otherwise suspended in our division are—

	£	s.	d.
⅔ of the estate of Francis, Lord Montague, recusant, given the Palsgrave at Ladyday 1650, for ½ a year then due -	586	15	0
The estate of Sir Charles Shelley, per annum - -	1000	0	0
,, Col. Hen. Shelley, ,, - -	80	0	0
,, Sir Edw. Bishop, ,, - -	1185	0	0
,, Thos. Middleton, ,, - -	488	10	0
And one year's rent received by the former committee, and yet in their hands - - - - - -	488	10	0
Also the arrears depending upon the said Middleton for the woods in St. Leonard's Forest, parcel of the estate of Sir Rich. Weston, a Papist and delinquent, and due from Middleton	1140	0	0
The estate of Rich. Booker, discharged from sequestration by the former committee, and no rents received - -	25	0	0
	£4,993	15	0

There are several other sums received by the late county committee and returned as arrears, as also several estates, as Lord Goring's, Henry [? Thomas] Bellingham's, of New Timber, and others upon which there are extents and judgments long since settled, and no rents yet received by us. What we have received has been paid to you, and what remains in our hands we will give an account of in 10 days. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that a postscript be added to all letters to be sent to the counties, ordering them to send their last year's accounts with all speed. [*G* 11, *p.* 234.]

Oct. 22. Committee for Compounding to the following county committees:—

Bucks.	Leicester.	Northampton.
Dorset.	Gloucester.	Nottingham.
Chester.	Hertford.	Northumberland.
Durham.	Hereford.	Somerset.
Cumberland.	Lancaster.	Stafford.
Derby.	Norfolk.	
Devon.	Lincoln.	
Huntingdon.		

The letter consists of the postscript of 17 Oct. [*see p.* 334 *supra*] and to the last six the postscript ordered above was added. [*G* 11, *p.* 279.]

Oct. 22. Winton. **43.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. You ordered the levying a fine of 20*l.* upon every member of the late committee who had not made a return of their proceedings, but we cannot see how we may justly levy such fine, as it is not possible for them to perform your desires. Their clerk being slain in the late wars, the book was lost wherein the first seizures were entered, and after him other clerks were removed, so that there is no positive time of any seizures or when they were made; we have perused their books, and extracted as much as tends to advance the service of sequestration.

The former sequestrators require time to perfect their accounts, and all allege that they are so far from having moneys in hand that the State is in their debt.

We had perfected most of our contracts for the ensuing year before the receipt of your order, and had made allowance of such annuities, quit rents, and rents reserved as appeared real; how we can now recall the same, contrary to our own acts we cannot see, without prejudice to our own repute, and also to the public, the time of the year being now past to provide new tenants upon reasonable terms: nevertheless, we have given notice of your desires to those concerned, and directed them to procure your approbation of such allowances.

We have returned all moneys received; of the last half year's revenue we have paid in and have receipts for a greater sum than is mentioned in your letter. By this time, near 1,000*l.* has been paid, and very little remains to be collected. We will return the Michaelmas rents and particulars of all estates within our charge, but we shall be unable to ascertain the time when each estate first came under sequestration. We meet every Wednesday and Saturday at [Thos.] Muspratt's house, and most days in the week besides.

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As two of the former sequestrators are residing in London, viz., Thos. Baker, of the First Fruits' Office, and Thos. Browne, living in Fetter Lane, goldsmith, we cannot give them any authentic summons. We require 2 or 3 weeks further time before sending our returns. With marginal notes in reply that they are to call together the collectors and sequestrators of the several divisions, and require them to give an account of the time of the seizures and discharges, and view such books as are extant; not to pay any rents or annuities, until allowed by the Committee for Compounding, and to continue the seizures until further order. [2 *pages*.]

Oct. 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the reduced officers of co. Dorset present the names of 10 of the persons against whom they have preferred charges of delinquency, which are to be sent down to the County Sequestrators, who are to certify the examinations taken against them to the Committee for Advance of Money. The papers relating thereto with Mr. Leech to be transmitted to [Dan.] Cox.

Order, at request of the Commissioners for London, that Hen. Linch be added to their number.

On considering the Act of 1 Aug., order that this committee have power to compound with creditors at the same rate at which the delinquent should have compounded, the last time he was capable of composition. [*G* 11, *p*. 234.]

Order that the committee set fines on extents and mortgages with those who have sent in particulars on Tuesdays, and all concerned are to attend to perfect their compositions. [*G* 10, *p*. 192.]

Oct. 23. Carlisle. Edw. Pearson to the Committee for Compounding. I am ordered by the County Committee of Cumberland to pay in 48*l*. and 12*l*. The 12*l*. was paid by order; the 48*l*. was in part for my 3 years' service under the old committee, who had power to give allowance to their agents. I ask no more than the rest have received. Sir Art. Hesilrigge knows I have been a great sufferer in the service, for I was taken prisoner and kept till Carlisle yielded. The good report I hear of you makes me believe that some of you have been fellow-sufferers with me.

I beg an order to these commissioners to forbear taking my goods, and in 20 days I will send up the orders of the old committee, which I hope will satisfy you. If not, I must come up on my return from Scotland, where I am going with my colonel, the Governor of Carlisle, who knows my courage towards delinquents. These commissioners know my sufferings, for they were my fellow-prisoners 17 weeks. With note of reply, "the commissioners to certify what they know concerning him, and whether he did the office of a collector, and if he were not satisfied by them." [*G* 110, *p*. 323.]

Oct. 23. Salop. **44.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We received the warrant of the treasurers-at-war and your order for imbursing 1,000*l*., but all our moneys were returned to London; on the importunity of Capt. Edge, we have engaged ourselves to pay him 1,000*l*. in a fortnight, but we fear that in so short a time we shall have to press hard upon the tenants to pay it in, and we must borrow besides, and be forced to give a longer time for the remainder of the rents; therefore do not expect more money for awhile, but as fast as we can gather the rents in, we will do so, and return them. [1 *page*.]

Oct. 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the counsel for the State express on all reports the date of the deed and time of delivery, and note in the margin when the deed has not been proved.

Thos. Fowle appointed agent for the State to attend the committee. [*G* 11, *p*. 236.]

Oct. 24. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Westmoreland. We wonder much that you should pretend want of direction in [Wm.] Fleming and [Chris.] Gilpin's cases, when our instructions direct your course in letting all sequestered estates.

We have already appointed Garnett your agent, and received no complaint for which we see cause to dismiss him. If he waive the employment, or refuse the engagement, we will readily dismiss him on good grounds, and authorise the person you commend.

As to the woods named by Capt. Brown, sell the under woods to the best advantage, view what timber there is to be felled, and tell us what may be raised by the sale, and we will give directions. [*G* 11, *p*. 279.]

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Oct. 24. Ipswich. **45.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. We informed you long since that we had received a duplicate from the late county committee of the return which they sent up to you. The annual revenue under our management does not exceed 5,700*l.*, 300*l.* whereof we are stayed from gathering in. Before 25 Jan. last the sheriffs had levied for the State's two thirds 700*l.* Since the receipt of your letter we have got in 500*l.* more, which we are returning with speed. Considering this, with what has already been paid in, and the necessary deductions, we hope hereafter you will not judge that we keep the State's money in our hands, or have been remiss.

We have appointed our weekly meetings at Ipswich on Saturday, the common market day. We have drawn an abstract of persons in arrear with their rents due 25 March last, and are preparing a perfect rental of all our revenue, and one of us will wait upon you with the whole, being unwilling to hazard them by the post. With note, 27 Nov., that this letter was answered to [Wm.] Hanby, [one of the Commissioners] he being present. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 24. Redcastle, co. Montgomery. **46.** Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. Yours of the 20th ult. charged us with having 2,833*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* of sequestration under our management, which we suppose you have extracted out of our letter and account of 6 Mar. 1650, sent in reply to yours requiring us to certify what estates in our commission continued under sequestration. We could only give an estimate of their value, and we certified the obstructions to receiving them, as that the estate of Sir John Price was suspended by some of the late committee, and since we have secured it, we are required to show cause for so doing.

Our agent is gathering in of the last Michaelmas rent, having raised the Lady-day rent before we were commissioned. We also certified that the estate of Herbert Vaughan, worth 1,000*l.* a year, was kept with a high hand by Edw. Vaughan, and he is now in question before you for it. We gave you an estimate of other estates of which nothing could be made; if you had well perused it, we could not have been suspected of having such a vast sum in our hands. Our agent is very industrious in levying for rents and arrears. Capt. Rich. Price is our treasurer of the moneys got in, which we hope will be considerable. Edw. Vaughan is now at liberty; let him be called before you to clear that estate. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 24. **47.** Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. Hearing that Ald. [John] Dethick had 750*l.* in hand, due by bond to Wm. Gibson, a delinquent, we sent to secure it; and his answer not being satisfactory, he was summoned before us, when he stated that the business was before the Committee for Sequestration, and produced an order from them. Notes of cases.

On the 17th inst. we received your order requiring us to levy 20*l.* upon each man of the late county committee, for not delivering their records to us; you require us when needful to view their books, and make transcripts so as to inform ourselves of the names of persons; what lands and goods have been sequestered and how disposed of; what warrants, &c., have been delivered to their late solicitor and collectors, and how far prosecuted; and to take into our custody all deeds, evidences, and writings, and examine who has been discharged from sequestration, and by what orders; but we cannot comply with any of these commands unless such records are delivered to us.

We also send a list of contracts for your confirmation, and a valuation of the house in possession of Eliz. Bateman, widow. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

47. 1. *Order by the Committee for Sequestrations that the business concerning the debt owing by [Anne] Parker, now wife to Alderman Dethick, to Wm. Gibson, late of London, a delinquent, be dismissed until further order. Feb.* 6, 1649. [*See Advance of Money Calendar, p.* 277.] [½ *page, copy.*]

Oct. 24. Dorchester. County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. We have been too continually employed yet to perfect our account of the county revenues. Do not suppose we conceal or detain moneys. We are glad to get rid of them by the speediest way of safe conveyance. Notes of cases. We sent you 1,000*l.*, which we fear, by failure of promises, will not soon come to hand, and we beg your directions for discharge of conveyance.

We also want power to pay those who discover any benefit to the State, being much solicited by those who have made discoveries. [*G* 152, *p.* 541.]

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Oct. 26. Exeter. **48.** John Searle and Rich. Clapp, two of the county committee for Devon, to the Committee for Compounding. Though we have received no reply to our complaint of 4 Oct. of a defect in our commission, there being only six signatures to it, we have carried on the work on account of the necessity of the case. Returns of cases. We acquainted you that we had chosen a clerk for keeping the courts.

By the enclosed you will see what is done this week. We can get no help from any of the former committees, either in Devon or Exeter, and but from few of their agents, and have therefore issued warrants to levy the penalty on those that were refractory. We have done what we can for discoveries and getting in the rents, but shall have difficulty in clearing the Commonwealth from debt, through former ill-management; such 5ths, rents, and annuities as were formerly allowed are so demanded that now our exactness is accounted severity. The former authority had liberty to relieve at pleasure, and we have none, though moved by compassion for wives and children, yet we refer them to your pleasure, and take what they can pay on account, until they have obtained your order. Case of Arthur Bassett.

Say whether upon sequestration, all arrears are to be taken in, up to the time of composition, as we find such rents in the hands of some that pretend for their freedom, and threaten us if we meddle with them. Edm. Windham, under pretence of extents, judgments, and mortgages, has withheld about 300*l.* a year these 4 years in Payhembury, and an augmentation of 37*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* granted 4 years since by the Committee for Plundered Ministers out of his impropriate sheaf there, for a preacher at Buckerell; and seeing he can oppose Parliament no longer, he now thinks to save all arrears by composition.

Rich. Fulcher, messenger to the Revenue Committee, levied on the estate of Rich. Lane under sequestration 7*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* for fees, which he might have taken from other lands that were liable, and we find it a heavy charge in accounting for that rent.

Many discoveries are likely to be tendered, but some are shy to appear, as there is no encouragement either for them or witnesses; many look on the fifths as hard to be recovered, and he that brings a sack to the mill will expect grist for toll.

Amount of receipts for the week. If you do not encourage us, that we may employ such as would be active in that part of the work which we cannot attend to ourselves, being followed with appeals—for we hope you will not grudge us, but give us allowance for extraordinary charges—we cannot possibly accomplish it according to our desires, the necessity of the work and the greatness of the county considered.

It is said here that we may not expect your answer to our desires, as we have no solicitor near you, but we hope you know our work and wages. Your letters will speedily reach us if left with the Governor of Exeter Castle. [1¾ *pages.*]

Enclosing,

48. I. *List of manors under sequestration belonging to John Arundel of Trerise, and* 10 *others. With note by John Searle and Rich. Clapp, that Rich. Carter, the agent, cannot return Lord Petre's estate, until a Court of Survey has been kept, as between* 20,000*l. and* 30,000*l. has been raised out of the estate since the late wars.* [1 *page.*]

Oct. 26. Nottingham. County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We send our accounts for Ladyday rents, and will advance the service to our utmost. We have neither been remiss nor kept moneys in hand, but returned them safely. We send particulars of the rentals from the late Committee for Sequestrations, amounting but to 899*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*, and the agent has received 100*l.* by their order. [You are to require payment thereof and of all other sums received by them since 25 Dec. 1649.] We shall now look after further sequestrations.

We advanced from the March sequestrations 1,293*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*, a large sum considering the ruinous state of this county, long the seat of the war, so that many estates were untenantable. [Who allowed the Earl of Newcastle's children ⅕ of his lands in the county?] We have now demised the sequestered lands for a year, for 5,803*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.*, and have paid in 1,231*l.*, and will pay in the rest.

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Through the power of the enemy and the indigency of the country, the late Committee for Sequestrations received not $\frac{1}{40}$ of the sequestrations, and had to borrow moneys to carry on the Parliamentary service; and when Newark was reduced, most of the sequestrations were discharged.

P.S.—We sit twice a week at Nottingham and elsewhere as required.

We want orders in several cases, and also to know how to proceed with those noted sequestrable by you. [*G* 164, *pp.* 299, 300.]

Oct. 26. Dorchester. County Committee for Dorsetshire to the Committee for Compounding. We asked you on 28 May to allow annuities granted by the late Committee for Sequestrations to several persons, and receiving no answer, and our bowels of compassion being moved with their lamentable complaints, we renew the request. Widow Pond's husband was executed by Sir Lewis Dives for the Parliament cause, her annuity was 10*l.*; Lieut. Thos. Butler, who claims 40*l.*, had both his eyes shot in the service, and John Smedmore, who claims 12*l.*, had a new house pulled down for defence of Poole garrison. Noted that the Committee for Compounding can do nothing without special order of Parliament. [*G* 152, *p.* 671.]

Oct. 26. Kendal. **49.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We promised to send up the half year's rents due, but as we cannot get the sum returned, shall we send it by the carrier, or dispose of it for some garrison in the North? With notes of directions in cases. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 26. Hereford. **50.** Mathew Barrow, one of the Committee for Sequestrations in co. Hereford, to the Committee for Compounding. You intimate that we must not allow charges of horse and dragoons on estates under sequestration. I attended a meeting of the commissioners for raising dragoons, and tendered your letters to the Militia Commissioners, and acquainted them with some estates under sequestration. The governor of the Castle seemed grieved, and said I came to retard the service, and some of his followers added that I should be discharged of my commission, which I shall be very glad of. However I desire to come up within 3 weeks, and make my accounts even, being trusted with the sequestration money, and shall then be pleased to leave the office, but hope I shall not be disgraced; if the soldiers do not govern all with us, they will take it unkindly. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

50. 1. *Committee for Compounding to the Governor of Hereford Castle. We have lately received a letter from one of the Committee for Sequestrations in your county, that offence was taken by you upon his presenting a letter of ours requiring the Commissioners not to allow of those charges of horse and dragoons laid upon estates under sequestration; it seems expressions were used which we perceive are grounds of discouragement to him in the service he has undertaken.*

We have heard so fair a report of your worth and merit, that we hope you will rather promote that work than give the least check to it, by manifesting your dislike of anything which they shall do pursuant to our direction, which is the rule by which they are by their oath obliged to proceed. Therefore—since we have upon very good consideration declared our judgments to such commissioners upon that particular, and required their care in preserving the interest in those estates of the Commonwealth, whose indeed they now are, and not the delinquents',—we desire that those who are there employed may not meet with any opposition from you, or any others where your power may protect them from it, in the exercise of what is required by Parliament, but that you and they will assist such as shall act in carrying on that service. [*Draft,* $\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Oct. 28. Petition of Mat. Naylor of York, formerly quartermaster to Col. Hugh Bethell in Yorkshire, to the Committee for Compounding. Capt. Hen. Fotherby, a late sequestration agent, having deserted his employment because he has taken charge of a foot company in the Northern expedition, assigned his employment as far as in him lay to petitioner, who has served Parliament in both wars, and is much in arrear for service in the latter. Begs the renewal of the commission. [*G* 86, *p.* 1,039.] *Annexing,*

1. *Commission by the Committee for Compounding to Fotherby, to act as their agent in co. York, at 4s. a day, 4 June* 1650; *with assignation of the same by Fotherby to Naylor, 28 Oct.* 1650. [*G* 86, *p.* 1,041.]

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[Oct. 29.] **51.** Petition of George Long of Preston Candover, co. Hants, to the Committee for Compounding, for the grant of further time in ⅔ of the estate of Fras. Perkins, at a rent of 26*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, the same as offered by John Perkins, or under a fine for a term of 7 years, and for avoidance of the contract made by the County Committee for Hants to John Perkins, as it was made contrary to order.

Has lost 1,000*l.* for abiding in the Parliament quarters. In the late wars, was constrained to retire to London, and reside within the lines of communication for 4 years, where he voluntarily contributed a great part of his estate upon public faith. Soon after the taking of Winchester Castle and Basing House, repaired to his house, which he found utterly ruined, and his land laid waste by means of the garrisons, in consideration whereof the then county committee granted him a small farm in Preston belonging to Fras. Perkins, a recusant, at a yearly rent, with license to make bricks on the premises to repair his own house. Nevertheless, the present sub-commissioners 3 months since,—on receipt of an order from the Committee for Compounding directing them to certify the true value of the farm and the cause of Perkins' sequestration,—let it to John Perkins, recusant, son of Francis, for 26*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* He endeavours to remove petitioner from the farm before the expiration of his time, before you were certified by the county committee either of the value of the farm, or the cause of sequestration, contrary to your order made on the petition of Fras. Perkins. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 29. Winchester. **52.** John Champion to Rich. Moore, at Mr. Thayne's house, near the Half Moon Tavern, Covent Garden. The estate desired to be taken by Alderman Allen in East Meon belongs to Benjamin Wyborne, a sequestered recusant, two thirds whereof is for the year ensuing let to [John] Manger of Godalming, co. Surrey, his agent, with a small tenement in Winchester at 41*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* per annum, but as this has not yet been confirmed, he may be willing to pleasure Alderman Allen and relinquish the agreement.

Mr. Long has little cause to complain against us, as the estate he held belonged to [Fras.] Perkins, a recusant, and so only ⅔ were at our disposal, and Perkins obtained your order prohibiting us from letting it to any other, so that we conceived we might let it to himself, he being desirous to place his own son there; Mr. Long then declared that he should be glad to enjoy the society of such a neighbour. Afterwards [Thos.] Muspratt and [Edw.] Hooker, in their view of the estates in the division of Basingstoke, took a survey of that estate, and would have treated with him for it, but he again declared his readiness to pleasure Mr. Perkins; and though they then made proposals to him touching the rent, he declined, unless he might hold it as formerly at 15*l.*, which we could not consent to, in regard of our oath to do our utmost to advance the revenue.

As we were desirous to make our returns perfect, Michaelmas being near, and Mr. Perkins offering fairly for his own estate, we thought it would have been injurious to deny him, especially as we were directed by so good a warrant; and thinking Mr. Long fully consented, we let the same to John Perkins, the son, as desired, at 26*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, clear of charges, and it could not have been disposed of to better advantage. Notes of a case. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 29. Reading. **53.** County Committee for Berks to the Commissioners for Compounding. By your last you mentioned the revenue of this county under our management to be 1,260*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* yearly, whereof you supposed 630*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* was due 25 March last, besides arrears due upon the account of the treasurers and collectors to the former committees. We received a rental from the clerk of the committee amounting to or near 1,260*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*, but a great part thereof cannot be received by us, for the reasons specified in the enclosed abstract. We know of no other arrears. The little money in our hands we shall pay in as soon as we can raise it to a considerable sum.

We also enclose a rental of the revenue of sequestrations in our charge as they now are, with particulars of contracts made since 3 Sept. last, when we returned you those made before. Our meetings are once a week, at Reading or Wallingford.

With marginal notes of reply, 6 Dec. We answered your abstract, and if you had called your treasurers and collectors to account, you would not have written of not knowing of any money or arrears in their hands. We hope you will be more careful for the future. As to the contracts, we fear you have not perused the Act of 25 Jan., and our last instructions of 30 Aug., for you have let

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several estates far under their value, as [George] Browne's estate for 80*l.*, when you might have had 240*l.* You are to send up a statement of Mr. Browne's case, and whether he is a Papist only, or a Papist delinquent; you are not to grant further leases upon contracts until further order. In surveying of estates, you are to trust your own view only, and to certify whether you have personally viewed the estates contracted for. [*Also G* 30, *p.* 13.]

Oct. 29. Cambridge. **54.** County Committee for Cambridgeshire to the Committee for Compounding. The sequestration of Newton Manor and Foxton Rectory was suspended by an order from the Sequestration Committee, procured by a wrong information [*from the children of John Hills, D.D., viz., Anne, wife of Dr. Thos. Wilson, and 3 sons, see G* 197, *p.* 641] that their father left the profits thereof for raising portions, and that they had not received any part thereof, whereas Dr. Hills died, leaving goods and money enough to pay their portions. Dr. [Thos.] Wilson receives the profits. Shall we sequester the same again, as he is a delinquent? [To be sequestered.]

As to getting in rents and arrears, we have done all that lay in our power, and what we have received is paid into Goldsmiths' Hall. A great part of the rent goes in taxes for the army, in fifth parts for delinquents' wives, and in charges for repairs, &c.; but we shall speedily get in the Michaelmas rents with arrears, pay them in, and bring up accounts for the whole year. [Sequestered lands not to be taxed more than others, and the instructions about horse and dragoons to be followed.]

We have agreed to sit on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Cock, in the Peas Market Hill. We are ordered to levy 20*l.* a-piece upon the former committee, and have received an unsatisfactory return from the late committee of the Isle of Ely, which we have sent up, with a copy of the charge against Luke Voice, one of the former committee, for detaining 400*l.* in his hands, which he denies. [In what particular is it unsatisfactory?] We shall, as ordered, call in all the accounts of the treasurers and collectors, and if they refuse to bring them in, we shall put the order into execution. [They are to prosecute orders and enquire into Voice's accounts.] [1 *page.*]

Oct. 30. Order of the Committee for Compounding that commissioners be elected for the county of Somerset and city of Bristol, with whom the Council of State is to be made acquainted.

Order on separate nominations that the following be chosen :—

John Gorges.	Humphrey Blake.
Nehemiah Collins.	Sam. Whetcombe.
Ben. Mason, continued.	Nath. Quash.

That these be the only commissioners.

That the depositions sent from the Council of State about Capts. Mason and Sampson, and Mr. Shute, be transcribed, and copies kept with the commissioners.

That Moyer and Winslow attend the Council of State this afternoon, acquaint them with these resolves, and thank them for their promise of assistance in bringing the former commissioners to account.

That the former commissioners be again written to for a return of proceedings and accounts.

That Thos. Fowle, agent to this committee, be allowed 150*l.* a year. [*G* 12, *pp.* 1, 2.]

Oct. 30. Northwich. **55.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. The Earl of Shrewsbury's estate is discharged on a deed settling it for payment of debts, &c. [They are not to allow of any deeds but by directions from hence. The Earl is to make proof of the deed, and in the meantime sequestration to be laid on his whole estate. If they receive order to allow the deed for debt and portions, they must sequester ⅔ of Lady [Mary] Talbot's jointure.]

We mentioned,—in the case of John Carrill of Harting, in Sussex, who claimed Mr. Cotton's fee-farm rent from Dee Mills in Chester, by grant made to him from Cotton since the wars,—that Cotton was a Papist, and if enquired after, might prove a delinquent, and this being of special concern, we desired and desire your resolution therein. [If Cotton be sequestered as a Papist, they are to receive the rent of the mills, the deed being made since the wars.] We also asked your resolution as to the 208*l.* seized from Sir Rich. Grosvenor, and

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due to Sir Fras. Gamul, and as to the 25*l.* belonging to [Peter] Skelhorne. [Let Sir Rich. Grosvenor have notice to attend within six weeks, to show cause why he should not pay the money.]

By your order of 2 Aug. last, you allowed Mrs. Werden a fifth part of her husband's estate, and by our letter of the 27th of the same month, we certified the value of such estate, and desired your resolution whether you intended her to have the 5th part of the value of the estate, and levies, taxes, and rent-charges to be paid out of the 4 other parts, or but the 5th part of the clear profits thereof, but we have not yet received any answer therein. [Only a 5th part of the clear profits, and the like in all other cases of 5th parts.]

As for the charge of horses and the like imposed upon sequestered estates, we hope to prevent the same for the future, and will also endeavour to get in the accounts required, from those formerly employed as agents, &c. We are glad you are better satisfied as to our care in our instructions, as also in what you required in the way of deductions out of sequestered estates, and what we found the clear revenue to be. By yours of the 22nd of Oct. you require us to send an account of our receipts and disbursements of all sequestered estates within co. Chester for the year ending at Michaelmas last, as also of what is in arrear upon them, which we intended to have done ere this, but it involves much labour, and the examination of each estate separately. We have spent much time and pains in examining and cross-examining witnesses.

We are now busy in the city and county, in settling estates of the value of 20*l.* and upwards, all of which will take time, and during that period something will still be coming in to add to our account. We desire to know whether it will not be as well to render a whole year's account of all things, as also of the charge issuing out of any estate, as the clear revenue and arrears will thus be completed and best known, and time given us in the interim to perfect accounts, and this will not obstruct us in what we have to do otherwise; but if we are to send up accounts ending at Michaelmas we shall submit, and must then of force let some other things stay until that be over. [If the terms, or the greater part of them, determine at Michaelmas, the commissioners expect an account to that time, but if at Martinmas, then to perfect the accounts to that period.]

You were pleased to give us liberty to allow pay for one clerk, but no one clerk can do the whole, and therefore we hope you will reconsider our proposal, as we are all willing to be guided and directed by you. The passages in brackets are marginal notes in reply. [2½ *pages.*]

Oct. 30. Northwich. **56.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a letter to your treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, wherein is a bill of exchange for 270*l.*, payable 20 Nov. next. We hope the last 200*l.* sent was paid on the 20th inst. We also send an answer to yours of the 17th and 22nd inst., and desire yours in return. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 30. Huntingdon. **57.** County Committee for Hunts to the Committee for Compounding. We have been much delayed in making returns of the Papists and delinquents, and accounts of their estates, by not receiving our commission until last July, and not being able to have meetings of the tenants on account of the harvest; we hope to send them in a fortnight, as also our statement of accounts, and of the estates let for the present year, with the clear rental. We have meetings every Saturday at the Falcon, in Huntingdon, and sometimes oftener, as business requires, and have appointed John Leet, of South-hoo, as our treasurer.

With marginal note of reply that the Committee for Compounding hope they are sensible of the great want of money, and will therefore speedily return it, and call the former collectors to account. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 30. Derby. **58.** County Committee for Derby to the Committee for Compounding. We have not admitted any charge upon sequestered estates for horse and foot, being ourselves in commission for the service of the militia, and knowing we had no power to issue money without order; but such persons as you allowed 5th parts to are charged for their ⅕.

You prohibit the paying of annuities, rent-charges, &c. without order, and as there are divers fee-farm rents and compositions for tithes due to ministers and impropriators, issuing out of sequestered estates, which have been constantly paid and are now demanded, and as great disturbance is made through their

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nonpayment, we desire directions. With note that as soon as it is sufficiently shown how those charges were laid upon the estates, they will be allowed. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 30. Colchester. **59.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. We want instructions concerning Mr. Winstanley, as he will soon apply to us for satisfaction for his pretended extent upon [Edw.] Green's estate. We have taken proceedings as to the arrears due by particular tenants.

Particulars of cases. We find many estates freed from sequestration, for which there are no discharges, and as our instructions are not full, we desire to know whether we may secure rents until satisfaction is made. [If the estates were sequestered and are not compounded for, or are undervalued, they are to secure them.] As for discoveries, the retarding of assuring the allowance expressed in the late Act is of much prejudice; we, and others who addressed themselves to us, conceived the sole power to be in yourselves. There are several persons pretending they have great discoveries to make, who only attend an answer in this particular. [If the parties will make their discoveries, they will have the benefit of the orders in that behalf.]

We have much business of concern in hand, and will send an account of the remainder of the composition of Essex delinquents with all speed, but we have never received the order you speak of in that matter. [We sent it by your own messenger, and it directed that all those who did not compound with you were to appear before us, with particulars of their estates, such as they would stand by, within 14 days.] We find some improvements upon the expiration of leases, of which you shall have an account.

We have given an account of our weekly sittings at Chelmsford and elsewhere for these three weeks; we shall sit Wednesday, the 6th inst., at Chelmsford, 12th at Walden, 14th at Heningham, 19th at Romford, and 22nd at Chelmsford again. We shall be glad, before we begin this circuit, to receive a word about the discoveries, as there are several persons who have expectations upon it. [To thank them for their care in hastening the sequestrations.] The passages between brackets are marginal notes for a reply. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 31. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the petition of Latimer Sampson and Thos. Shute be shown to the Council of State.

That the committee will sit next Monday, not Tuesday.

That Capt. [Thos. Monings be a commissioner for Kent in place of Capt. [Edw.] Peake.

Order for publication of proofs, and a hearing in the case of Edw. Rogers, agent for co. Gloucester. [*G* 10, *p.* 196.]

Oct. 31. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Hants. Notes on cases. Part of your late letters concern us as a Committee for Advance of Money, which we desire may be kept apart. We sit in a double capacity, and have separate registers for each business.

You do not think the former commissioners can do what is required of them about transcripts. We know no better way than to call together the collectors and sequestrators of the several divisions, and require from them an account of the times of seizures and discharges. They are obliged by the Act of 25 Jan. to make such returns, and liable to penalty on refusal. They desire longer time, but the time prefixed is long since expired.

We cannot consent to the rents and annuities you have allowed without our order, and you are responsible for them; therefore you must demand the rents from the tenants. Notes of cases. Hasten the rentals and your payments. [*G* 11, *p.* 280.]

Oct. 31. **60.** County Committee for Oxon to the Committee for Compounding. We have not been remiss in our duty, and should never so much mind our particular interest as to detain the public treasure, especially in a time of so much want. We have received the late votes of Parliament, but are not concerned in the penalty incurred by those who do not make a due return of the public moneys. No money has been paid to your Treasury since this business was committed to us, but as we have before represented, it has gone towards paying the county troop. Our meetings have been so frequent and public at Deddington and Oxford, that neither the Commonwealth nor any private person has sustained damage by our remissness.

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We enclose a perfect rental of the revenue within our charge, with a particular of the contracts made before your instructions for posting, and since. We offered Sir Wm. Huddlestone's estate to the former tenants upon the former terms, but they refused it, whereupon we posted it, and Hen. Smith offering 40*s.* improved rental, we accepted him; then the former tenants offered 20*l.* more; but, being bound by your instructions, we did not receive them. We also posted the estate of Francis Plowden, set for 36*l.*, but no one has offered more than 32*l.* We received the book of proceedings of the late county committee some months before your order for levying the fine of 20*l.* in case of neglect, and have also had the other evidences and writings in their custody. [1¾ *pages.*]

Oct. Wrexham. **61.** Committee for Sequestrations for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We have been so much employed for some months past in the commission concerning the ministry and settling the militia, that we could not make progress in accounts of the estates under sequestration in cos. Flint, Denbigh, and Merioneth; yet we have sat weekly at Wrexham, and made as great an inspection as the intricacy of former sequestrations, and our other employments would permit, and will send a perfect book of all the estates under sequestration within a month, as also all the money we shall then have received. [1 *page.*]

Oct. ? Petition of Joseph Beverley to the Committee for Compounding, to be their agent for co. York, the late agent, Capt. Stevenson, being dead. Has been agent 3 years to the former and present committees at Haberdashers' Hall. [*G* 67, *p.* 469.]

Nov. 2. Kendal. **62.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We will pursue your instructions touching the sale of underwoods. There is some timber in the parks of Kendal and Thornthwaite, sequestered from the Earl of Worcester and Sir Fras. Howard, which would yield a considerable sum, but it is best to fell it at the spring-time, when the bark may be useful; if you give order for selling it, we will do it to the best advantage.

Capt. Garnett, formerly named as agent, refused to act, and besides, has not subscribed the engagement. We desire a commission for George Archer. We have kept several courts, in particular one of the Earl of Derby's in Betham Manor; there will be a general fine, besides particular fines on admitting new tenants. They usually paid 9 years' rent for a fine to their lord, but 8 years' rent would be reasonable, as the landlords have been great oppressors of their tenants. We desire orders how to proceed in these and other like matters. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 4. Worcester. **63.** County Committee for Worcester to the Committee for Compounding. We will observe your commands in relation to the charge of horse and foot that may be laid upon sequestered estates, but as yet we have had no trouble, and do not fear any, as [John] Latham, a commissioner with us, is also a Militia Commissioner, and is very careful in that business. We will send particulars of receipts for the half year, and of disbursements, so as to clear the whole up to Michaelmas, and will pay in what we have in hand. We send depositions taken on behalf of Stephen Knight. Notes of a case. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Rob. Wallop, according to an Act of 14 Sept. 1649, receive the rents, &c., of Basing Manor, lordship and castle, and of all other manors, lands, tenements, &c., sequestered from the Marquis of Winchester, till Parliament give further order. To be sent to the commissioners of cos. Cornwall, Wilts, Dorset, Hants, Devon, and Somerset. [*G* 10, *p.* 199.]

Nov. 5. Knutsford. **64.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We received order from the late Committee for Compounding on 18 April for seizing and sequestering the real and personal estate of Oliver Hurst, deceased, for whose estate Humfrey Wood was fined, and fifteen others named. We have seized the estates of Lord Brereton, Rich. Mallory, Peter Manwaring, Sir Robt. Brerewood, Sir Hugh Calveley, Rich. Litler, and Dan. Bavand, who have since paid in their moneys and produced their discharge. We have

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also secured the estates of Thos. Manwaring, Robt. Bromfield, and Wm. Barrow, and for Humfrey Wood, the estate of Oliver Hurst, which is in dispute between Wood and [Thos.] Jepson, who married Hurst's widow. We cannot find Thos. Bennet of Barnston. The estates of Hen. Leigh and John Jones cannot as yet be found.

We likewise received orders for seizing and sequestering the real and personal estates of 8 persons named who had been fined for delinquency and had not paid their fines. The estates of Jonathan Wodenoth, Thos. Starkey, Thos. Poole, Sir Fras. Gamul, and Geo. Hope in the city of Chester are all under sequestration. Particulars of cases. [2½ *pages.*]

Nov. 6. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of Essex. Notes on cases. If you meet with any estates sequestered and not compounded for, or the fine unpaid, or compounded for at undervalue, they are to be secured.

We shall solicit Parliament for dispatch of the Act long under debate about discoveries. Meanwhile encourage those who know matters by a promise to enter them as discoverers for the benefit Parliament will afford.

You say you have not received ours, sent by your own messenger, directing you to summon all that compounded in the late insurrection to bring in to us particulars of their estates and fines in 14 days. Let timely notice be given them. Continue your former care. [*G* 11, *p.* 281.]

Nov. 6. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Notts. Notes on cases. You say part of the Ladyday rents were levied by the agent of the late commissioners, but whatever he has received since 25 Dec. you are to demand repayment of, and inflict the penalty of the Act in case of refusal. [*G* 11, *p.* 282.]

Nov. 6. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Cambridge. Let Newton Manor and Foxton Rectory be seized. You name great taxes laid on sequestered estates for support of the army. Take care that they be not more burdened than other estates. About charge of horse and dragoons, follow our late instructions.

Say what you except against in the letter from the Isle of Ely. Use all caution in prosecuting the accounts of the former officers, especially Mr. Voice, who is complained against. Let [Edm.] Scotten see the accounts and surcharge them if needful, and report him if he does not pay what is due. [*G* 11, *p.* 282.]

Nov. 6. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Gloucester. Notes of cases. The Act for allowance to discoverers has been twice read in Parliament. Encourage persons to be entered as discoverers and have the benefit of it, as it will be shortly published. [*G* 11, *p.* 282.]

Nov. 6. Committee for Compounding to the Suffolk Commissioners. We find you let most of the sequestered estates for a year, before our late instructions came to hand. You hint at an inconvenience because the weakest and worst tenants will offer the highest rents, but we hope that will be prevented by your care in the choice of securities.

You speak of sequestered copyhold lands being seized by the lord of the manor, for want of payment of a fine from the recusant to whom the same were surrendered. Take care the fine is paid, but we hope the lord of the manor will not take the forfeiture against the State.

You say the sheriffs levied large sums from Papists' estates before the Act of 25 Jan.; send us an account, that our agent may examine it with that which they have given in to the Exchequer, and be able to surcharge them. Require repayment under penalty of all levied since 25 Dec. [*G* 11, *p.* 283.]

Nov. 6. Committee for Compounding to the Middlesex Commissioners. You charge us with a contradiction between our order about Capt. Smith and our general instructions, but the mistake is yours, for you should always certify us what is your contract with the tenant. As Mr. Sprigg is a sufficient person, admit him, if he will give as good a rent for the benefit of the children [of Wm. Kirkham] and preservation of the estate. The rents of estates leased are made payable to our treasurers, but you should not be damaged thereby. Therefore you are to discount their receipts for your salary, and we will make allowance. [*G* 11, *p.* 283.]

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Nov. 6. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Hants. We hope you are sensible of our great want of money for carrying on the public service, which is to be chiefly supplied by the revenues of sequestered estates. Expedite your returns, and call the former officers to account as directed. [*G* 11, *p.* 283.]

Nov. 6. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of [co. Monmouth]. We hear that Raglan Manor, late the Earl of Worcester's, is not improved to its full value. Take care to make the best advantage of it you may, and give us a speedy account. [*G* 10, *p.* 203.]

Nov. 6. **65.** Queries by the County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. If a tradesman who is already settled in a house and shop is willing to take them at such rent as we shall, upon survey, reasonably impose, must we nevertheless publish the same, or may we let by treaty? [If the occupant be the immediate tenant to the State, you may let it at the full value on survey.]

We beg an answer to our late address touching confirmation of contracts.

Also that we may have the records of the late commissioners, as we cannot proceed without them. With note by W[inslow] to Moyer that the Committee for Compounding cannot give an answer to these matters in private. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 6. **66.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. In your printed paper of 30 Aug. last, wherein you gave us additional instructions for setting estates exceeding the value of 20*l.* a year, we cannot find that we are empowered to set any such, unless to those who will give above the true value, which we conceive is an error in the printing. As divers estates will be shortly in hand, we desire your speedy resolution.

We also received your letter concerning the horse assessed on the estates of delinquents, and have imparted it to the Militia Commissioners. With note of reply that this committee have given such instructions that the State may not be wronged, but that the true value may be given, to avoid combinations to defraud the State. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 6. Winton. County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We have received most of the rents, and hope to pay them in 14 days. [*G* 167, *p.* 528.] *Annexing,*

1. *Certificate that the depositions taken in the cases alluded to are according to instructions,* 6 *Nov.* [*G* 167, *p.* 529.]

Nov. 6. Norwich. **67.** County Committee for Norfolk to the Committee for Compounding. The clamour we meet with in observing your instructions for not allowing annuities out of sequestered estates forces us to submit how prejudicial it is to our letting any farms out of which such annuities issue, as the lessees are subject to be distrained upon for them, and yet to be charged with the whole rent reserved; besides the grantees of many small annuities, scarce worth the charge and travel to you for allowance, consider themselves miserably oppressed, and we cannot give them satisfaction, although the same have been allowed by former committees. [No power in the Act to give power to the county committees to allow incumbrances.]

Mr. Garrett, who has taken the trouble of receiving the moneys upon sequestered estates here, and paying them at Goldsmiths' Hall, should have an allowance for such great trouble. [The whole committee to answer it.] The passages in brackets are marginal notes of reply. [¾ *page.*]

[Nov. 6.] **68.** [Thomas Garrett] to the Committee for Compounding. I entreat an answer to the county committee as to allowing annuities.

Are the rents of Lady Compton's estate to remain in the tenants' hands or be received for the State? They amount to about 600*l.* a year.

May the commissioners let farms according to lot or otherwise, as they see cause?

May augmentations be allowed to ministers out of delinquents' estates?

Will the receipts of such persons be sufficient for so much as shall be paid them by order from the Committee for Plundered Ministers?

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Are the rents of the Duke of Lenox to remain with the tenants, or be collected, seeing they are fee-farm rents amounting to 108*l.* a year?

Are the commissioners' charges for house-rent, firing, messengers, &c., to be allowed, and who shall pay them? [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 6. Nether Stowey. **69.** Capt. Ben. Mason to the Committee for Compounding. The public is much hindered in co. Somerset by the non-settlement of commissioners. I, being an eye witness of your care, cannot impute the least neglect to yourselves, yet by the dark actings of men who are unwilling to come into light, because their deeds are evil, business is much retarded, and the malignants, both of this county and Bristol, are very well pleased, and in Bristol particularly, have time to convey away their personal estates.

I cannot be at rest, for men whose leases made by the late committee expire at Michaelmas follow me to retake, averring that if a speedy course be not taken for the letting their lands, so that they may sow their winter corn, the Commonwealth must suffer; many grounds lie waste, and when let, it cannot be at full value, because they will lose the benefit of the season, and none will adventure to sow before contracted with.

I have received 150*l.* of old rents due at Ladyday. Some have come and offered the Michaelmas rents, but I have refused them until I have your order for a general summons, so that the whole rents may be received together.

If you are not yet agreed as to your commissioners, be pleased to put in by order Major Collins of Bristol, or some other, to join with me, that we may make speedy progress, for I profess I can no longer satisfy the country with words; and unless you enable me to satisfy them, I must leave my house. I shall be willing to spend and be spent for the public and my country's good. All things are very quiet in the county, and the people much satisfied with your justice, only the committeemen and sequestrators are much troubled at my being a commissioner, as believing a day of reckoning is at hand. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 6. Articles by Chris. Cheesman against the Commissioners of co. Berks.

That they have disobeyed the Act of Parliament for letting sequestered estates.

That they have not observed their oath or instructions for executing it.

That they have not certified the names of those who have abused the State by receiving rents since 25 Jan. 1650. [*G* 67, *p.* 372.]

Nov. 7. Charges by Chris. Cheesman of Reading, against Thos. Bateman, Edw. Jennings, and John Rusden, commissioners for co. Berks.

That by combination among themselves, they have let estates at an undervalue, though offered more.

That they have not, as ordered, posted up lands above 20*l.* a year value.

That they have discouraged honest friends of Parliament by divers words from taking them, intending to let them to their particular friends. [*G* 10, *p.* 208; 67, *p.* 369.]

Nov. 7. Committee for Compounding to the co. Committee [of Berks?]. We enclose you a letter to the old committee of your county, and desire you to peruse it, and press for an answer. Make the best enquiry you can about the truth of what is therein contained, and send us a speedy return. [*G* 10, *p.* 205.]

Nov. 7. Certificate by the Committee for Compounding, addressed to the clerks of Parliament, Sir Edw. Croke, clerk of the pipe, and all other officers of courts, that Thos. Fowle, the bearer, is their agent; and request that he may have liberty to search all books, rolls, and other records in their custody, whenever he has occasion on behalf of the State, and take any copies he pleases, without payment of fees. [*G* 10, *p.* 204.]

Nov. 7. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations [co. Hereford]. We understand that part of the estate of Fitz-William Coningsby in your county, worth 950*l.*, and so extended, is let by you for several years for 200*l.* We desire a speedy account. [*G* 10, *p.* 205.]

Nov. 7. Durham. **70.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours desiring us to send up an account of our recepts and disbursements for the year ending at Michaelmas, and have several times informed you that all our rents here are due at Martinmas and Pentecost; but we now

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enclose an account of the rents received last Pentecost, with the arrears; also a rental of the estates under sequestration in this county, as they were let by us for this year.

We also advertised you that on our last letting of sequestered lands, we allowed the tenants in their rents all taxes imposed by Parliament, having had no instructions until now. [The order in this particular to be returned to them.] The whole of the tenants have been charged by the Commissioners for the Militia, the Act being general, according to the proportions of land they farm, to furnish either light horse or dragoons for the present service; they will demand allowance of this charge in the Martinmas rents, and without doing them a manifest injury, and declining our own engagements with them, we cannot deny to allow it; besides, it is a charge the tenant is not able to bear, the rents being at rack, and at the utmost improved value the land will give. We desire your resolutions herein before the receipt of the rents at Martinmas. [The commissioners cannot give allowance.]

We are now proceeding in the letting of sequestered lands, and desire to know in whose name we are to take bonds and security for the rents.

The passages in brackets are marginal notes for a reply. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 7. Affidavit of Hen. Linch, goldsmith of London, to discharge the trust committed to him by the Committee of Haberdashers' Hall for compounding with delinquents, sequestrations, and Advance of Money, without favour or reward. [*G* 162, *p.* 391.]

Nov. 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding that John Janey, and 5 others, all co. Berks, appear on 21 Nov. to answer questions in behalf of the State. [*G* 12, *p.* 8.]

Nov. 8. Chepstow. **71.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. Being upon the work of receiving the rents, and some part being already in our treasury, we remind you of your promise to [Thos.] Evans, our fellow-commissioner, about the return of the money. Also that the commissions for the stewards may be sent, as the want thereof will prejudice the State. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 8. **72.** Committee for South Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We have still reason to complain of the backwardness of the late committee in coming to an account, and we have therefore resolved, according to your command, to levy the fines imposed upon them. We have near 1,000*l.* to be paid in, but we fear we cannot get a safe conveyance for it this month. [Noted, ask Alderman Allen.]

We have taken all pains to hasten the rents, but the poverty of tenants and want of agents,—only one being allowed for six counties,—compel us to fall short. Write to us at Cardiff, where we meet every Thursday. The revenue in these counties is not considerable, because, by the Acts for clearing delinquents in Wales, and for taking away all ecclesiastical profits, we are deprived of the best part of what lies under sequestration; we know no way to improve it unless we discover some that have compounded, by the friendly certificate of committees, far under the value. Pray send us a particular of the compositions of such as we shall trouble you for. With note that when they send up the names, particulars shall be returned. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 8. Exeter. **73.** John Searle and Major James Pearse, County Commissioners for Devon, to the Committee for Compounding. We have written you several letters as to our proceedings, but your continual silence gives us little encouragement, and we find little conformity to your orders in giving up the transactions of former proceedings. We have sent you an account of the manors, and the courts kept therein, and presented an able man for that service, who expects your commission, without which nothing more can be done. All reeves and bailiffs refuse to collect or pay in any of those rents but according to their custom, which they say ought to be at the keeping of their courts.

Here is only one agent, Rich. Carter, a stranger, and commissioned from the former committee; if you think him sufficient for this great county, we acquiesce, yet we have been forced to make use of an assistant for him, and have presented him to you, but he has no commission, which he expects, and he should have satisfaction for his pains, or the work will be retarded.

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We have received from sundry estates as follows:—Dorothy Risdon, a Papist, 25*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*; Edm. Windham, 25*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*; Nich. Beare of North Bovey, 6*l.*; Eliz. Kirkham of Pinhoe, 13*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*; Edm. Reynell, 120*l.* With note that they are to go on receiving rents, and to levy fines on such as refuse to account for what they have received. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 9. Whitehall. Council of State to the Committee for Compounding. You will see by the enclosed order of Parliament (of Oct. 23) what sums are charged on your treasury for the commissioners now going for Ireland. You are to give your speedy warrant for payment, and we have written to the treasurers to advance the money, that no time may be lost. [*G* 95, *p.* 488.]

Nov. 9. Hereford. **74.** County Committee for Herefordshire, to the Committee for Compounding. We will send an account of our proceedings in 10 or 12 days, and if any complaint come to you in the meantime concerning the setting of estates, &c., we request you to respite debating it until we appear, as we have met with much dissension. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 9. York. **75.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We pressed your arguments about the burdens laid on sequestered estates for horses, dragoons, and foot, with much earnestness on the Militia Commissioners; but do what we could, they would charge them. We cannot now avoid it, but shall give them notice of your pleasure. We have sent messengers to the late committee, sequestrators, and other officers for their accounts, and have received some, and the rest we will hasten. Although the rent of the tenants to whom we have let is due at Michaelmas, yet the rent days in the north parts here are not until a fortnight after Martinmas; we will hasten what we may, and make a return with expedition. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

75. I. *Commissioners for Hull to the County Committee. In obedience to your letter and an order from the Committee for Compounding, to return duplicates of the accounts, and pay in our moneys to you, we sent by Capt. Stevenson a schedule of all the lands in our town and county then or now under sequestration, together with a duplicate; but not understanding that you have power to give us a discharge, we have forborne to pay our moneys to you; not out of any intention to delay, or for any sinister end, but out of desire to be fully discharged on payment. We wrote the Committee for Compounding to appoint some gentleman to take our accounts and give us a discharge, but we have not received any answer. Maccabœus Hollis, to whom we wrote to solicit this business, says he delivered our letter, and Mr. Moyer promised to give him an order stating to whom we should account and be discharged, which we expect every day; if it be to yourselves, we shall very willingly observe it. Have a little patience until we receive an answer from Mr. Hollis. Kingston-upon-Hull, Oct.* 23, 1650. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 12. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on a letter from the Council of State of 8 Nov., and other letters,—advising that Capt. Ben. Mason be not continued as a commissioner for co. Somerset,—that he is not to be so continued, and Mr. Squibb is to inform him.

That Mr. Latch be not nominated commissioner for that county.

76. Order, on a Parliament order prefixed of 23 Oct., and a letter of the Council of State of 9 Nov.,—for payment by the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall of 1,000*l.* a year each to Col. [John] Jones, [Major Rich.] Salway, and [John] Weaver, from Michaelmas last, for diet and charges as long as they are employed as commissioners in Ireland, 1,000*l.* thereof to be paid in advance; and also 1,000*l.* to Lieut.-Gen. [Edm.] Ludlow, on account for service in Ireland,—authorizing the said payments. [*G* 12, *pp.* 10, 11.]

Nov. 12. **77.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We request an answer to ours of 18 Oct.; also as to rewarding persons for discovering concealed estates. You sent down the votes of the House for ⅓ for such as are depending, but we doubt whether this extends to such as shall now make a discovery; and if they do extend so far, we have no power to make good any part, without which few will act. [The committee will endeavour the passing of the bill.] [1 *page.*]

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Nov. 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the committee will hear no business but fines and compositions, and petitions referring to the votes of 2 Oct. last, touching moneys to be paid 10 and 24 November. [*G* 12, *p.* 14.]

Nov. 13. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Assessments in Kent. Our county commissioners require copies of some of your oldest assessments, the better to discover certain estates liable to sequestration. Permit them to take such copies, or deliver them some of your old duplicates, which you do not at present require, and thus advantage the State. [*G* 10, *p.* 210.]

Nov. 13. Petition of Capt. Wm. Dawges, of Essendon, Herts, to the Committee for Compounding. A fine of 20*l.* each is ordered to be levied on the late Committee, for not giving in a perfect account to the present commissioners at Berkhampstead. Has been employed 15 months as a surveyor of the late King's lands; has not acted as a Commissioner for Sequestrations for 2 years, and is now at Spalding Manor, co. Lincoln. Begs suspension of the distress for 2 months, and then he will satisfy them as to the justness of his accounts. Noted that the Committee for Compounding can give no orders till his accounts are returned. [*G* 79, *p* 809.]

Nov. 13. Petition of Capt. Latimer Sampson and Thos. Shute to the Committee for Compounding. Have acted 8 months as sub-commissioners for co. Somerset; notwithstanding the Act of Parliament and 7 orders, the late committee have not yet given up their books and records, but obstruct proceedings, and conceal sequestered estates, so as to cause much trouble and expense in finding them out. Have sent their accounts, this year's rents being 5,000*l.*, besides moneys sent up, and compositions of delinquents discovered by them. Spent 3 weeks in examining witnesses between Col. Pyne and Capt. Mason. Beg payment of the salary for one moiety, which but for these obstructions would have been sent up. That for both moieties would not nearly repay their expenses. [*G* 115, *p.* 422.]

Nov. 14. Order of the Committee for Compounding,—on a letter from the Commissioners for co. Norfolk desiring another agent,—that there be 2, at 4*s.* a day each, and that Thos. Garrett, jun., be one of them.

John Walborne of Chipping Lambourn, co. Berks, sworn.

78. Order on a Parliament order of 12 Nov.,—that the Commissioners for Compounding give warrant to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall to pay the arrears ordered by Parliament to the Earl of Nottingham in lieu of his pension, and continue the payment thereof for the future, viz., 400*l.* a year to the earl, and 100*l.* to his lady,—for payment of the 500*l.* a year as formerly.

Certificate on request of Capt. Latimer Sampson and Thos. Shute, late Commissioners for co. Somerset, that they have not been discharged from their employment for misdemeanour. [*G* 12, *pp.* 15, 17.]

Nov. 14. Committee for Compounding to Col. Pyne and the rest of the late commissioners for co. Somerset. This is our 8th letter demanding, according to the Act of 25 Jan. last, the names and addresses of all sequestered since the wars, the date and cause of sequestration, value of the estates, and if any are discharged. Their non-return is very prejudicial, and was caused, we think, by your divisions. We tried to remove these by laying aside the persons excepted against, rather for convenience than any just cause, and since their suspension, the charge against them, instead of being carried on to their conviction, has ceased. We regret that personal differences should retard public work. "These are not the fruits of that spirit by which persons that hold forth such a profession should be actuated."

We have granted a commission to gentlemen of fitness and integrity, and hope they will soon receive from you the returns, without which they cannot proceed. We shall take charge of your accounts ourselves, to avoid further contention; therefore transmit them to us without delay, or we shall be constrained by our oaths to levy the penalties of the Act. [*G* 11, *p.* 284.]

Nov. 14. Committee for Compounding to Col. [John] Gorges, Major Nehemiah Collins, [Sam.] Whetcombe, [Hum.] Blake, and [Nath.] Quash.

We have been much troubled with the differences between the old and new commissioners in co. Somerset. After vain attempts to reconcile them, the Council of State hinting to us the evil consequences of continuing the late com-

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missioners, we have resolved to lay them aside. On testimony of your ability and affection, we nominate you commissioners to carry out our instructions, which will be delivered you, and beg you will set to work with speed, and endeavour to redeem the time by quick and vigorous proceedings. Call upon the old committee for their duplicates, surcharge their accounts, and transmit them to us, and see that the business about Bristol delinquents is expedited. If you meet any obstruction, tell us, and we will assist you. [*G* 11, *p.* 284.]

Nov. 14. Committee for Compounding to Capt. Mason, [Latimer] Sampson, [Thos.] Shute, [Rich.] Bovett, and [George] Sampson.

Finding the breaches amongst you enlarged, and the service obstructed, we think fit to discharge you, and have nominated other commissioners, to whom you are to transmit your letters and instructions, and give them all assistance. We wish things could have been composed among you, that you could have acted together; but as that cannot be, we take this course for the reasons named, not from dislike or jealousy of any of you. Noted not sent. [*G* 11, *p.* 285.]

Nov. 14. Committee for Compounding to Capt. Ben. Mason.

Since your going into Somersetshire, we have further debated the case, and though nothing sticks with us as to your person and affection, we think it unsafe to continue you a commissioner. But as, after a fair trial and full acquittal, we would not do you an injury by discharging you, if you will accept a like commission to act in any other county, we will readily employ you, being assured of your care and fidelity. Noted not sent. [*G* 11, *p.* 285; 12, *p.* 10.]

Nov. 14. Newcastle. **79.** County Committee for Northumberland to the Committee for Compounding. We have not been slack since Whitsuntide in our endeavours to bring in the rents for that half year, but the backwardness or inability of the tenants have frustrated our intentions. We have now received 2,000*l.*, but Mrs. Blakiston has received 811*l.* upon the Act of Parliament for 3,500*l.* to be paid her; of this and of the arrears, deductions, and allowances, we will send an account. Meantime state how the balance in our hands of 1,300*l.* may be paid here, so as to save the charges and trouble of sending it up. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 14. Durham. **80.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours desiring our care in returning the money collected, but the rents here are only now due, and the tenants have 14 days to provide them, so that it is not possible we could have any money save the 300*l.* resting upon our account for the Pentecost rents. We are now proceeding in the lets for 7 years; shall we return them by piecemeal, as we contract for any estate, or not until they be all let? [To return particulars, and act on instructions.]

In whose name are we to take bond for the rents, and how to make the leases? [Leases to be let as formerly, tying the tenants to the usual covenants.]

The treasurer is at great loss in his receipts by clipt and other base money, which is very plentiful in these parts, and a loss in paying and receiving, besides his charge. We crave consideration thereof, and the allowance of the ordinance to treasurers granted in this case. [No allowance, but to take such money as will pass.] The passages in brackets are notes of reply. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 14. Berkhampstead. Thos. Aldridge, county sequestrator for Herts, to the Committee for Compounding. I could not come up, being ill, but have sent by the agent 100*l.*, which I have had much trouble to get, the land being let to ill tenants. I will send my accounts next week, by which time the late agent, who has been engaged in the service, promises me his. Notes of a case. I want directions as to former arrears. [Fras.] Nixon begs to be excused acting as my fellow commissioner, being much from home. Pray appoint another, and grant us power to let lands for longer than a year, or no good tenants will take them. With note of enquiry to be made of Sam. Partridge about a commissioner. [*G* 157, *p.* 129.]

Nov. 14. Declaration of Wm. Jackson, grocer of London, before Alderman Isaac Pennington, that he will faithfully discharge his duties as clerk to the Committee for Compounding and Committee for Advance of Money. [*G* 95, *p.* 987.]

Nov. 15. **81.** Certificate by John Goodwin, one of the late County Committee for Surrey, that they paid the Earl of Nottingham 500*l.* a year out of the sequestrations in Surrey, by order of Parliament, and that 778*l.* is now due to him. [1 *page.*]

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Nov. 15. Cambridge. **82.** William Pickering, county commissioner for Cambridge, to the Committee for Compounding. On 8 Oct. last I came to Westminster and stayed till the 14th, with a letter from my fellow commissioners and my whole accounts, but by reason of the multitude of your business, I could not get my letter read, nor any time to relate the state of our county. Your auditor advised me to pay my money into Goldsmiths' Hall, and get in the Michaelmas rents, and so pass my whole year's accounts together. He corrected my accounts, and then I waited upon Mr. Squibb, who informed me of something I desired to know; then I returned here to get in the Michaelmas rents, and found your letter of Sept. 20th, charging us with not performing our trust, and not paying in or getting in moneys as we ought; also that last Ladyday rent was 874*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, besides great arrears left by the old committee.

Of those arrears there will be little got; and with respect to rents, all the sequestered estates being farmed, and the tenants mostly making their rent of corn, if they should thrash too soon they would be at great loss in straw and chaff, so we are fain to give them a little time. As to the bad tenants of the State, put in by the late sequestrators, we are forced to distrain their corn in the barn for rent, and it will take time to thrash out, and make money of it. For the 874*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, the last Ladyday rents, consider that $\frac{1}{5}$ part goes in taxes; then the Papists $\frac{1}{3}$, the delinquents $\frac{1}{5}$, repair of houses and barns, commissioners, clerk, treasurer, agent's, and other allowances, and one half is gone.

We are now taking the old sequestrators' accounts, which occupy much time, as most of them cannot tell how to make up accounts; therefore when we have them, we are glad to have the sequestrators by us to express their meaning; and what with riding to view farms and woods, distraining for rent, &c., the work takes up all our time.

We have many new sequestrations, but some for the same thing being in Haberdashers' Hall, we stay to see what will become of them; for if you clear these, it is vain for us to begin with the rest, as they have done the same thing, and we have the like proof concerning them. We make what haste we can with moneys and accounts, and you must abate your hard conceptions of us; when everything is truly examined, there is no just cause to blame us. With note that a letter is to be sent to all the commissioners of counties within 60 miles to perfect their accounts to Michaelmas, and to return them by the 1st of Jan., and the rest by the 12th of Jan., and that one of themselves should bring in their accounts. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 16. Hereford. **83.** County Committee for Herefordshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have viewed most of the estates under sequestration, and examined several tenants to discover their worth, by which means we have much advanced the rents, which were 1,029*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* a year, and now we shall give you an account of 996*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.* for the half year. In granting estates we have posted several and made proclamation, and for those that we have set we have taken good security. We have been at charges in employing some of the old committee, yet our whole disbursements until Michaelmas amount but to 136*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*

The arrears returned to us were 92*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*; we have received 48*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*, and for the rest we have certified their names. If the estates now under sequestration are not taken from us, the rent for the year to come will be much increased by our new grants.

We have likewise examined several witnesses touching delinquents, and enclose their depositions, that you may send directions before we proceed further, having seized and secured some of their estates. There has been already received into our treasury between 500*l.* and 600*l.*, which we shall return with speed, it being no part of the account before mentioned. With note that as the Committee for Compounding conceive the arrears are more, they are to get in the treasurers' and collectors' accounts. Also to speak to Alderman Allen about the 600*l.* [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

83. I. *Account of arrears of rent due by tenants of sequestered estates before* 29 *Sept.* 1650, *with note of* 2 *tenants, who have left the county, and of Walter Hill of Weston, who pretends that Sir Hen. Lingen has compounded for that estate. Also notes of reply. Hereford, November* 1650. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

83. II. *Account of disbursements and salaries for half a year, to* 29 *Sept.* 1650. *Total,* 136*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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Nov. 16. **84.** Late County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. Though we sent you a certificate of the state of the sequestrations, you have ordered your commissioners to levy 20*l.* a-piece upon us and our officers, unless we give you a more satisfactory account. We are satisfied that there is no money in the hands of Sackford Gonson, who was our treasurer, or Mr. Wilcox, one of our collectors, but they are out of purse.

The moneys raised out of the sequestrations were paid to Lord Nottingham, to the treasurer at Guildhall, and to discharge the public debts of the county. Mr. Higginbotham, another collector, who had the two greatest divisions in the county, and the borough of Southwark, never would clear his accounts, though we have often pressed him thereto, and so we cannot certify what money he has in hand. We cannot certify when any delinquent was sequestered, because the books and papers from the beginning of 1645 were seized and taken from Capt. Ghest, our then solicitor, by the Committee for Accounts.

Aspersions are cast upon us by [Dan.] Gotherson, that we spent many pounds of the State's money in dinners; we answer that the time wherein the charge of our diet at our meetings for the service was discharged out of the public money was but short, and we acted for the most part at our own charges, though Parliament by their ordinance gave us ⅓ of all the sequestrations to the use of the county, and also such allowances for ourselves as we should think fit.

With note of reply that the Act requires them to account with the Committee for Compounding, who have no "power to fetch anything from the Committee of Accounts, but *you* must make it *your* own work to Parliament or the Committee of Accounts, as *you* shall see best." [1 *page.*]

Nov. 16. Oakham. Mat. Barry and John Clarke, Commissioners for co. Rutland, to the Committee for Compounding. We will observe your orders of 22 Oct., and have given notice to the officers of the late committee to bring in particulars of arrears, and have received some. The rents shall be sent when enough is received. About Burley, we are hindered by [Wm.] Ward, who pretends a warrant from Rushworth and other commissioners for Lord Fairfax, to dispose of the estate and receive the rents. He farms the Newhall Estate, and cannot well receive the Burley rents, or let the estate, being an accountant for his own. We have offered him the receipt of the rents, if he will account to you, but he refuses, and requires us to revoke the order for letting the estate, which was passed a year ago, on their neglect, as the tenants were leaving the estate and taking off their stock, because we would not contract with them. [*G* 86, *p.* 1.]

Nov. 18. Committee for Compounding to the clerks of assize. Having often to trouble for certificates in the cases of recusants on whose estates are charges for which the creditors beg allowance, and it being essential to us to know the time of conviction, we think it most for our own and your ease to ask lists of all convicted or indicted recusants in your records, with a brief note of proceedings, whether they were convicted or respited. This being a great service to the State, we doubt not but you will cheerfully return them to us in 28 days. [*G* 10, *p.* 219.]

Nov. 19. Order in the Committee for Compounding, on the petition (missing) of Luke Voyce, that his accounts may be audited and he discharged,—that Sherwin peruse the accounts and attend about them.

That all reports come in course as they are referred, and that the reference be put on the petition and the petitions noted, that they may have precedence as referred.

That till 24 Nov. the Committee for Compounding hear no cases but such compositions as, by vote of 2 Oct. last, will prove penal. [*G* 10, *pp.* 214, 215.]

Nov. 19. Preston. County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. We have several orders to send up speedy accounts. We have done our best to get them from the late and present agents, and should have sent them, but those of Peter Ambrose, whom you appointed our agent-general, were defective. We sent for him to perfect them, but he replies that he is going to London.

When we first told him of your naming him agent-general, after taking time to consider, he replied that as 1 of the 4 agents in 1 of the 6 hundreds here for 7 years past, he had been so overburdened that he had never been able to perfect his accounts. The late auditor for agents' accounts in this county and Capt. Sam. Birch, entrusted by the soldiers to view the agents' accounts, declare

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that he is 20,000*l.* in arrear. We endeavoured "in a Christian private way" to show him his neglect, and persuade him to vindicate his character as a Christian by perfecting his accoun s. We hear from Col. Birch that he has returned large sums to London, not telling us, though all sequestration moneys should be paid to us. He has lately sent 2 sons to New England, and seems to intend leaving the country without perfecting his accounts. If he tender any to you, we beg that they may be sent down here for examination; and that as he is in London, you will take security from him to perfect them. We will send a special messenger with our accounts this week. [*G* 159, *pp.* 457–459.]

Nov. 20. Order in Parliament appointing Major Salway and 16 others to be a committee to state the business of the revenues of Papists' lands, as well such as have been delinquents, as other Papists, and report; any three of them to meet at 3 p.m. in the Exchequer chamber, and so *de die in diem*, &c. [Rich.] Long and [Miles] Corbett to take care of it.

This committee to consider how the 20,000*l.* may be forthwith raised for the recruits in Ireland. [*G* 172, *p.* 707.]

Nov. 20. Wells. **85.** Capt. Ben. Mason to [the Committee for Compounding]. In answer to your verbal order, I have received some moneys whereof I have given you an account, and will persist or desist as you desire. In all my actings and words since coming down, I have not given Mr. Pyne the least distaste, but have rather seemed to cover his abuses to me, yet my but breathing in this country air is so irksome, that he and Messrs. Ceely, Bovett, and Gorges have sent a warrant, pretending authority from the Council of State, to apprehend and send me close prisoner to Dunster Castle, on pretence that I have the impudence to act as a sub-commissioner by myself; but the soldiers at Wells,—seeing that the guilt of these men's former misactings, and the bad accounts they can make to the nation of all the vast sums they have received makes them thus stir—instead of carrying me to Dunster, have desired me to [go to] my old quarters at Wells, where I used to live upon your employment. Recorder Ceely was heard to say that if by any means they could get Mason out of the way, they would put the business of sequestration into the hands of the committee again, and then they should have the disposal of the money; add this to what I sent you concerning Sheppard's confession, and the cruel oppressions they put upon the country and upon the State's tenants.

I have given out copies of your letter wherein you permit no horses to be imposed on the tenants of the Commonwealth, and if I ought to be imprisoned for this, I will bear it. It is evident to all that what I have done has been in discharge of trust and a good conscience, and if you put the business in other hands, I shall not only cheerfully obey, but give up far better accounts than the foregoers; but if you suffer these things, wherein the nation is so treated and abused, and the people so disheartened, it may be well said the nation is upon ruin, and there is none to help. It much troubles me to see the authority that Parliament has invested in you slighted by these deceivers.

In the time of my being in London laboring for an acquittal, which by God's justice I have received at your hands, Messrs. Pyne, Bovett and Ceely offered an honest man an order to sequester my father-in-law's real and personal estate, which is mine. These things being thus acted within your cognizance, you are bound to stir in it; for my part let whom you please be instrumental under you, but unless your sub-commissioners act with more power and less opposition, you will get but very few who will undertake it, unless those who, through ignorance or wilfulness, will make too great a concealment for the nation's profit. Let me freely act, or freely live at home; if the hands of the major part of the county and soldiers would do me good, I am sure to command them.

P.S.—If you command, I will serve you and the public in spite of Mr. Pyne, and I can in my own interest in the county make it good. Neither could he, but by abusing the Council of State, have procured the soldiers to meddle with me. They see the plot, and I am rather under their protection than restraint. I have written to their Major-General [John] Desborough, and desire you to speak with him, as also to let Council know how they are abused. If Mr. Pyne can, by his own authority, imprison one for receiving money for the State, and justly returning it up, which I have done and will do to sixpence, it is not so great a prejudice to my person as to my office, to which he and the rest are unwilling

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to submit their actions. If I be affrighted from my trust, they well know none will dare to accept it but such as they put in, or know how to order. I am resolved not only to obey, but defend with my blood any acting for or under Parliament, provided they endeavour to set up peace and righteousness; and as an unshaken servant to the public, I beseech you to make some speedy settlement, that the public may no longer suffer by these men who cry "Public, Public," only to raise and set themselves above justice. [3 *pages.*]

Nov. 21. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Devon. We repeat our answer that your committee is valid, as 4 constitute a quorum. By only 2 of you acting we suppose the rest decline the service, but you must prosecute all orders till we appoint others to join you; and those named who do not act will not reap the fruit of your labours.

We hope you have received orders to levy a fine of 20*l.* each on those who neglect to deliver up the duplicates required. If they still refuse, we shall commit those who persist in their contempt. Tell us in whose hands the records are, that we may recover them.

You cannot have compositions made here transmitted to you, but you ought to have recourse to the books of the former committee, where they should be. We will send you any particular that is denied or mislaid. You can choose your clerk, but he should not be a steward too. We hope your trouble in cases of appeal will soon end, as the Barons of the Exchequer have only power to determine cases already depending before them, not to receive new ones. [*G* 11, *p.* 285.]

Nov. 21. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Chester. Notes of cases. Most of your queries are answered in our instructions. We thank you for the zeal which causes your frequent inquiries, but much of your trouble would be spared if you seriously perused and thoroughly understood your instructions.

As to the fifths, your full directions are that they are to be allowed on the clear yearly revenue, abating proportionably for taxes and charges, and reduced into as plain and perfect a method as possible. Let them be stated to Michaelmas, and then afterwards an annual account returned. Though you entered on your employment at Ladyday, we want the accounts made up from Michaelmas, that they may come at one time and in one form from all the counties. [*G* 11, *p.* 286.]

Nov. 21. Committee for Compounding to the Norfolk Committee. Notes of cases. Your queries about letting farms are answered in your instructions, and those about allowing augmentations by the late Act. As to charges for fire, &c., we will consider of their reasonableness when you send in your accouts. [*G* 11, *p.* 288.]

Nov. 21. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Derby. Thanks for your care; return in your monyes speedily and observe our instructions not to allow rents or annuities without our order. [*G* 11, *p.* 288.]

Nov. 21. Committee for Compounding to the Durham Committee. We have received your accounts, but cannot approve your allowances to tenants for taxes for light horse and dragoons, which are not chargeable on sequestered estates, and about which we wrote you, and now enclose another letter. Acquaint the Militia Commissioners that we do not allow these, and do not give way to what may be a charge on yourselves.

P.S.—You ask allowance for money not payable, but you cannot expect it, since you can except against such money and refuse to receive it. We want your return of estates let; but if you will soon have finished, we will wait a month or two, till you can make a perfect return. [*G* 11, *p.* 288.]

Nov. 21. Committee for Compounding to the same. We received yours of 16 Oct., in which you certify concerning Mr. Hodgson. We cannot dislike your proceeding in the setting of that estate, but hope you did it in the manner the instruction directs. If so, you are to make him a lease for one year. [*G* 11, *p.* 289.]

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Nov. 21. **86.** Committee for Sequestrations for South Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We certified you in our last of our meeting weekly at Cardiff, where we shall expedite the work of sequestration in these counties. We greatly want opportunities for returning 1,000*l.*, which with much difficulty we endeavoured to bring together. We have the rentals for some counties ready, and only stay to perfect the rest. We desire you will supervise the composition of Thos. Price of Hereford, who, we suppose, has compounded for the estate of Col. Herbert Price, an excepted person, which the late committee for co. Brecon never questioned, though he had a considerable estate there. We only find of his 10*l.* a year not compounded for, which the committee set out in 1646; there were 5 years' rents in the tenants' hands, which we have since got in.

If your registrar would send us the particulars of all compositions in South Wales, we should discover much more than have been compounded for, as we find your [late] committee let out estates of 250*l.* at 60*l.* a year, and we conceive the compositions were accordingly. The resolves of Parliament for rates for composition of delinquents we had published before the receipt of your last letters, by order from the Council of State. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 21. Durham. **87.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. There is a ballast quay or shore at Monkwearmouth, near Sunderland, under sequestration, which brings a rental of 90*l.* a year to the State. The farmers have complained that Rich. Grey and others, since the same became sequestered, have erected keels, and usually bear ballast from the ships that formerly cast their ballast on the said shore, and unload it at other quays, contrary to the custom of that place, and to the absolute ruin of such quay, and consequently to the decaying of the said rent due to the State.

With note of reply, 11 Dec., that they are to enquire by what right men are confined to that quay, and if they find it pleadable before the Committee for Compounding, they are to summon the parties to attend them, and send up the proofs. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 63.]

Nov. 21. Dorchester. **88.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. In obedience to your order—requiring Lady Griffith to deliver up to us a bond wherein Sir John Danvers, with others, stand bound to Angel Gray, a delinquent, for payment of 3,000*l.*, at a day long since past, or upon refusal, to apprehend and send her up to answer her contempt therein;—we present the return of our agent, who says that upon applying at her house, he was informed she was gone to London, and was at the Green Grasshopper in the Strand, near the Savoy, where your commands may be executed.

We are now upon a treaty for the return of 1,000*l.*, which we hope will speedily come to your hands. Our acconnts for the year ending Michaelmas last shall be speedily sent, but there are a few arrears of this last quarter yet unpaid. We have likewise taken course for seizing, inventorying, and securing the estates of divers delinquents in Blandford according to your order. Upon a former treaty for a return of this 1,000*l.*, we were like to have been deceived of 100*l.*; if this treaty should not hold, they desiring the 1,000*l.* in hand, we beg speedy directions how to make our return, so that we may be eased of the care of it.

P.S.—We have since concluded with some merchants of Poole for returning it, and it will be paid 8 days after sight of the bill of exchange enclosed to Mr. Herring, from whom we hope to have some assistance in getting in this money. There will be 224*l.* more next week paid by two others. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding that, on assignment of any moneys to be paid to the treasurers-at-war, in any counties, the said treasurers, on intimation of receipt, sign the receipt in a book to be kept by the commissioners here, on signing which the treasurers are to give an acquittance; when this is produced to the commissioners here, the acknowledgment in the book is to be crossed. [*G* 13, *p.* 24.]

Nov. 22. Committee for Compounding to [the Committee for Cumberland].

Finding that some letters and depositions have miscarried, we have desired Mr. Attorney General, the Postmaster General, not to deliver letters that come to the post-office here in town to any man but such as we have appointed; either send your agent, or one whom you trust and the

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postmaster knows, both to carry your letters to post and receive ours. Return the Michaelmas rents, and the accounts for the year past, and also the names of those that have not brought in to you their former accounts and duplicates, as required by the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and certify your proceedings touching the penalty of 20*l.* a-piece on the old committee.

P.S.—Allow ⅓ to recusants if not delinquents, and ⅕ to the wives and children of delinquents, &c. [*G* 10, *p.* 220.]

Nov. 22. Windsor Castle. **89.** Col. Chris. Whichcott to the Commissioners for Compounding. I have given Lawrence Halstead all the assistance he required for settling him and his creditors in the estate at Sunning, where yet I have some soldiers to perfect that work. I walk according to your judgment, though I have many hard censures for it.

On 16 July last, you confirmed the orders of Parliament of 13 Jan. 1649 and 14 June 1650, for the full payment to me of 1,500*l.* out of the Duke of Buckingham's woods in co. Bucks, and appointed the sequestration commissioners in that county to take care that satisfaction was given me. But George Grimsdale, one of your commissioners, says he has received a contrary order from you, that no wood is to be felled. If you have made a stay in this proceeding, pray let me have the money ordered some other way, or else advise me where the obstructions are, that I may endeavour their removal. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 23. Preston. County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We send informations against Maj. Joseph Rigby for obstructing the sequestrators in letting estates, and beg your orders.

Rich. Cornow of Eccleston begs abatement in his rent of a water-mill sequestered from [Ant.] Kirby, a recusant, because as the wear leading to the mill caused the water to overflow the neighbours' grounds, they pulled it down by order from the Commissioners of Sewers, and caused the water to flow another way. [Jas.] Murgatroyd of Yorkshire distrained the goods of Hen. Sherburne, farmer of [Hen.] Doughty's estate, for rent last year, and not being punished, has done the same this year, so that the estate will not let at half its value. [*G* 158, *pp.* 325–327.]

Nov. 25. Preston. **90.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We send by Rich. King, our auditor, the account of our yearly revenue. We represented the impossibility to carry on the work without agents for the several hundreds, and other officers, in regard of the multitude of sequestered estates here, and have received your order for two agents and a clerk only; but as these are insufficient, we renew our suit for others, whom we have reduced to as small a number as possible; otherwise we cannot do the service expected. [To offer the commissioners six agents at the pay of four for six months.] We have had such experience of the agents' service in discovering new delinquents and concealed estates, and the frauds daily used, and of the benefit accruing to the public by their residence in the several hundreds, that we are confident the taking any of them away will more prejudice the State than the payment of 5 times their salary.

As the two agents named by you reside very near together, one of them may well be spared, and part of that division be supplied by Wm. Eccleston, agent for Leyland Hundred, at 4*s.* a day, and the others would serve at the same rate. We beg a speedy answer to the queries enclosed, as the Michaelmas and Martinmas rents are yet uncollected, and we cannot act further until we know whether we may have the necessary officers. If that cannot be granted, we desire our discharge. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

90. I. *List of* 10 *persons whom they desire to be employed as agents, treasurer, auditor, clerk, and messengers.* [1 *page.*]

90. II. *Queries to be answered by the Committee for Compounding:—*

1. *If any person fell timber upon sequestered estates, and carry it away, how to proceed against him.* [*To seize the timber if they can find it, examine witnesses, and send up the names of offenders, when the Committee for Compounding will take order therein.*]

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2. *In letting sequestered estates, whether the commissioners must first certify the contract to the Committee for Compounding, and receive orders before they close the bargain; and what rule is to be held with old well-affected tenants whose leases being expired, their tenements have become sequestrable for their landlords' delinquency; it has been the usual custom for the landlord to renew the lease for 3 lives, the tenant paying a less fine by one half than if it were let to a stranger.* [*To certify how they let every estate, and send up the contract for confirmation by the Committee for Compounding, letting at such rents as the landlords usually do, but taking care that the State is not prejudiced, and something is to be offered to the Army Committee thereon.*]

3. *Does the instruction requiring us to certify estates discharged from sequestration intend those that were discharged as under the value of* 200*l.*, *and those compounded for?* [*They are all to be certified, and the commissioners here have not power to discharge any without composition, though their estates be under the value of* 200*l.*]

4. *Are benefices which were sequestered for the delinquency of their incumbents, and have since, by order from the Committee for Plundered Ministers, been conferred on ministers who are quiet and peaceable, yet refuse to subscribe the engagement, to be re-sequestered, and what rule is to be held with such as are not peaceable, and are yet placed in the like benefices?* [*This is not within the power of the commissioners, but belongs to the Committee for Plundered Ministers.*] *The passages between brackets are marginal notes of reply, dated 9 Dec.* [1⅔ *pages; see also G* 30, *p.* 207.]

Nov. 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Capt. John Smith be agent to assist the County Committee for Gloucester, and have a quarter's salary advanced, at the rate of 4*s.* a day, being employed on special service.

That Mr. Game, under-sheriff of co. Hants, attend to give account of the estate of Mr. Radley, extended by him.

That the keeper of the Gatehouse send Mr. Varney to the committee tomorrow, to be examined.

91. Order on a Parliament order of 20 Nov. prefixed,—that the 50,000*l.* formerly charged upon delinquents' estates, to be received by the treasurers-at-war for the use of the armies of England and Ireland, is to be only applicable to the army in Ireland, and as some money has been used for the army in England out of that set apart for Ireland, it is to be repaid; also that 50,000*l.* be assigned to the treasurers-at-war upon the receipts of Goldsmiths' Hall in lieu thereof, to supply the forces in England and Scotland;—for payment accordingly. [*G* 12, *pp.* 44, 45, 47.]

Nov. 26. Whitehall. Council of State to the Committee for Compounding. Parliament appointed certain gentlemen trustees to raise 50,000*l.* for Ireland, viz., Sir Gerard Lowther, Sir Rob. Meredith, Sir Rob. King, Sir Paul Davis, Sir James Barry, and Wm. Hawkins of Westminster, and they have spent much time and labour in the service. They are therefore to have 500*l.* each, and Wm. Basill 220*l.* for special service in Ireland. For these sums we request you to issue warrants; and as Mr. Basill is in pressing necessity for present subsistence, his money is to be paid before the others. [*G* 95, *p.* 491.]

Nov. 26. County Committee of Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We beg liberty to sell timber on the estates of the Duke of Bucks, Countess of Rutland, and Sir Charles Smith, there being much that decays and may well be spared. Also orders for keeping courts, which the tenants press for much, and which would be profitable to the State. [*G* 162, *p.* 125.]

Nov. 26. Northwich. **92.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Enclosed is a letter to your treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, containing two bills of exchange, one for 100*l.*, due 10 Dec. next, and the other for 200*l.*, due 20 Dec. We hope you have received all our letters concerning our proceedings against such delinquents as had not paid any part of their fines, or not the latter moiety. Particulars of cases. We beg directions as to the Michaelmas

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rents of the impropriate rectory of Great Budworth, belonging to the Duke of Richmond's estate, the tenants being ready to pay them. Particulars of cases. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 27. Order in the Army Committee, on conference with the Committee for Compounding, as to the salaries of their officers, that the Committee for Compounding certify what are their present officers, the number of their clerks, their allowances and salaries; also what is due for the ½ year's salaries of Reading and Brereton as counsel, at 5*l.* each a week; Carey, examiner, at 160*l.* a year; Leech, registrar, at 6*l.* a week for self and 4 clerks: Cox, registrar to the Committee for Advance of Money, and 3 clerks, at 3*l.* a week; Aud. Sherwin and 3 clerks at 350*l.* a year; Fowle, agent, at 100*l.* a year; Vincent, usher, at 1*l.* weekly; two messengers at 1*l.* a week each; and also the arrears due to 7 messengers named. This committee will then give their approbation, that the said sums may be paid. [*G* 63, *p.* 813.]

[Nov. 27.] Statement by Edm. Kendrick, agent to the late Commissioners of Salop, that he asked the present Commissioners for an order to claim debts due to the State from Dr. Wright and Mr. Charleton, and to sequester lands belonging to the Countess of Arundel, now beyond sea, and proved by her servant to have gone to mass, though her agent still lets the land; but they refused.

Also that there are lands of Thos. Brook and many others not properly accounted for, and 1,500*l.* worth of books of a Papist, now in custody of Mr. Webb.

Capt. John Crow, marshal for the county, offered to prove that there was 10,000*l.* not accounted for by the former commissioners. [*G* 96, *pp.* 669, 670.]

Nov. 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the charge against Kendrick, and that which he has this day exhibited, be heard on 3 Dec., [Wm.] Crown and [John] Browne, 2 of the county commissioners, to have notice to attend. [*G* 10, *p.* 226.]

Like order that those who have petitioned to compound on the Act of 1 Aug., concerning mortgages and extents on delinquents' estates, attend the counsel to whom their cases are referred, to perfect their reports in 10 days, or the estates on which they desire allowance shall be sequestered.

93, 93A. Like order on a Parliament order of 8th Aug. 1650,—that 70,000*l.* be paid out of the receipts of Goldsmiths' Hall, after the 50,000*l.* already charged upon those receipts towards maintenance of the forces in England, and that the Commissioners for Compounding issue warrants to pay the same to the treasurers-at-war—that the said sum be paid as ordered. [*G* 1, *p.* 227; *also* 12, *pp.* 49, 53; 13, *p.* 25.]

Nov. 27. Wells. **94.** County Committee for Somersetshire, viz. Neh. Collins, Nath. Quash, Wm. Blake, and Sam. Whetcombe, to the Committee for Compounding. Your letter, commission, and instructions to Major Collins concerning the sequestrations of this county came to hand, but in regard of our remote dwellings, we could not meet until the Monday following, at Wells, when we resolved to endeavour to answer your expectations. As to those late obstructions, we hope so to manifest our integrity that there shall be no prejudice by our negligence; but as opportunity offers, we will speak our knowledge of the old committee and their agents, and choose such officers for this employment as are well known for their piety and adherence to the present government.

By Col Pyne's direction we called upon Jasper Batt for an account of the sequestrations belonging to the old committee, but he alleged his inability to render any, as the accounts were in Fras. Tuthill's custody; Col. Pyne has given us free recourse to any writings in his custody. We will collect all money due, and return it to your treasury from time to time, and furnish you with an account of all our proceedings. Col. Gorges is absent. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 28. Durham. **95.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. Since the Parliament army marched from here to Scotland, we have had a great many petitions presented to us (some of which we enclose) from the tenants

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farming sequestered lands adjoining or near the roads that lead through this county, whose losses and sufferings by reason of free quarter and billeting have been great. They profess to be unable to pay their rent, and have therefore solicited us to recommend their cases to you. We are also desired to recommend the petition of some poor recusants, whose small estates under the value of 10*l.* are sequestered, and the third part only left them for their subsistence, so that some of them are a burden to the parish. With note of reply 11 Dec. that there is no power given the Committee for Compounding to relieve them until further order from Parliament, though the committee much compassionate the cases. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 63.] *Enclosing,*

95. I. *Petition of Thomas Heighley of Woodham, Chris. Harrison of Walworth, Wm. Harrison of Barmpton, and other tenants of sequestered estates lying on and near the high road to Newcastle, to the County Committee for Durham to relieve them, or recommend their sufferings to the Committee for Compounding. They are exposed to a perpetual disproportionable charge compared with other lands at a greater distance from the street, and sitting upon very dear farming, they will be disabled either to pay their rents or maintain their families, unless some considerable allowance be made in defalcation of their rents towards their satisfaction for the daily pressures they groan under by free quarter and otherwise, from the continual concourse of soldiers, in their through marches, which cannot be supported by those particular places without further contribution thereto.* [1 *page.*]

95. II. *Petition of the inhabitants of Pierce Bridge, Over Coniscliffe, and Nether Coniscliffe, to the County Committee for Durham, for relief. Live in the open road where soldiers are continually passing, and still quarter upon them by* 30 *in a house at a time upon free quarter, so that petitioners are almost ruined, and will be forced to forsake their habitations unless some help is vouchsafed.* [1 *page.*]

95. III. *Petition of Thos. Pinckney of Brandon, George Taylor of Lanchester, Wm. Hedrington of Shadforth, Thos. Greenwell of Bromshields, recusants, and of all other sequestered recusants in the said county whose estates are of small value, to the County Committee for Durham, either to waive or totally discharge their sequestrations, or recommend their distressed case to the Committee for Compounding, so that they may have the free enjoyment of their ⅔, and thereby gain a subsistence for themselves and families, and not be left to ruin or be cast upon their parishes. Their estates, being of very small value, would not be sufficient to maintain them and their families if not sequestered, some being impotent and very aged, others poor and clogged with debt and great charge of children, so that if ⅔ be taken from them, they cannot subsist. They are only sequestered for their religion, and are not culpable of any delinquency, and hope the commissioners' charity will not enforce their judgments with any penalties.* [1 *page.*]

Nov. 29. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Berks. We send you a copy of a charge this day exhibited against you, and desire your reply in 14 days. [*G* 10, *p.* 235.]

Nov. 29. Chepstow. **96.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. We will get our accounts ready, but desire directions touching the return of the money. We have enquired as to the conviction of Edward, Earl of Worcester, but by reason of the late troubles, the records of our county are so severed that we cannot give a full answer at present. By request of Col. Herbert, we enclose a copy of the lease made to him by the late committee of part of the estate of Wm. Jones of Hardwick. [⅔ *page.*]

96. I. *Assignment to Col. Wm. Herbert of three leases for* 1,000 *years, of lands, &c., in Hardwick, granted to Wm. Jones of Hardwick, but since forfeited for his recusancy; consideration money,* 260*l.*, *or* 10 *years' purchase. Oct.* 14, 1648. [1 *sheet, copy.*]

Nov. 29. Chester. **97.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding Particulars of cases. We enclosed two bills amounting to 300*l.* in our last letter, and hope you have received them. [2½ *pages.*]

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Nov. 30. **98.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We will see that the miscarriage of several depositions by the post is looked after, and will hasten our accounts. We shall carefully observe a letter from Daniel Cox, with papers concerning the 20th parts. There are here several sequestered houses in corporations, which, because we can only let them for a year, go much to decay, and we are constantly petitioned for allowance for repairs; whereas if we had power to let for 7 years, the tenants would repair themselves, and so the houses would be kept up and yield a better rent. With note of reply, 9 Dec. [You have power to contract for 7 years and allow for repairs according to the instructions.] [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 483.]

Nov. 30. Westminster. Rich. Deane [secretary to the Army Committee] to Arthur Squibb, commissioner for compounding. The Committee for Compounding ask the orders of this committee about the messengers and other officers employed by your predecessors, which I enclose. I fear the messengers will have to wait another week for their money, unless you can get it for them to-day, as intended by the Army Committee. [*G* 63, *p.* 811.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Order by the Army Committee, on the Committee for Compounding requesting their approbation of the salaries of their officers,* 27 *Nov.* 1650. [*G* 63, *pp.* 813, 814; *see pp.* 362, 363 *supra.*]

Nov. **99.** List of rents returned in arrear by the late to the present County Committee within the rape of Bramber, Sussex, and received by their treasurer, giving the names of the respective tenants of the sequestered estates, and the amount due from each, total, 523*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* Also list of arrears returned by the late to the present committee, which have not been received by the latter, total, 2,138*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

With notes of reply, 9 Dec., by the Committee for Compounding. We want to know why rents are returned as in arrear if the treasurer has received them. We press execution of our former orders to be vigorous in forcing the accounts of former treasurers and collectors, that it may appear whether they have charged themselves with these sums, and that those omitted may be required from them, in discovery of which we will assist you. [2 *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 447.]

Nov.? Notes [by the Committee for Compounding] of the grounds on which they approve the proceedings of Mason, L. Sampson, and Shute as commissioners for co. Somerset, they having brought in much money and found out the revenue of the county, &c. That there were no complaints of them till Pyne complained against Mason, on which Mason was suspended. That examinations of 100 sheets were taken, and other commissioners appointed to join with the former. That Pyne has long delayed his charge, keeping Mason at great expenses, and that he still refuses to surrender the books of the old committee. [*G* 102, *pp* 37, 39, 49.]

Dec. 2. Note of letters from the Commissioners of Haberdashers' Hall delivered to the six clerks of assize, by Wm. Hale, to be sent into the several counties of England. [*G* 64, *p.* 554.]

Dec. 2. Wells. **100.** John Burgess and Hen. Mawde to the Committee for Compounding. You employed us as agent and clerk under the late commissioners for co. Somerset, and we desire that you would direct the present commissioners' continuance of us, unless there be any charge against us; this will conduce to the more effectual carrying on of the work in Bristol, we being able to give the present commissioners light in it. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 3. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Salop Commissioners be heard in the afternoon.

That John Browne and Chas. Langford, two of them, be fined 20*l.* each for neglecting to bring in their accounts, which they are to do within a month; meantime they are suspended from acting.

Order on hearing the charge by Edm. Kendrick against the commissioners of co. Salop, and theirs against him, that he be discharged from acting as their agent; but that on making up his accounts, he receive what is due for the time that he has acted. [*G* 10, *pp.* 237, 238.]

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Order on hearing of the Governor of Hereford, and on a letter from Mat. Barrow of Hereford, that Capt. John Herring of Holmer be appointed one of the county sequestration commissioners. [*G* 12, *p.* 52.]

Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Bucks. Complaint is made to us that you do not perform our orders and those of Parliament, for felling and selling 3,000*l.* worth of wood on the Duke of Buckingham's estate, 1,500*l.* of which was ordered for Col. Whichcott, the governor of Windsor Castle, and the rest towards pay of the horse forces in the county, and that you pretend an order taking off the former order. If you have it, send us a copy; if not, perform the former order speedily. Col. Whichcott to have a copy of this letter. [*G* 10, *p.* 237; 12, *p.* 51.]

Dec. 3. Petition of Luke Voyce of Ely, late sequestrator in co. Cambridge and the Isle of Ely, to the Committee for Compounding. Information being brought against him by Edm. Scotton, and he unable without great charge to clear himself before them, his evidences being so remote, begs an order to the county committee, and to Capt. John Garland and 2 others, to consider the business and take examinations, and appoint a meeting in the Isle of Ely. [*G* 126, *p.* 559.]

Dec. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all orders for examination of witnesses against delinquents and on behalf of the defendants, and also for cross-examination, be granted in course, but no third commission without further order.

That the committee will hear only cases referring to the Act for extents and mortgages, and votes relating to 24 November, next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and will sit on Friday on the 20th part.

Auditor Sherwin to prepare and transmit a list of delinquents.

The county committees in all contracts and leases to tie the tenants to as strict covenants as private persons do, according to the custom of the counties, for preservation of the estates; and all contracts and leases made contrary to instructions to be void. [*G* 13, *p.* 33.]

Dec. 4. Stafford. **101.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. We have at last received the imperfect duplicate enclosed from the old committee, and to-morrow we expect their treasurer's books, and their clerk's notes, which shall also be transmitted to you. We will observe your directions as to sending our letters, and are afraid there have been too many miscarriages, as we sent an answer to yours about horses and other charges allowed out of sequestration money for the militia. Notes of cases.

We have only received about 1,000*l.* of the 3,000*l.* rents, which we are fetching in with the aid of our agents and soldiers, with all the speed we can. We have discoveries of some that have compounded at undervalues, and others that have not been sequestered, but some decline to discover until some allowance is provided for them. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 4. Penrith. **102.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. In yours of the 22nd ult., you desire that our agent or some other trusty person may be appointed to attend the postmaster here for letters transmitted from you. No letters from or to us delivered to the postmaster at Carlisle miscarry, but how they may be handled by the way we know not. We have been informed by Sir Arth. Hesilrigge and the other commissioners at Newcastle, that the moneys in arrear for sequestrations till 25 March last in the four Northern counties are allowed by Parliament to the counties, in respect of the great detriment they have sustained by the armies and forces for years past quartered upon them.

Our accounts for this year we cannot return until Candlemas, the latter payment for sequestrations not accruing until then; by that time we hope they will be perfected, and the whole sum due for sequestrations paid. Our employments upon considerable discoveries have been so great that the Martinmas rents cannot as yet be gathered in, but by our next we hope to return you 500*l.*, with the depositions upon such discoveries, and our proceedings therein.

When we send letters requesting your resolution in any matter of doubt, we beg an immediate answer, the want whereof renders our actings ineffectual and confused. Particulars of cases.

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With a marginal note of reply, 20 Jan. 1651, that Parliament did grant the fines to the four Northern counties till the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, when it was ordered that all due since December 1649 should be paid to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, and therefore the Committee for Compounding will expect a particular account of the authority by which any money has been paid, and how much has been paid in the whole. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 459.]

Dec. 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding that letters be sent to the commissioners for cos. Brecon, Monmouth, and Glamorgan, to certify how the profits of the rectories belonging to the Earl of Worcester's estate have been disposed of.

Major Jos. Rigby summoned to attend to-morrow, Thos. Duckworth, high sheriff of co. Lancaster, to be present.

Order on motion of Maccabæus Hollis, in behalf of the late committee for Kingston-on-Hull,—that on account of their distance, age, and infirmities, some persons of quality in Hull might take their accounts;—that two of the present commissioners for co. York, Fras. Dewick, now mayor of Hull, and Maccabæus Hollis, merchant, take the said accounts, and return them up with speed. [*G* 12, *p.* 55; *also* 92, *p.* 381.]

Order that Peter Ambrose, Sequestration agent of co. Lancaster, bring in his accounts within 2 months. [*G* 10, *pp.* 249, 251.]

Order that all resolves touching general matters be entered into a book by themselves.

That a copy of the report be sent with all orders made on reports for allowance of deeds, leases, statutes, judgments, &c.

That an attested copy of the report whereon any order is made be sent to the commissioners or others concerned. [*G* 13, *pp.* 32, 35.]

Orders about commissions for examining witnesses against delinquents, and for the hearing of cases referring to the Act for extents, &c., as on the preceding page.

Order on an order given of 3 Nov. of the Committee for sale of delinquents' estates,—that the Committee for Compounding return a list of those who have refused or neglected their compositions, or are incapable of compounding, giving the places and titles of delinquents, in order that one man may not be injured by another's misdoing;—that Mr. Sherwin prepare a list accordingly. [*G* 36, *pp.* 15, 17; *also* 118, *p.* 217.]

Dec. 6. Orders in the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Leech search his books for all orders charging the Treasury with payments, that they may be entered with the auditor. [*G* 13, *p.* 33.]

Dec. 6. Exeter. **103.** John Serle to the Committee for Compounding. I have long waited for your resolves touching the just scruples that have lain upon me, but never had a reply; yet I have kept on the work, though not with cheerfulness, for want of your encouragement; and how to proceed further I know not, unless better satisfied. Capt. Wotton never appearing, Mr. Dore and Major Pearse declining the service, and Mr. Clapp being in London, I am forced to represent this week's transactions singly.

I gave the best satisfaction I could to such as attended according to order, and prepared all things for the next meeting and Mr. Clapp's return. The receipts have been from Edm. Tremayne's estate, 5*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*; from Thomas March, a Papist, 18*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, and Edm. Reynell 150*l.*, and some accounts have been brought in from the agents of the late County Committee by Mr. Rowe, their secretary, but nothing according to the Act of their proceedings, nor any proofs or informations, and nothing until last night from the City of Exeter.

They do not answer their duty according to the Act, and if such liberty be given for them to deliver and reserve what they please, and when they please, you cannot expect such account of the service from us as is necessary to your work.

Our orders are out to the agent for levying the penalties, which is all we can do, and we have called upon those of the city and county for the enemies' indictments and presentments against the well-affected, which are very useful for discoveries, but can get nothing.

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You have had an account of all the receipts here, but the transactions of the old committee and their agents are such that, in accounting with their tenants for the Michaelmas rents, it is hard in many cases to save the Commonwealth from being indebted to them, and the exactness now used is accounted severity. Only Mr. Sanders and the committee's clerk in Exeter, and Mr. Rowe, the clerk to the county committee, have brought in such papers as they please, but nothing else from any of the rest, either in city or county. Your order as to 3rds to Papists and 5ths to delinquents shall be obeyed.

Notes on particular cases. [1 *page*.]

[Dec. 6.] Committee for Compounding to Mr. Serle. Mr. Clapp has been with us, and has returned with instructions which we hope will satisfy you. We thank you for your care and prudence during the unsettledness of the business in your county, and hope that you will now settle to work, and that we shall shortly see good fruits of your labours. [*G* 30, *p.* 33.]

Dec. 6. **104.** Queries from the County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding.

1. Whether anyone has appeared for taking off the sequestration from the estate of [George] Browne, a Papist, called Wickham Brux?

2. Whether the woods of Papists and delinquents which are fellable are to be sold, and whether by the acre, or by hiring workmen to cut it out as it lies for a market; the Papists having woods are Mr. Browne and Mrs. Dorrell of Scotney, and the delinquents are Sir George Mills, [Edw.] Masters of Willesbrough, and [Rich.] Thornhill.

3. What has been done about the returns of new delinquents lately sequestered by the said commissioners?

4. What is to be done about Mrs. Dorrell, whose tenants have several times been warned to pay their rents, but have not appeared?

5. What is to be done about Lady Neville, a Papist's estate? Mr. Hauton, of Mavill [Mayfield] on Sussex, has received all her rents upon the composition made with the Prince Elector's Committee, but neither comes to pay in his composition to us, which was due 29 Sept. last, nor pays it to the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall.

6. Allowance is wanted for another agent, and if we must proceed upon the new delinquents, more agents must be allowed, or the work will be slowly carried on.

7. That Jonathan Tilecote may be appointed agent for us in London, to bring and receive letters, despatches, &c., with a salary.

With marginal notes of reply 12 Dec., being directions in particular cases. The underwoods are to be sold to the best advantage, allowing recusants $\frac{1}{3}$ of their profits. The rents are to be levied by distress on the tenants of Mrs. Dorrell, or any other who refuse to pay. Nothing has yet been done about the new delinquents. They may employ further agents, but the salaries to all not to exceed 8*s.* a day. Wm. Dawkes, bailiff, is summoned to answer the complaint against him for distraining Hen. Masters, tenant to Petham Court, Finsford parish, sequestered from Sir Thos. Bosvile, and care shall be taken to prevent such disturbances. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 191.]

[Dec. 6?] **105.** Proposals from the County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding.

1. To have a list of such as have compounded for mortgages or extents upon sequestered estates, according to the late Act. [When it can be perfected.]

2. Whether Sir George Sands compounded for his Ladyday rents for 1650, his discharge dated 25 June 1650 not mentioning from what time his estate would be discharged; also whether his fine were for his old or new delinquency, being set before he was capable of being sequestered for the last. [The registrar to report the matter of fact.]

3. Sir John Mayne of Linton was fined for his first delinquency by the county committee 1,600*l.*, but paid only half, and for delinquency in 1648 he was fined by the commissioners at Goldsmiths' Hall 900*l.*, and it being supposed that the arrears of his former fine were included in the 900*l.*, the Commonwealth has lost 800*l.* [The particulars upon his composition to be seen.]

4. What to do with parks, whether to dispark them or not; if not, the State has no benefit by them; and if disparked, one park may be worth near 100*l.* a year. [Let them to the best advantage.]

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5. John Poole of the Inner Temple had a judgment upon Mr. Thornhill's estate for 187*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* and has levied 28*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* over and above such amount. [To take care that the overplus is received for the State.]

6. The executors of [Thos.] Pordage, a Papist, have procured an order for the discharge of his estate from the committee for the Prince Elector's Revenue, on pretence of debts which would never have been allowed by the former Committee for Kent. [Not to be allowed; as to the grounds why the Committee of Kent disallowed this deed, answer was given to Capt. Browne.] The passages between brackets are marginal notes for a reply. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 7. Order by J. Sadler, appointing a hearing at his rooms in Lincoln's Inn, of the case between Val. Gregory and Sir Rich. Wingfield and others. [*G* 175, *p.* 297.]

Dec. 7. **106.** County Committee for Bucks, to the Committee for Compounding. You desire us to send our letters by post, to prevent miscarriages, as some depositions and letters have been lost, which we fear has happened to some of ours. Have you received a certificate, concerning Richard Brabrook's land, claimed by William Summer of Dinton; Mr. Parker's certificate concerning the mills sequestered from Mr. Buly; Thomas Stafford's certificate concerning payment of the residue of his fine, and compounding with the committee of the three counties of Bucks, Berks, and Oxon, and others, of which we have no returns?

As to returning the rents due at Michaelmas, a good part of them were long since paid, and the rest will be paid as soon as we can get them, but it is very dangerous sending them by the carrier, by whom we were forced to send the last. You shall have our accounts next week. We have not levied 20*l.* a piece on the former committee, seeing that we sit in the same town with them, and have the use of all their books and papers. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 7. Taunton. **107.** County Committee for Somersetshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have endeavoured, during the short time we have acted, to gather in the rents of sequestered estates in this county, and will send up the proceeds. We never received any order as to imposing a penalty of 20*l.* a-piece, on the members of the old committee, for not furnishing us with their records, but are assured of free recourse to them, now in Col. Pyne's custody, with liberty to take copies; they are so voluminous that they cannot be copied in a short time.

This county being large, and our work difficult, two agents are required. We have chosen James Pearse and John Wyatt, both well affected, and crave your approbation. We have received from the late commissioners an account of contracts for sequestered estates, amounting to the yearly value of 514*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* and several bonds. Should the payment of ministers' augmentations be according to the Act of Parliament of 31 Mar. 1650, or otherwise, as there have been addresses in this matter? We cannot observe punctually your instructions for posting up estates 14 days before the setting thereof, as there are some estates now to be let whereon there is corn to be sown, which, if delayed, cannot be sown this year; but there shall be an exact survey, and we will observe your directions for such estates as are not in the State's hands at present. With marginal notes of a reply. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Dorset. By yours of 11 Oct. and 21 Nov., we find the sequestration revenue of the county much abated from the reports in former returns, part being taken off by disposal of Parliament, part by extents and charges. Let us know what is disposed of to particular persons, and by what order; our instructions are positive to allow of no extents, unless proved before us. We hope a better account with care. You will find large arrears of rents unpaid, if you carefully examine former accounts, and much more due last Ladyday than you write of. [*G* 30, *p.* 45.]

Dec. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Durham. Particulars of cases. We are sensible of the sufferings and service of Mr. French, and will do what we can to help him; we will present what you propose to those who can do him good, and certify their directions. [*G* 30, *p.* 63.]

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Dec. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cheshire. We have yours of 26 and 29 Nov. Directions in cases. Your bills of exchange had better be sent to the treasurers by yourselves. [*G* 30, *p.* 91.]

Dec. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cumberland. From your account of 140*l.* received for concealed meal of Mr. Kirkbride, you deduct 8*l.* for your clerk, 12*l.* for your agent, and 10*l.* 12*s.*, your own salary, at 1*s.* in the pound. Examine what your predecessors received, and whether they did not pay their clerk or agent. Have they been employed ever since February? We cannot understand how 1*s.* in the pound on 120*l.* comes to 10*l.* 12*s.*; for the whole 140*l.* it would but be 7*l.* You should not take a salary on what goes out in wages, therefore only 6*l.* is due to you.

We have no power to make allowance for return of moneys, but if you will certify when you have large sums in hand, we will try to get orders for its payment in the country.

You may re-sequester all who do not produce their discharges, the time limited for payment of fines being expired. Particulars of cases.

Edw. Pearson complains that you threaten to distrain him for 48*l.* which he received as agent to the late county committee. What employment had he, and what payment did he receive? Respite the levying the money by distress till further orders. [*G* 30, *p.* 125.]

Dec. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancaster. Directions in cases. Mr. Ambrose says you urge him to receive the sequestration revenues as treasurer. We wonder at this, your instructions being to choose one of yourselves, nor have we power to allow of any other.

As to the petition of the inhabitants of Rixton-cum-Glazebrook, concerning a ferry-boat at Hollyfair, we think the best course would be to rent it for 7 years to a fit person, who will undertake to furnish a boat at his own charge.

We have summoned again Major [Jos.] Rigby, and granted him time to make his defence. As to the mill sequestered from Mr. Kirby, enquire whether the wear was ever pulled down before, and why and how it came to be re-erected, and certify.

We will gratify you as far as we can about officers, and though there are large counties whose revenue exceeds yours, to whom we have only allowed 3 agents, we will, for your encouragement, approve the 6 returned, allowing them 16*s.* a day. You are to choose your clerk at 2*s.* 6*d.*, but we have no power to appoint treasurer and auditor, so you must not urge it. A doorkeeper is needless, as some of the agents will always be there.

There shall be allowances made to witnesses for the State, but let the charges be moderate.

In certifying contracts, express how you let every estate, and wait our answer before sealing any lease. [*G* 30, *p.* 207.]

Dec. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Montgomery. The lease made by Sir John Price, 15 May last, is void; you are therefore to seize the estate. If the sheriff has laid any extent on it, he has done what he cannot answer. If he disturbs the tenants, we will see that they take no prejudice by paying in their rents. We send you additional instructions; take care to peruse and understand them. [*G* 30, *p.* 341.]

Dec. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Worcester. Directions in cases. Notwithstanding what you allege, it is expected that the late county committee's duplicates should be returned. You must prosecute our instructions against them and their officers who refuse or delay. You must not admit Major [Gervase?] Blackwall's demand of arrears of crown rents, nor suffer him to collect them, unless he prove to us that they are really due, and you have further orders. [*G* 30, *p.* 473.]

Dec. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for York. We have at length borrowed time from our very pressing occasions to answer yours of 17, 27, and 28 Sept., 8, 18, 25, 26, and 29 October, and 2, 8, 9, 12, and 30 Nov., wherein are many testimonies of your care for the public interest. We are sorry

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not to have answered earlier; the affairs that lie on our hands so multiply, that we cannot give the dispatch we desire to those that work with us, but hope not to be so backward in future. On 17 Sept., you name a Capt. Thos. Best, who obtained a discharge by misinformation from the Committee for Sequestrations, without certificate from us. If it be so, secure his estate, and give him a copy of his charge, and leave to examine witnesses, and observe the same course in reference to others. Directions in cases. We have not received the depositions against Ralph Baynes, Rob. Pollard, and John Todd, but your instructions direct you to seize and secure in case of 2 witnesses, and sequester unless the parties bring a discharge from us in 3 months.

We cannot allow what is done by the Militia Committee, nor must you; we hope a rule therein shortly. The Act requires us not to allow rent-charges till proved before us, and gives us no liberty to delegate that power. [*G* 30, *p.* 483. *A large proportion of this letter is calendared on the margin of the letters of* 18 *Oct. and* 30 *Nov.*]

Dec. 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all orders of the House laying charges on the Treasury be entered with the auditor.

That all orders made by the commissioners be drawn up within 2 days of the making.

Order on a Council of State order of 26 Nov.—for payment of 500*l.* to the commissioners for Ireland, and 220*l.* to [Wm.] Basill,—that Basill be first paid. [*G* 36, *p.* 19.]

Order on motion by Maj.-Gen. Desborough on behalf of Luke Voyce, that Sherwin proceed with the accounts, and if he finds anything he cannot pass, acquaint the committee. [*G* 12, *p.* 59.]

Dec. 10. Certificate by Auditor Sherwin that Wm. Dalby, late treasurer for sequestrations, co. Rutland, has brought an account which cannot be passed for want of vouchers; with note that he has a month's time allowed, and is to suffer no damage meantime. [*G* 79, *p.* 617.]

Dec. 10. Charge before the Committee for Compounding against Major Jos. Rigby, late mayor of Wigan, co. Lancaster.

That he greatly impeded profits by hindering men from coming to take the lands of Papists and delinquents, threatened to cut off their heads if they offered more than he bade them, and imprisoned several for so doing, which was done that he might get the lands himself at an undervalue. [*G* 113, *p.* 887.]

Dec. 10. Hereford. **108.** County Committee for Herefordshire, to the Committee for Compounding. Enclosed are particulars of some delinquents and Papists' estates which we have surveyed. We examined several of the tenants and neighbours upon oath, and perused the assessment for contributions, and found the estates to be as mentioned, and have posted and proclaimed them for letting. We allow the wife and children of delinquents a fifth part, and a fourth to the tenants for contributions, and to the Papists a third, but the taxation in our county, far exceeding all other counties according to its proportion, causes our rates to be very dear to the tenants, at which they much complain. We have personally delivered our Michaelmas accounts. There are other estates not yet surveyed, but when we give you an account of the full rents that we shall improve them to, we hope you will have no cause of dislike. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 10. York. **109.** Ralph Rymer, one of the County Committee for York, to the Committee for Compounding. I have written twice that I could not return money as formerly, and desiring that the money might be charged upon me to pay here, but have not received any answer. I have since then returned 500*l.* to Mr. Tichborne, and 1,000*l.* to Paul Beale, to be paid into Goldsmiths' Hall the latter end of this month. I now desire you to charge me with 6,000*l.*, that I may be at once eased of the charge, and freed from the danger that these times threaten. [½ *page.*]

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Dec. 11. Order by the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Ireton have a warrant for all his money. [*G* 12, *p.* 63.]

Order disapproving the contract made by the present commissioners for co. Rutland with Wm. Andrews of Hambleton for Burley Manor, and also of that made by the late committee to him in 1649, as he asks allowance of 380*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, although the contract is for 1,000*l.* a year above all charges. Also order that Lord Fairfax's trustees have a month to obtain the order of the House about the said manor, which was settled on them for him, and that they receive the Michaelmas rents.

Order that the county commissioners do not let estates in gross, but by the particular farm, setting a rate on each.

That Mr. Fowle search in the Parliament books to see what orders have been made relating to sequestrations since 1642, and what persons were committed by Parliament since the setting up the standard at Nottingham. [*G* 10, *pp.* 264, 266; *also* 36, *p.* 23.]

Dec. 11. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Rutland. On motion by Lord Fairfax's trustees for possession of Burley manors, we perused your letter desiring us to confirm your contract with Wm. Andrews [of Hambleton], but we cannot do it, for we hear that it was let irregularly, and that 100*l.* more than you have accepted was offered, and it is worth 500*l.* more than the rent for which you have bargained. Send us an account of your proceedings, and let the trustees receive the Michaelmas rents, as formerly ordered. [*G* 10, *p.* 265.]

Dec. 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Rutland. If the contracts for Burley estate were made as certified in yours of 16 Nov., the parties must enjoy them for this year, but we shall order our auditor to call them to account. [*G* 30, *p.* 371.]

Dec. 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cornwall. We have yours of 17 Oct., and the lists; we are satisfied with your care of the public interest, and hope you will continue your diligence. We beg you to send us the undervalues you promised, lest there be loss by the present addresses of the parties. Also collect the arrears and seize the estates of all who submitted to fines imposed by the former county committee, or were adjudged delinquents, that they may be brought to composition. [*G* 30, *p.* 111.]

Dec. 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Gloucester. We hear from the County Committee of Wilts that Capt. Thos. Gore, who lives in your county, owes 30*l.* for rent of lands belonging to [Edm.] Wells of Littleton Drew. Enquire after him, and if he have any estate, distrain for the rent. The County Committee for Wilts might direct you to his abode. [*G* 30, *p.* 153.]

Dec. 11. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Somerset. We approve your course for setting estates. The Act you mention is to be your rule for ministers' augmentations, but our instructions are also to be observed. Hasten the Michaelmas rents and perfect the accounts. We send you further instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 391.]

Dec. 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Stafford. Directions on cases. We have received the duplicates and sent them to our auditor for perusal. We hope you will collect the arrears of rents more speedily than usual, the sum being so considerable, and occasions here so pressing. [*G* 30, *p.* 427.]

Dec. 11. Westminster. [Col.] Edm. Ludlow and John Dove to the Committee for Compounding. As Major Wm. Ludlow is marching for the service of Ireland, a commissioner for sequestrations will be wanting for co. Wilts. We recommend Wm. Reddish of Maiden Bradley, who has been faithful through the wars, and will well discharge the trust. [*G* 113, *p.* 541.]

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Dec. 11. Exeter. **110.** Richard Carter to the Committee for Compounding. I enclose papers concering the Lord of Wardour's estate, and an order for taking off a sequestration on an estate declared to be worth 50*l* a year. I believe Fras. Burnell has in it 10 years' unexpired term. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 11. Exeter. **111.** [Rich. Carter] to the Committee for Compounding. Although my commisssion does not allow me to do anything on behalf of the State but by orders from the commissioners here, I crave leave to present some particulars which may be advantageous if expedited. I find many estates of very great concernment within this county formerly sequestered, but before I came to the employment, they were taken off by order of the Committee for Sequestrations, on the report of some lawyers. Particulars of cases.

I have viewed a list requiring an account for the last half-year, and although it is directed to the commissioners, whom only it concerns to give such an account as may be satisfactory, yet as they have but lately entered on the business, they are not yet settled, nor in a capacity to do it suddenly. I have received some money for certain sheaves which we set this year, but as we could not get the accounts of the former officers, we were much straitened in time, and forced to dispose of them as we could, and it was 8 Aug. before we had any order for letting them.

The two rectories of Marychurch and Paignton, containing five parishes, sequestered from Sir Edw. Carey, recusant, were let to him at 60*l*. a year, as by the former book appears; but now, by the accounts which we have this year taken of the particular inhabitants by way of composition, they amount to 462*l*. 2*s*. 6*d*., for which money I have taken security. Details of the letting of other sheaves. Art. Bassett and John Furlong, of Tamerton Foliott, have both compounded much under value.

Finding the sheaf of Broadclist, sequestered from Edmond Reynell of Malston, to be in hand, and Major Pearse being in London, Capt. Hunkyn advised us to see what we could do upon our own authority and interest with the people, in preserving it for the use of the Commonwealth; so we proceeded to particular compositions, and the commissioners gave us order for collecting of the money, of which we have already received 150*l*. and 35*l*. 3*s*. 6*d*. The rest cannot be accounted for until the end of next March.

The reasons why I trouble you are—1stly, the necessity of reducing these estates again to the use of the Commonwealth; 2ndly, to show how willing I am to keep myself clear by way of account; 3rdly, to show you that the vastness of the business caused Major Pearse and Capt. Hunkyn to desire another agent, which you were pleased to grant, whereupon they made choice of John Hayward, and have employed him ever since June last; I hope you will consider the labourer worthy of his hire, as he has spent much time in the service, and order him to be paid, and also send him a commission, and renew mine, as the commissioners desire it. With marginal notes of a reply. [2¾ *pages.*]

Dec. 12. Order of the Committee for Compounding that it be represented to Parliament that the creditors of delinquents excepted from pardon are in better condition than those of delinquents who compound, because the former are allowed their debts charged on estates without composition, whereas the others cannot receive theirs till they have compounded.

Order that the witnesses in the case of the charges against the Berkshire commissioners be examined by Mr. Carey, unless cause be shown to the contrary. [*G* 10, *pp.* 270, 271.]

Dec. 12. Committee for Compounding to Wm. Dawkes, bailiff at Dartford. Complaint is made that you distrain the goods of Hen. Masters, tenant to Petham Court, Finsford parish, sequestered for delinquency of Sir Thos. Bosvile, contrary to our orders to prevent such disturbances. You are to appear before us 19 Dec. to answer your misdemeanour. [*G* 30, *p.* 191; 70, *p.* 1.]

Dec. 12. Committee for Compounding to the county committees. We want your accounts to Michaelmas, so that afterwards there may be a constant yearly account. We press this as necessary to our orderly proceedings; take the utmost care that it be returned by 1 Jan.

P.S.—We mean accounts of revenues, receipts and payments, and wish one of you to bring them up. Also say whether you have received the accounts of

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the late commissioners; and if not, in whose hands they remain, that we may obtain them for you. Also send us a certificate of your having taken the oath. With note that this letter was sent to counties

Hertford,	Bucks,	Middlesex,
Berks,	Cambridge,	Sussex,
Surrey,	Kent,	London.
Bedford,	Essex,	

[*G* 11, *p.* 289.]

Dec. 12. Like letters, but giving 31 Jan. as the date for sending in the accounts to counties

Warwick,	North and South Wales,	Leicester,
Devon,	York,	Northampton,
Cumberland,	Monmouth,	Nottingham,
Chester,	Somerset,	Northumberland,
Cornwall,	Lincoln,	Norfolk,
Derby,	Stafford,	Suffolk,
Dorset,	Worcester,	Westmoreland,
Durham,	Hereford,	Wilts,
Gloucester,	Huntingdon,	Salop.
Oxon,		

With note that letters were not sent to cos. Hants, Lancaster, and Rutland. [*G* 11, *p.* 289.

Dec. 12. Committee for Compounding to several county committees. As we have often required returns from the former committee, and told you we had imposed a fine of 20*l.* on all who refuse or neglect, and yet no account has come, we suspect that you have not taken the oath prescribed on your entrance into this employment, or it would have been better prosecuted. If you are so remiss, we must choose other agents, unless you show the cause of delay in exercising the power which Parliament has entrusted to you of levying the fine. Send us an account in your next, and consider the importance of this. [*G* 11, *p.* 290.]

Dec. 12. Additional instructions by the Committee for Compounding to the county commissioners.

In all contracts and leases, tie the tenants to strict covenants to preserve the estates. All leases contrary to this or former instructions to be void.

In all returns of estates let, certify how they were set, that the commissioners may know whether it was according to instructions; if not, the contracts will not be allowed.

Notice how all letters are directed to you, and answer accordingly, without mixing your letters, as we sit under a double capacity.

As to allowances craved from sequestered estates, you are to receive them, unless a discharge from this committee is produced 3 months after your seizure.

In letting estates, post up the particular farms in each, and do not let several manors and farms in a lump to one person, where there are offers to rent them apart; also see that the occupier has notice, so that he may have liberty to offer.

See that the sheriffs do not distrain the tenants for rents or arrears due out of sequestered estates, unless allowed by us.

Note in all discharges and suspensions whether the parties are clergymen, or lawyers, or not, unless they are expressed in the orders you receive from us, and certify us. [*G* 11, *p.* 290.]

Dec. 13. Proposals of Stephen Humphrey and Henry Stalman, two of the County Commissioners for the West Division of Sussex, to the Committee for Compounding. Since we were appointed we have done our best to prosecute the work. The whole sequestrations in the county are not more than 4,500*l.* a year, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{5}$, and incident charges deducted, and some delinquents are on composition; yet 6 commissioners are appointed at 1*s.* in the pound, a salary very small for so many commissioners (there being but 3 in other counties), and the riding charges in surveying and letting estates are great, as also the expense and hazard of returning moneys to London, and the loss from clipped moneys. We beg that the salary may be made more suitable, or the number of commissioners lessened. We will then appoint days for meeting. [*G* 120, *p.* 823.]

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Dec. 13. Petition of John Stalman to the Committee for Compounding, for a competent yearly salary. Was appointed last May clerk to the Commissioners for Sussex, to have a fitting allowance, but the instructions only graut him 2*s.* 6*d.* a day, which has hardly defrayed ½ his riding charges to survey and let sequestered estates, the county being so large that the commissioners have divided themselves, and meet at different places. He has not been at home more than 2 days in a week since he took the employment. [*G* 120, *p.* 371.] *Annexing,*

1. *Certificate by Step. Humphrey and Hen. Stalman, county commissioners, of the abilities, labour, and expenses of John Stalman.* 25 *Nov.* 1650. [*G* 120, *p.* 375.]

Dec. 13. Order thereon that the county commissioners allow John Stalman 20*l.* more for the time past, for incidental charges.

Like order that, the revenues of sequestered estates in co. Sussex being small, the 1*s.* in the pound is but small benefit divided among 6 commissioners, and therefore that they be reduced to 3, viz., Step. Humphrey, Hen. Stalman, and [George] Stonestreet; a commission to be issued to them, and a letter sent to the other commissioners, acquainting them with this, and thanking them for past service. [*G* 10, *p.* 273.]

Dec. 14. Hereford. County Committee for Herefordshire to the Committee for Compounding. The reason of Fitzwilliam Coningsby's estate letting so low is that the sequestration was taken off to give place to an extent of Sir Thos. Allen's, and the rent reserved to the State was 220*l.* It was let low because of annuities and charges, and the badness of the times. [*G* 157, *p.* 219.]

Dec. 14. Taunton. **112.** County Committee for Somersetshire, to the Committee for Compounding. There is 600*l.* in Col. John Gorges' custody, which we will pay if you find means to convey it. Our agents are very busy summoning tenants and others from whom money is due. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 14. Oxford. **113.** County Committee for Oxford to the Committee for Compounding. We have sent up our clerk for your confirmation of our contracts for sequestered estates, as the persons are waiting for their leases, and say a little delay will prejudice them much. [The contracts to be considered by the commissioners.]

Our late certificate relating to Henley Manor and John Parsons' estate is defective. Parsons' estate was set to Capt. Hen. Smith for one year at 200*l.* 10*s.* clear rent, and it was to remain in his hands towards the pay of the county troop. [Mr. Parsons' order to be seen.] The agent therefore taking no notice of it in his return to us, it was omitted in our certificate. Henley Manor was certified as contracted for with Rodolph Warcup, for 7 years, at 20*l.* clear rent, but as you have not confirmed it, nothing as yet has been received. [The Commissioners to certify whether they have let this according to instructions.] [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 17. Order in the Committee for Compounding, appointing Thos. Ellis of Chepstow steward for keeping courts on all sequestered estates, co. Monmouth. [*G* 12, *p.* 66.]

Dec. 18. Durham. **114.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. According to your instructions, we have contracted for most of the lands and estates under our charge, of which we will make a return within the time appointed. Particulars of cases.

As to furnishing an account of the sequestrations ending last Michaelmas, our rent days here are Whitsuntide and Martinmas, and from off those days they cannot be removed, by reason of the fairs and markets in these parts suitable to those terms; for last Pentecost we have already returned an account, and are using our utmost endeavours in collecting the rents due at Martinmas. We have received 2,000*l.*, which we are ready to pay, and intreat your assistance to the treasurers-at-war for a warrant to pay the same at Newcastle. It is not our slowness in collecting the rents and returning our accounts, but the rent days that cause the delay. We long ago made a return of our having taken the oath appointed by the Act of 15 April, but if it has not come to hand, we will make another. [1 *page.*]

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Dec. 18. Derby. **115.** County Committee for Derby to the Committee for Compounding. In yours of the 12th inst., you require an account of the receipts and disbursements of all sequestrations here up to Michaelmas last. In compliance with former commands of 20 Oct., we drew up the accounts, and one of us attended Mr. Leech, your registrar, who delivered them to the auditor, and we now enclose a copy. On 18 Oct. we gave you particulars of the rentals of the estates under sequestration, and an extract of such estates as were let by us for this year, so that you might more clearly judge of our proceedings. We will shortly send the particulars upon which delinquents compounded. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 18. **116.** County Committee for Bucks to the Committee for Compounding. We forbore felling the timber upon the lands of the Duke of Buckingham in Whaddon Chase, having received the enclosed order from Parliament to do so, but as we are doubtful whether the order includes the Chase we desire your directions therein. Bucks. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

116. I. *Order in Parliament that the Committee of co. Bucks and the tenants and occupiers of the manors of Whaddon, Eaton, and Winslow, and all lands belonging to them, do forbear felling any timber or other wood upon the said manors and lands until further order. Sept.* 26, 1650. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 18. **117.** The same to the same. We have our accounts ready, and one of us will bring them up before 1 Jan. next, as desired. *Dec.* 18, 1650. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding for discharge by the Commissioners of co. York of the sequestration laid on the lands of the Countess of Carlisle, only because she was reported a prisoner in the Tower, as on examination lately made of Sir John Gell's case, no mention was made of the lady.

Capt. Goddard of Reading, and 2 others of co. Berks, to attend in 6 days.

Order that the Commissioners for co. Berks and the party who brought the charge against them, examine their witnesses in 3 weeks, and that publication then pass. [*G* 10, *pp.* 280, 281, 286; 67, *p.* 377.]

Order on the request of the Earl of Stamford that his account about the 1,500*l.* a year granted him by Parliament out of the estates of certain delinquents, and all the proceedings thereon, may be stated, referring the same to Mr. Brereton and Aud. Sherwin. [*G* 12, *p.* 69; *also* 10, *p.* 279.]

Report by them that on the Parliament orders of 6 May 1643 and 15 Feb. 1647, the Committee for Compounding have issued sundry orders, 15 Feb. 1647 and 9 Feb. 1648 to the county committees to pay the Earl the said 1,500*l.* a year, by virtue of which divers sums have been paid, but there remains due to him, to 25 March 1650, 2,380*l.*; and that for the payment of this arrear and the 1,500*l.* a year in future, the direction of Parliament is desired. [*G* 12, *p.* 69; *also* 120, *p.* 587.]

Dec. 18. Committee for Compounding to [Gualter] Frost, secretary to the Council of State. The Sequestration Commissioners of co. York have seized the Countess of Carlisle's estate, and ask directions. We know of no delinquency exhibited against her. If there be any before the Council of State, let it be transmitted to us if they think fit, as they have done in some cases, that we may order sequestration or discharge. [*G* 10, *p.* 282.]

Dec. 18. **118.** Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for London. We hear that your books and records are in custody of Mr. Martin, your clerk, at Painter Stainers' Hall [Little Trinity Lane, Thames Street]. It is requisite for the present commissioners to have them nearer their place of meeting, which we understand to be in [Armourers' Hall] Coleman Street. Let them be delivered to some one of you, and lodged as near as may be to your place of sitting, and see that none be embezzled or withheld, but all kept ready to resort to. [*Also G* 10, *p.* 285.]

Dec. 19. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that an abstract of the report of Mr. Brereton, touching the allowance of 1,500*l.* a year to the Earl of Stamford, be made and presented to Parliament. [*G* 10, *p.* 292.]

Dec. 20. Stafford. **119.** Certificate by Math. Moreton and John Ashenhurst, that Henry Danvers, governor of Stafford garrison, Major Thos. Gent, and John Peirce, County Commissioners of Stafford, and Capt. John Ley and George Thorley, their agent and clerk, have taken the oath prescribed by the Act of Parliament of 15 April 1650. [¾ *page.*]

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Dec. 20. Sarum. **120.** County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. We will send an account of our receipts and disbursements by the last of January. We desire your order as to keeping [courts] on sequestered estates; it is very necessary, as divers recusants grant estates underhand, and so put up the whole fine to their own use, and the tenants are at a great loss, as there is no power to fill up the reversions of their estates, and many tenements are fallen in hand whereon estates would be made, and much money raised that would be an advantage to the Commonwealth. We have returned 1,880*l.*, and the residue, 300*l.*, will be speedily sent up. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 20. Petition of John Briscoe, late one of the county sequestrators of Cumberland, to the Committee for Compounding, for recompense for his pains and charges in the service, having observantly and faithfully acted according to his talent. [*G* 105, *p.* 461.]

Dec. 20. Order thereon, and on a like petition (missing) of John Musgrave, that the Committee for Compounding will enquire what was done for the county sequestrators of Somerset, and thereupon give order. [*G* 10, *p.* 296.]

Dec. 21. Northwich. **121.** County Committee for Cheshire, to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of letters sent, and of cases. These, with the letter of the clerk of assizes, and the return of recusants indicted and convicted, were all made up together, which we hope you have received.

We shall prepare our accounts up to Michaelmas, and present them by the last of January as desired. As to the particulars of the estates of delinquents that have compounded, we have many of them, and there are many we have not that we shall soon call for from the former committee, or certify the names of those we cannot meet with, and desire to have them from you, with your directions concerning them. We will send by the next post the certificate of our having taken the oath on 14 May last before Thos. Marbury, justice of the peace for Cheshire.

We do not set any estate at a lower rate by the lump than will be given for it in parcels, neither post any estate so covertly but that the tenants and all the country may know, and come and offer, and take, if they will go higher than the post.

We have not heard of any preceding commissioners in any of the neighbouring counties that have prosecuted your instructions in posting all estates of 20*l.* per annum in value and above, as we have done, in the city and several market towns. We sat several days in several places to receive and box all papers, and appointed days for opening the boxes and papers, and the best offer has been accepted without respect of persons, under offers refused, and all this done publicly. Estates under 20*l.* a year, whereof there are many, and some of small value, we did not post, as your instructions did not mention them, but bargained for them other ways, yet at as good rates as we could get for them.

As to Papists who by the Act are to have their chief mansion house, we desire your resolves whether their barns and outhouses be thereby reserved to the Papists; if this is so, and we may not have the setting of two parts of their outhouses to such as take the two parts of their lands, we doubt the State may come to loss, for how shall any be able to give any likely rent for land, if they may not have housing to inn the fruits thereof?

With note of reply that in such cases where there is a necessity, and they find barns and stables sufficient so that the inhabitants shall not be straitened, room be allowed to lay corn and hay in, and in case of any difficulty, that they certify the whole. [1½ *pages.*]

Dec. 21. **122.** County Committee for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. Capt. [Wm.] Stevenson, our commissioned agent, died on Saturday last, and as we need more agents to carry on public business, we enclose a petition for that office. Noted that [Jos.] Beverley, an honest man who has been long employed, is appointed. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

122. I. *Petition of George Firbanck to the County Committee for Yorkshire, for a certificate to the Committee for Compounding, to be appointed as their agent in the place of Capt. Wm. Stevenson, deceased, who was employed in the East Riding in co. York.* [1 *page.*]

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II. *Certificate by Hugh Bethell and Ric. Robinson, that George Firbanck was employed for the Commonwealth at the beginning of the late wars, and was very faithful therein, and is fit for the place of agent.* 19 *Dec.* 1650. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 21. Dorchester. **123.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. You desire better satisfaction concerning the great abatements of the revenues of sequestrations in this county, and ask what part has been disposed of to particular persons, and by what order, and whether any extents be allowed that are not proved before you. For the first, we find only two particulars which may obstruct the passage of our accounts with you; one is an estate of 50*l.* a year charged on us, and belonging to [Edw.] Phillips, who has lain in prison for debt ever since his sequestration, and from whom neither the former committee (considering his distress) nor we ever received anything. The other is an estate of Thos. Arundel, charged with an annuity of 40*l.* a year, by order of the committee, to Lieut. Butler, who had both his eyes shot out in service of the Parliament; for your allowance in both, we crave positive orders before tendering our account.

As for other abatements, by extents or otherwise, we will satisfy you in our account, which, being completed, should have been transmitted with this return, had we not received your present commands. Upon perusal of the particulars of delinquents' compositions, we find a defect in Sir Fras. Fulford's estate, and desire it may be returned.

With notes of reply, that the Committee for Compounding cannot allow Mr. Phillips more than ⅕ without order of Parliament, and that Butler's annuity be stayed till he clear it before the committee. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 45.]

Dec. 21. Nottingham. **124.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. You require an account of our proceedings and of receipts and payments up to Michaelmas last, but our agent, [John] Hough, and also [Fras.] Bland, attended you with it last term, and we then stated that we had advanced the sequestrations as much as possible, and that we would perfect the accounts next term. We will observe your commands as to letting the sequestered lands, and send a certificate of those whose particulars upon their compositions are not to be had here. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 21. Holmer. **125.** John Herring to James Russell. I received your letter and commission empowering me to act as sequestrator in Herefordshire, but there is a proviso prohibiting my acting unless I first pay in the money I am accountable for to the State. This it is impossible for me to do without order from the Army Committee, and therefore, unless I may act as commissioner until I receive their order to pay it, I beg to be excused from acting. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 22. Hereford. **126.** Mat. Barrow and Walter Merrick, Commissioners for co. Hereford, to the Committee for Compounding. The account of our proceedings to Michaelmas which you require was delivered by me, Matthew Barrow, to Mr. Moyer, your chairman, at Goldsmiths' Hall, on 27 Nov. You will find by the accounts of the present treasurer in our county that we have paid into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall almost, if not quite as much money as the former treasurer for the half year. We have not received from the old committee the particulars of estates compounded for.

We and our agent, John Williams, have taken the oath prescribed in the Act of 15 April 1649, before Wroth Rogers, governor of Hereford, and justice of the peace there. We will send you an account of all the estates we have set for a longer time than 25 March next, after which the yearly revenue will be far greater than it now is. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 23. Newcastle. **127.** County Committee for Northumberland to the Committee for Compounding. We are sorry you think us remiss, but we have before acquainted you that our rent days are at Whitsuntide and Martinmas, and why the accounts of the former committee have not come in. We are ready to pay 1,300*l.* to Sir Arthur Hesilrigge at Newcastle, or to whom you shall appoint. We are now letting lands, which will be our employment for some time, as two of our fellow commissioners are at Edinburgh with Sir Arthur Hesilrigge. Note of a case. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 23. Cambridge. **128.** County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. We will have our accounts ready by the time prefixed. We never

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received from the former sequestrators particulars by which delinquents compounded, so that we cannot find out whether they compounded for their whole estates or not. The former committee say that they left the particulars with the late treasurers at Guildhall, with the orders of discharge. Let us have these particulars.

We sent up a certificate of our taking the oath prescribed in the Act of 15 April 1649, but if you want another, we will send it.

There are taxes laid upon divers woods under sequestration, from which we never received any profit, and charges for a woodward to look after the same; the value of the woods ready to be felled is as follows, viz.: Sir Anth. Cage's underwoods at Burroughgreen, of 16 years' growth, 250*l.*, and timber trees of full growth, 850*l.*; two parts of the underwoods belonging to Sir Francis Mannock at Eltisley, 100*l.*; a wood belonging to Sir Rob. Hatton, Oakington, 90*l.*; and another close, value 60*l.* As now is a fit season for felling, we desire an answer respecting them. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that lists be sent to the county commissioners of delinquents whose fines are set, but who have not paid them in, and that the estates, if not under sequestration, be forthwith sequestered. [*G* 13, *p.* 35.]

Order that a list of those whose fines are set and not confirmed be brought in.

That Mr. Leech view the auditor's alphabet of delinquents under sequestration, and put in his exceptions to it.

That the names of those who have not settled impropriations as ordered be certified to the commissioners, to sequester them for neglect.

That fines be confirmed to-morrow, or the next day, if there be time. [*G* 36, *p.* 55.]

Dec. 24. **129.** Committee for Compounding to the Army Committee. We will return a certificate of our officers and their employments; meanwhile we beg your approval of the order for payment, which we thought had been agreed on when we last attended you, but Mr. Deane intimates that there has been a suspension of it. *Prefixing,*

1. *Order for payments to the officers of the Committee for Compounding. The same as that of Nov.* 27, *adding* 2 *messengers at* 20*s. a week each.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 24. York. **130.** County Committee for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. On giving notice to the gentlemen of the late committee of the levying of 20*l.* a-piece upon them, they promised to furnish the accounts required as speedily as possible; but the gentlemen of the West Riding allege that Mr. Farrar, who was present at all their transactions, is dead, that Thos. St. Nicholas, receiver, has removed into Kent, and that the rest who are here could not give a perfect account, but that they had written to Mr. St. Nicholas for his assistance. They assert, however, that they sent up a book of the rents last year.

Those of the East Riding say that in 1647 they sent up their books of rentals and accounts to the committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, by [Rich.] Darley, M.P., of that committee; that of late the sequestered estates have been managed partly by the committee and partly by the sequestrators, and that they will perfect their accounts with as much speed as may be; on our first entrance, they readily sent us in a perfect account of their rentals.

As for the North Riding, all their books and proceedings are with us, and the receiver has his accounts ready to be delivered when the rest come in. We enclose a copy of the Hull committee's letter.

There are many on these committees who have not attended the meetings, although most have acted more or less, but we hope we shall not be expected to make distinctions. We desire to know whether we shall levy this fine upon all or only upon some, and if so, upon whom, that it may not reflect upon us, as they are mostly Parliament men, and expect a privilege, and we are very tender of their honour, not doubting but they will perform what is expected from them without any persecution.

As to putting us out and others in, we were chosen for this employment, and have endeavoured to manage it according to our trust, and until now we conceived we had done our duties; as we undertook it only for advancing the public, and the better to effect that, have made it our whole work, we conceived we deserved a better acknowledgment; but if we fall short, we shall be willing to give place to such as may be thought more fit, not desiring to hold any place

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longer than we shall be serviceable. As to the oath, if there had not been any we should have endeavoured to serve faithfully. We enclose a certificate to show that we have performed what was required of us in that point. [2 *pages.*]

Enclosing,

130. I. *Committee for Sequestrations for Hull to the County Committee for York. You order us to bring up our accounts and duplicates and pay in our moneys, and we also received a similar letter from the Committee for Compounding. We requested you would forbear that charge upon us, as we conceived you were not empowered to give us a discharge; and we told you we had directed Mr. Hollis to move the Committee for Compounding to order some gentleman here to take our accounts and discharge us; this he did, and order was granted that Fras. Dewick and himself should take our accounts, and we expect his return daily. Forbear pressing us to take a journey to York, the weather not being seasonable for our aged bodies; we hope it will not be construed as a contempt to your authority, but only to ease our inability. If Mr. Hollis does not bring down a commission to discharge us here, we will make our appearance and deliver our accounts to you. Hull,* 14 *Dec.* 1650. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 24.] **130A.** List of such of the late county committees for the 3 Ridings in Yorkshire and the City of York as are now alive, viz. :—

Lord Fairfax, late Lord-General of the Army.
Sir Wm. Strickland, Bart.
Sir Wm. Allenson.
Sir Thos. Widdrington.
John Anlaby, M.P.
Rich. Darley, M.P.
Thos. Stockdale, M.P.
Luke Robinson, M.P.
Hen. Ardington, M.P.
Wm. White, M.P.
Brian Stapleton, M.P.
Sir Arthur Ingram.
Sir Edw. Roodes, High Sheriff.
Sir John Savile.
Sir Robt. Berwick.
Sir Rich. Hawksworth.
Sir Thos. Remington
Sir Fras. Boynton.
Sir Hen. St. Quentin, Bart.
Major-Gen. John Lambert.
Col. Chas. Fairfax.
Col. Robert Overton, Governor of Hull.
Col. Hugh Bethell, Governor of Scarborough.
Col. John Mauleverer, now with the Army in Scotland.
Thomas St. Nicholas, late Treasurer to the West Riding Committee, now residing in Kent.
Fras. Thorpe, Baron of the Exchequer.
John Bright.
Chris. Copley.
John Cleyton.
John Savile, of Medley.
Conyers Darcy.
Darcy Wentworth.
Godfrey Bosevile.
Hen. Slingsby.
Wm. Armitage.
Chris. Ridley.
Joseph Micklethwaite.
Chris. Legard.
Wm. Goodrick.
John Stillington.
Rich. Robinson.
Edw. Wingate.

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Dec. 24. Winton. **131.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. We will do our best to perfect our accounts by the time desired. The Michaelmas rent is not fully collected, but what we have received is paid already by order of the Barons. A stay is made of 60*l.* due last Michaelmas from Ant. Bruning; are we to forbear the receipt of that rent or not? [*See Sequestration Calendar,* 3 *June* 1646.]

We will send a list of those, the particulars of whose estates, on perfecting their compositions, were entered with the former committee, as they were returned, with their letters of suspension. We long since returned a certificate of our taking the oath prescribed in the Act of 15 April 1649. We will perfect the business touching the parsonages of Owslebury and Whitchurch, and make a return thereof.

Notes of cases. With marginal notes of reply, 4 Feb. 1651. In Ant. Bruning's case, the Barons of Exchequer had no power to suspend sequestration, but only to determine appeals depending before them in Feb. 1650. Therefore his rents are to be stayed till he clears himself before the Committee for Compounding. We are satisfied as to your having taken the oath. Directions in cases. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 405.]

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Dec. 25. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Devon. During Mr. Clapp's absence, and the unresolvedness of the rest to prosecute their commissions, your agent, Mr. Carter, was compelled, lest the season should be lost, to let some estates and do other acts not proper to his place, which we approve. He has discovered miscarriages in the former officers. The estate of Fras. Burnell and others named is to be seized till the parties obtain our orders for their allowance. We shall expect an account of the undervalues to which he alludes, and also the last year's accounts. [*G* 30, *p.* 33.]

Dec. 25. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Somerset. We think that in 11 months' time, duplicates might have been made of the former county records. We are not satisfied with your having recourse to them, we require a sight of the whole; if they are candid and ingenuous, they can bear the light; unless they are produced, the 20*l.* penalty will be levied.

We hear that two of you, [Hum.] Blake and [Sam.] Whetcombe, are accountable for some receipts, and require information. We hear that you have sat for a week, and then adjourned for a month, which is too great an intermission of business. In choosing agents, you went beyond your instructions, as we nominated Capt. [John] Burgess, an able man, as agent, and Hen. Mawde should be continued clerk. [*G* 30, *p.* 391.]

Dec. 25. Commission to Capt. John Burgess, of Bristol, to act as agent to the Commissioners for Sequestrations for Bristol and the eastern division of co. Somerset. [*G* 12, *p.* 74.]

Dec. 25. **132.** Capt. John Burgess to the Committee for Compounding. The Committee for Sequestrations in co. Somerset met at Taunton on the 4th, and sat till the 12th, when they adjourned to 7 Jan. following, during which time they received money upon bonds delivered to them by me, by order of the late commissioners, and also let some small bargains. They have not suffered either myself, or Mr. Mawde, the clerk appointed by commission from you, to act as agent and clerk, and by over voting, Col. Gorges and Major Collins have put in James Pearse, a sequestrator and accountant, as their agent, and Jasper Batt, as their clerk, which Batt, at their sitting sometimes acted under them, and sometimes under the Commissioners of the Militia, and did not keep close to either; after Mr. Curle's suspension as agent, the whole business of the county and city of Bristol was and has since been carried on by myself and servants. I have given an account of my services to the late commissioners, am ready to give it to you, and desire to know whether I and Mr. Mawde, appointed by commission, shall still act as formerly.

With verification by Benjamin Mason of the truth of the above, and note of reply that Capt. Burgess, having been nominated by the Committee for Compounding, is to be continued, until sufficient cause is shown why he should be removed. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 25. Steyning. **133.** County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. On your letters touching the accounts of the former treasurers and solicitors here, we give as good account thereof as may be, but we desire our own accounts may stand over till next term, by which time we hope the Michaelmas rents will be got in, so that we shall then pay what is in hand.

With note of reply, 20 Jan. 1651. Do not fail to send the accounts up at the time named, and let the bearer bring the vouchers with him. [½ *page; also* *G* 30, *p.* 447.]

Dec. 25. **134.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We have lately received intelligence that divers notorious delinquents, who held out the stronghold of Pendennis Castle to the last day, earnestly endeavour to come off on easier terms than their more moderate neighbours (who consented to a more ready submission), and this by way of claim as due to them by the article [of surrender] which mentions the enjoyment of their estates, &c.

Being bound by the oath we long since took to bring delinquents and enemies to the Commonwealth to condign punishment, and more particularly to improve the sequestrations of this county to the best of our skill, it is our duty to signify that we have been informed by divers commissioners and treaters in that surrender, that the said Article was, before the agreement, explained to

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them, so as not to reach so far as they now endeavour to stretch it; therefore we desire that a certificate thereof may be required from Col. [Rob.] Bennet and the rest of the treaters concerning it, before those persons receive the favour they strive for. Also that a true knowledge may be taken of the persons, they being the first promoters of the late troubles in this county; many of them to this day manifest their continued disaffection by their abiding abroad.

John Arundel of Trerise, the chief of them who remains at home, and agitates for this favour, still continues an enemy to the Commonwealth, and continues his oppression to many well affected, denying restitution for what he has taken from them, having, as it is conceived, vast sums treasured up, which he extorted in the time of his power, not only from them, but from the county in general.

With notes of reply, that Parliament shall be acquainted with the conduct of the Pendennis delinquents, and they treated as they deserve, but meanwhile the county committee is to sequester their estates as other delinquents. All delinquents now beyond the seas are to be sequestered, although they have compounded. Mr. Fowle to have a copy of this by to-morrow night, to give to Sir Arthur Hesilrigge. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 111.]

Dec. 25. **135.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We received your additional instructions, but we cannot bind tenants of sequestered estates to as strict covenants as landlords do, for none will become tenants upon our grants but reduced soldiers or officers of fortune, and if we should not admit such, we should have no takers at all. We will observe your directions as to the letting of sequestered estates by posting up the particular farms, and let the same to several tenants, and not whole manors or farms in the lump; but this will be difficult, because we have not many offers, and those only soldiers.

With marginal note of reply, that they are to let the whole estates at the best rent they can make of them, to such tenants and upon such terms as they can for the best advantage of the State, and allow the delinquent out of the rent so much as he has compounded for, reserving the rest; but to take care that, although the covenants cannot be so strict as particular landlords may make, they provide that the houses and estates be kept from ruin, and no spoil committed. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 111.]

Dec. 26. **136.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. As to returning the undervalues of estates, we issued warrants for four witnesses to appear before us about Lord Mohun's estate; but as they have neglected to attend, we desire that they may be made an example of, or we shall again have to take long journeys to little purpose. As for Mr. Edgcombe, we know not which you mean, as there are Richard and Pearse Edgcombe, both delinquents, who have compounded.

We desire information how to set undervalued estates, as we have let some, but will not allow the tenants to enter until you have resolved how they shall pay their rents, what part to the Commonwealth and what to the delinquent. As for seizing the estates of such persons as have formerly compounded with the committee, it will be to little purpose until we are fully satisfied how to set them, as well as the other estates now in hand.

With marginal note of reply, that they are to hasten their returns concerning Lord Mohun, both the Edgcombes, and the rest of the estates, and the time when they first discovered them, as also of other particulars, the parties being now upon their compositions, in which the Committee for Compounding cannot satisfactorily proceed, until certified as aforesaid. They have power to commit witnesses who refuse to appear. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p* 111.]

Dec. 26. Penrith. **137.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. Touching the 10*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* for our salary, Mr. Langhorne paid 72*l.* into your treasury last September [? the Treasury acquittance], which, with the 140*l.* for the concealed meal [? Mr. Leech for this], completes the sum. Our clerk and agent received nothing from March to 24 Sept. last but the sums formerly returned, and we could not give them less, they being short of their allowance, nor had we during that time more than the above sum, being short of what we spent. Mr. Pearson was employed by the late committee as a sequestrator, but we do not know what pay he received [? Mr. Leech and the

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former letters], neither has it appeared to us that he has merited what he detained. [If he hath as much allowed as the ordinance allows, the remainder must be levied, to which end they are to call him to account.]

The late committee returned you the papers and accounts in their hands last September, when [Thos.] Langhorne, being present with you, asked whether the accounts were satisfactory or not, and nothing being objected, we conceived you had been satisfied; what appeared in arrear and unaccounted for in those papers we shall give an account of shortly.

You declare that you must choose other persons through our neglect, but it will appear shortly that we have not been remiss. The matters left to us by the late committee were very intricate and confused. We cannot send accounts for this year perfected until Candlemas, that being the later term for the rents due. We are letting some estates here, send you a form of the leases, and desire your approbation. By the next you shall have a certificate of our taking the oath; and though as yet we have not taken it, we have pursued the contents thereof as faithfully as we can do hereafter, spending three days weekly about this employment. It will appear ere long that our employments are not for any worldly profit or sinister respect. With marginal notes of reply in brackets. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 26. Winton. **138.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. We long since gave notice to all officers and collectors of sequestrations to make returns to us of estates under sequestration, but we have not received any. Mr. Woodman is preparing his general account, and offered us a part thereof, but we require the whole, which he says cannot be perfected under ¾ of a year. As he is a militia captain we have been tender in levying the 20*l.* imposed by your order; but for some miscarriages of his, the gentlemen here have resolved that his commission shall be taken from him, when we shall be more free to act. He says Whitchurch Parsonage shall be accounted for.

With marginal notes for a reply. You must levy the 20*l.* on those who do not return duplicates. As to Woodman's accounts, you had better take a part than none, but fine him for not bringing in a perfect account. [1 *page.*]

Enclosing,

138. I. *List of 37 persons whose particulars of their estates, with their letters of suspension, have been deposited with the County Committee for Hants.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 26. **139.** Thomas Sherman and Hen. Linch, Commissioners for London, &c., to the Committee for Compounding. A charge of delinquency having been made before us by Rich. Thompson against Hugh Blyth, sen., and attested on oath by Capt. Wm. Careless, we ordered our agent to seize Blyth's estate in London, being the Blue Boar in Friday Street, and the next house, rents 30*l.* and 10*l.* a year. The rent of the fore part of the Green Dragon in Cheapside was returned to us by the late committee, as sequestered for delinquency of Mr. Bankes. Having demanded the rent without effect, we summoned the tenant and others, when we found the house was mortgaged to Mr. Gardiner for 500*l.*, but the lease being nearly expired, he petitioned the late committee, and had an order suspending the sequestration until he was satisfied, which the whole time remaining would hardly do, for when this order was granted there were 8 years to run, at 50*l.* a year.

For our better proceedings, we require power to go through with the making and signing the leases where we have surveyed the houses. Quarter day being at hand, they will then know where and what to pay.

With note in reply. The former committee had no power to allow without order from the Committee for Sequestrations, and therefore the county committee are not to allow it till the parties concerned make proof, and obtain an order of the Committee for Compounding. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 255.]

Dec. 26. Gloucester. Certificate by Giles Hancock that Thos. Rogers of Badgeworth, has taken before him the appointed oath as one of the Committee of Sequestrations for co. Gloucester. [*G* 114, *p.* 703.]

Dec. 26. Cirencester. **140.** County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding. One of us will attend you with our accounts by the time prefixed. We have received some particulars from the late committee of the estates upon which delinquents

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compounded, and their suspension. We enclose certificates of our taking the oath. We received your letter with the charges against Messrs. Boreman, [John] Strode, and [John] Hardy, whose estates you desire may be secured, but we find no such men living here, neither did we certify anything concerning them.* Our partner, [Jeremy] Buck, has not returned from London. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Auditor Darell bring in his book of the names of Papists in the North beyond Trent, that the commissioners may have recourse thereto. [*G* 10, *p.* 307.]

Order that the Committee present to the Army Committee their thoughts as to a surveyor-general, and that Russell and Winslow prepare reasons, and attend the said committee therewith.

That in the examination of deeds, counsel examine whether there be any other trust than is expressed on behalf of the petitioner, and whether the deed have been executed from the date thereof. [*G* 36, *pp.* 33, 35.]

Dec. 26. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Hereford. We hear that you scruple at the clause in your commission relating to accountants to the Commonwealth, as you are employed about the monthly assessments. The proviso in the Act about accountants refers only to sequestrations, and no other. Therefore proceed vigorously in carrying on the service. [*G* 30, *p.* 172.]

[Dec. 26.] Committee for Compounding to John James, high sheriff for co. Hereford. Knowing how much you may contribute to carrying on sequestration work, we have joined Mr. Herring with you therein, and beg you both to use the utmost care to manage it to the best advantage. We have heard so much of your prudence and readiness that we believe you will omit nothing, and therefore will not trouble you further. [*G* 30, *p.* 172.]

Dec. 27. Carlisle. **141.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. In our last from Cockermouth, we could not give you an estimate of the ore and coal belonging to Wm. Pennington, of Muncaster, as his clerk and hammerman did not appear according to summons, whereupon we sent two soldiers for them, there being no other persons more able to discover the value thereof; but when the hammerman was brought before us, he refused to answer on oath to any particular. Being asked what quantity of iron was made since Pennington's estate was secured, he replied 1,000 lbs., which Robert Copley, the clerk, sold, and dismissed the hammerman and the rest of the workmen. He said half a ton or a ton of iron was weekly made in the forge, for making which he had 30*s.* a ton, but he refused to give this on oath, so that we suspect concealment of the true value; a full discovery would be very advantageous, if Pennington be adjudged a delinquent, as a ton of iron is worth 20*l.*; the coal and ore already in store will make many tons. For the better discovery of the truth we have secured him for a day or two. What penalty is to be inflicted upon persons refusing to give evidence?

P.S.—A petition has been presented to us by And. Huddleston, of Hutton John, Papist in arms, alleging that Sir Christ. Martin, of London, pretends a title to the demesne lands of Hutton John aforesaid, and has sealed a lease of ejectment, for trial of his title, and sent one of his servants to farm the estate of us for 6 years, which servant has bid 40*l.* more than any other, purposely to get possession of that estate from the petitioner. We beg your advice, as on the return of the form of the leases, which we enclose by this post, a lease for this estate as well as others is to be signed and sealed.

With marginal notes of reply. The Committee for Compounding do not doubt but they will take care to improve the ironworks lately belonging to Pennington to the best advantage. In cases where witnesses refuse to be sworn and examined, they are to commit them according to ordinance of Parliament of 19 Aug. 1643.

They are to send up a certificate of the survey of the estate of Hutton John.

They are to prevent the sealing of ejectment leases upon all sequestered estates. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 28. Exeter. John Serle, Commissioner for Devon, to the Committee for Compounding. Your interdicting those to act who have public money in hand may concern me, as I was treasurer in the Parliament field service, for which much money

* These are all Dorsetshire men, and here by mistake.

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is due to me; but though I have twice waited with my accounts, and petitioned the House to be eased of that burden, my accounts are still undetermined. I hardly kept enough for my expenses, from my earnest desire to encourage the soldiers.

It is indifferent to me whether you appoint me or not; it is not the salary, but the necessity of the work that calls forth my heart and hand to it, and I shall rejoice if others will do it. I wrote you alone on 10 December as I do now (Mr. Clapp being in London and the others declining the service), that 150*l.* was brought in by Mr. Carter for Broadclist sheaf, and he promised to pay it to the clerk.

In yours of 9 Dec. you stroke us, and in that of 12 Dec. you strike us, I hope undeservedly, in calling for returns of the former committee, which is to no purpose; only agents' accounts and suspensions are brought in, but no proofs or informations against any that are friends and relations, only such as were more than they needed to salve themselves and their own engagements, and which they can use in cases of discovery or embezzling of records. They know well enough that the Act is lame in that particular, and think to be excused. Not one of them complies, though threatened with levy of the penalty, and there being but one agent in this great county, the work is retarded; if he were dishonest or unfaithful, there is none to check him. Your duplicates ought also to have been sent, but you are silent to call for them.

We cannot get indictments of the enemy's transactions while this county was in their power, which would be of great use. We will try to send our Michaelmas moneys by January, though I wish you knew our labours to save the State from loss by the negligence or corruption of former officers, and there is little encouragement for the charge of a journey to London.

We have often represented the disadvantage from the want of a steward to keep courts; had we known that you refused it, we had long since appointed our clerk, and shall now do it if you approve. It will be a loss if you insist on our letting estates without reductions, as the tenants with one voice refuse to meddle with army assessments, which are now doubled.

I fear where lawyers prevail and corrupt justice, many suspensions and orders may be surreptitiously got, and in those cases I hope you will allow us to take time to consider, and tender a review. We want directions about arrears between the time of sequestration and composition. [*G* 151, *pp.* 581, 582; *answered* 3 *Jan.* 1651.]

Dec. 28. Winton. **142.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Finding on perusal of the books of the late county committee that John Woodman, as sequestrator of Fawley division, had been in possession of Owselbury Parsonage for the Commonwealth 6 years, at 160*l.* a year, we required an account of the profits. The rent payable to St. Cross's Hospital, from which the estate is leased, is 20 quarters of wheat, 20 of malt, and 5*l.*, which with the taxes leave 50*l.* a year clear, and so he must have 300*l.* unaccounted for. We find however that he, being soon made steward of St. Cross, on pretence of non-payment of the house rent (which he as sequestrator ought to have paid) in his capacity of steward, re-entered the parsonage, without consent of the then committee, to whom he was a servant; he justifies himself on that account, and so deprives the State of the 300*l.*

Also there is a tenement in Winchester Close let at 6*l.*, sequestered from Hen. Foyle, and assigned to Woodman for laying up and preserving goods taken by sequestration. In his return of estates under sequestration, this was omitted, and on our finding it out and demanding the rent, he produced a deed by which he had purchased the reversion of the house from the trustees for sale of Dean and Chapter lands, and a deed of assignment of the present estate from Mr. Foyle, made before the sequestration. He took some time to produce it, and it is apparent that he has caused a deed to be forged, and dated 1643. Shall we levy the sums in his hands, notwithstanding such pretence? Will you send for and examine him yourselves? The half year's rent ended at Michaelmas is part of the 6 years above-mentioned, and has been stayed by us in the tenants' hands. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

142. I. *Order by the County Committee for Hants, on petition of John Lewis, on behalf of himself and his brothers and sisters, that he produce to the Com-*

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mittee this day fortnight the lease of Owselbury Parsonage; in the interim, Mr. Woodman, who has sequestered the same, is not to proceed further. Winton, 28 *Oct.* 1645. [½ *page.*]

142. II. *Like order that John Woodman, collector for sequestrations within the City of Winton and division of Fawley, shall have the house in Winton Close, late in the possession of Hen. Foyle, delinquent, during pleasure, for laying in and preserving sequestered goods of Papists and delinquents. Winchester,* 29 *Nov.* 1645. [½ *page.*]

142. III. [*John Woodman*] *to Mr. Senior. Ask Hen. Foyle if he will make an assignment of the years to come in Mr. Browne's lease of the house late Wm. Browne's. The lease bears date* 7 *May,* 17 *Charles, and Mr. Browne's assignment* 1 *July,* 19 *Charles. My intention is to save it from sequestration; the assignment must bear date in* 1643 *after* 1 *July, and must be made to some one not liable to delinquency, and then we shall save it, if they be not too exact upon the evidence, swearing them whether it was not made since the time of the date; then Foyle may have the benefit thereof. It is but putting it to trial, for otherwise it will be lost, as Rebecca Webb cannot make her title hold.* [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

Dec. 28. Taunton. **143.** John Gorges to the Committee for Compounding. As treasurer to the Committee for Sequestrations in co. Somerset, I enclose bills at 14 days' sight for 600*l.* received from sequestrations, and desire a discharge. There has been some delay in transmitting the amount, arising from there being no conveyance to send money, and through the failing of trade here, I could not exchange it for bills before. I desire instructions as to transmitting money for the future, as also whom you have appointed to be your treasurer.

With note of reply, 4 Feb. 1651. Rich. Waring is our treasurer, and we will do what we can to appoint the payment of moneys in the country, but you must make use of any opportunity for sending up moneys. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 391.]

Dec. 28. Kendal. **144.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We have made some progress in letting the estates, and have received several offers for 1 year, and so for 6 after. They desire leases, but we shall run a hazard by covenanting for the tenants' peaceable enjoyment of those estates for the term aforesaid, as the Act of 25 Jan. 1650 determines in Jan. 1652, and so new commissioners may be appointed. We desire your direction herein, and a form of the leases to be drawn. We enclose particulars of the offers.

With a note of reply, 1 Feb. 1651. You shall shortly receive the form of a lease, but though the Act determines Jan. 1652, and meantime other commissioners may be appointed in our stead, all leases made according to instructions will stand for 7 years. We want further particulars of the offers for estates. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 459.] *Enclosing,*

144. I. *Offers made for the following estates of delinquents and Papists for one year's tenancy from* 2 *Feb. next, and for six years thereafter, viz.—*

George Archer of Kendal, Sir Hen. Bellingham's estate, 900*l.*

Anth. Preston of Kendal, for Wm. Guy's estate at Watercrooke, 20*l.* 5*s.*

Timothy Clarke, for Anth. Knipe's estate at Fairbank and New Hutton, 14*l.* 1*s.*

George Taylor of Kendal, for Rowland Harrison's estate of Lyth, 12*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

George Taylor, for Rich. Braithwaite's estate of Burneshead, Newhall, &c., 241*l.* 9*s.*

George Archer, for Dockrey Hall and Readman Tenement, part of the latter estate, 40*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 28. Waterford. Col. Hen. Ireton to the Committee for Compounding. Lieut. John Mansel came into Ireland with the Lord Lieutenant. His employment since has not allowed him liberty to attend to his own affairs. Please to take cognizance of his business, and expedite his procuring the benefit of his order of Parliament, and consequently his return here to his employment. [*G* 104, *p.* 53.] *Annexing,*

I. *Parliament order for payment to Mansell of* 620*l. for service, and* 70*l. for diet of the Duke of Hamilton during imprisonment, from the Sequestration Committee of co. Leicester.* 18 *June* 1649. [*G* 104, *p.* 51.]

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Dec. 31. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the accounts of the Commissioners for co. Bucks be examined and stated by Auditor Sherwin. [*G* 10, *p.* 314.]

Order to enquire the opinion of Parliament what is meant by allowance of the debt in the Act of 1 Aug. last, whether it be intended that interest and charges be allowed, as well as the debt.

Order that a list be made of all recusants that have compounded at 2 years' value, and paid in their money, and whose cases are not yet reported. [*G* 36, *pp.* 36, 57.]

Dec. 31. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cumberland. Particulars of cases. We leave it to you to allow competent rewards to witnesses and persons employed in seizing and securing estates, but as your agent should bear the charge of seizing and securing, consider of this before you dispense money therein. Keep an exact account of estates discovered by persons claiming benefit by the discovery, that when Parliament makes allowances therefor, they may be deducted. [*G* 30, *p.* 459.]

Dec. 31. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Rutland. We cannot at present confirm your contract of Hambleton Manor to Col. Thos. Wayte at 320*l.* a year, not being certified that you have had it surveyed as ordered by the Act of 25 Jan., and being further informed by one that surveyed it that it is worth 600*l.* a year. [*G* 10, *p.* 311.]

Dec. 31. **145.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. In our last we gave you as perfect an account as we could up to last Michaelmas, but owing to the remissness of the agent you have commissioned here, to whom we long since gave the rental and warrant to levy the rents, it was not complete. We desire to be excused waiting upon you, in respect of our many employments, and the great charge of such a journey. We have received particulars of the delinquents who have already compounded for the most part.

We long since sent you a certificate of our taking the oath, and will see that [Hum.] Lower, who has only lately appeared amongst us, does the like at our next meeting. With a list of offers made for delinquents' estates if the tenants may have them for 7 years, viz.:—

	Annual rent formerly set by the old committee. £	s.	d.	Offered now. £	s.	d.
John Arundel of Trerise -	400	0	0	600	0	0
Sir John Grenvile - -	150	0	0	250	0	0
Sir Sam. Goswarth [or Cosworth]	66	13	4	150	0	0
Nicholas Borlace - -	150	0	0	250	0	0
Renatus Billett [or Bellott] -	40	0	0	80	0	0
John James - - -	20	0	0	40	0	0

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Dec. County Commissioners for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 19 Nov., making void our lease of Wm. Coriton's estate, let at 100*l.* a year above the value compounded for, we have respited it, and will examine witnesses, but such stop of proceedings checks both informers and takers of estates. As to letting surplus values, we know not how to do it but by letting the whole estate, the takers paying the compounder his own value. Direct us about persons who have only acted in juries or as constables, the matter being "of some tenderness." We let Coriton's and other estates according to the instructions of 17 May last, being informed they were undervalued. [*G* 200, *p.* 609.]

Dec. **146.** Maj.-Gen. John Disbrowe to Mr. Winslow. As James Pierce and John Wyatt have been returned to be commissioned agents for sequestration within co. Somerset and Bristol, I desire you will get the commission done to-day, so that it may be sent by post to night, for both or either, as you judge convenient. [½ *page.*]

Dec. List of returns from the county commissioners delivered in to Auditor Sherwin, 19 June to 24 Dec. 1650. [*G* 113, *pp.* 579, 580.]

1650? Request by the Commissioners for Sequestrations for Carmarthen, Jer. Dawkins and Morris Thomas, that their letters for South Wales may be sent by the post for Ireland, to be left in Carmarthen. [*G* 30, *p.* 502.]

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Petition of Thos. Garrett, agent to the Committee for Sequestrations for Norfolk, to the Committee for Compounding. Was appointed agent by the late Committee for Compounding 23 Feb. last, at 4*s.* a day; by order of the county committee, was to receive all moneys, and pay them into Goldsmiths' Hall, according to the Act of 25 Jan. last. Begs a further allowance for his great charge and labour, acting both as agent and as county commissioner. Noted that the charge for fire and a doorkeeper are allowed to agents. [*G* 88, *p.* 889.]

Petition of Jane, widow of Cornet George Kitson, to the Haberdashers' Hall Committee. Her husband being slain in the service, and she and 3 small children in a deplorable condition, having only a small pension at Ely house, begs to be entered for the sums given to charitable uses. [*G* 97, *p.* 193.]

Petition of Thos. Poulton to the Committee for Compounding. Was lately employed by the Committee for Sequestrations of Wilts as their officer, and discharged his trust faithfully. Finding it difficult to be continued there, begs employment in some other county. [*G* 109, *p.* 1069.]

Petition of Fred. French and Cap. Thos. Hughes to the Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners. Can prove that George Penney of Tollard, and Wm. Arundel of Keynson, Dorset, and many others, though returned as Papists not in arms, were in arms, and have compounded to the State's great prejudice. Beg a review of the depositions and proofs against them. Noted "To be read to the commissioners." [*G* 85, *p.* 256.]

Note for an order to allow 10*l.* towards the repair of West Derby Manor House, where the manor court is held. [*G* 129, *p.* 583.]

List of 5 delinquents in co. Essex and 2 in other counties. [*G* 156, *p.* 57.]

List of 15 [cases to be referred to] the Army Committee. [*G* 63, *p.* 756.]

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Jan. 2. **1.** Order of the Committee for Compounding that Wm. Hale and Thos. Hammersley be the 2 messengers to attend them.

That all the other messengers have notice to bring in an account of all matters in their hands, and they shall be paid their dues, and that they be discharged from attendance. [1 *page.*]

That Mr. Beverley be admitted agent for co. York, in place of Capt. [Stevenson], lately deceased.

That the Army Committee be pressed to allow Mr. Fowle at least 150*l.* a year, acquainting them with his fidelity and ability. [*G* 36, *pp.* 39, 41.]

Jan. 2. Instruction by the Committee for Compounding to the county commissioners, that when they receive a particular order to proceed according to instructions, it is always intended that they let the estate by the box. [*G* 10, *p.* 320.]

Jan. 2. Ampthill. **2.** County Committee of Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. By your letters and additional printed instructions, we perceive you have not received our letters and accounts certifying how the accounts stood when we entered upon the employment, and how they stood when we wrote. We shall make a speedy return of all rents and arrears, but as we have no perfect account returned to us by the old committee, we cannot answer your desires so soon as required, as we are forced to distrain for rent and arrears payable before our time. Our labour and pains have been great in executing this employment, and we desire to be freed from it.

We want particulars of the estates upon which delinquents have compounded; as for all estates leased by us, before your instructions to the contrary, we have tied the tenants to very strict covenants, and let at the full yearly value. Many of the houses under sequestration are fallen down and others much decayed; we desire an allowance of timber to rebuild and repair them. There are also divers farms void. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 3. **3.** Committees for cos. Northumberland and Durham to the Committee for Compounding. In letting estates last year, we agreed with the tenants to deduct out of their rents what taxes should be laid upon them by Parliament. The Militia Commissioners (all these parts being full of trouble, and the

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Lord-General wanting a supply of forces, and the Committee of Sequestrations earnestly commanding the militia to raise men and horses according to the Act), equally taxed all the lands according to the pound rate, and forced all the tenants to bring in horses, which was done before we heard anything of your mind. There is no exception in the Act of sequestered lands. [The committee to consider the charge of horse for the time past.]

It seemed agreeable to reason that where all are equally concerned, all should bear an equal burden; had we opposed, it had hindered the service, and the forces raised for Scotland would have been very inconsiderable. [The Committee for Compounding cannot allow any such charge, and the counties generally submit to it.] Should we lay this burden on the tenants, it would discourage others from meddling with us, and be a great discredit to the public, and we hope for the future that Parliament will clear the Act. As it is out of our power to alter what is past, we must submit to the Parliament's pleasure. The bracketed passages are marginal notes for a reply. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 3. Kingston. **4.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. We have paid in all the money we have received, and taken a distress of all the tenants that are behind of their rents, and if they do not pay us suddenly, we shall make sale of their goods, according to the Act. We will give you a speedy account of all the rents for the past year, but we gave you an account of the arrears in our last. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 4. **5.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 12 December we have perused the books and papers of the committee sitting at Kingston, and find particulars of divers delinquents' estates compounded for under Mr. Leech's hand, but not their addresses, which we request, viz., those of

Heyward Bickerstaff.	Sir Fras. Carew.
Rob. Davidson.	John Denham.
Thos. Husbands.	Hen. Hilyard.
Hugh Henn.	Thos. Leeke.
Sir Thos. Reynolds.	[Thos.] Reston.
Sir Walter Smith.	Sir Fras. Williamson.
[Wm.] Woodward.	[Thos.] Hull.
Mr. Iles.	

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Jan. 4. Stafford. **6.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. We have not received any reply to our letter respecting Mr. Fowler's business, and as he desires many rent-charges, abatements, &c., we want directions. Case of Sir Charles Cavendish.

We have taken depositions against many gentlemen which we shall prepare for our agent, Capt. [John] Ley, to bring up, with the money and year's account.

We have surveyed several estates, and are keeping courts of survey in order to a speedy letting, by posting the estates according to your instructions in all the market towns, not doubting thereby to make a very considerable improvement. We will also give you an account by our agent what advantage may be made by wood sales, having much timber and underwood. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 4. Kendal. **7.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We will endeavour to follow your printed instructions. Our payment for last year is due at Candlemas, and we will return accounts in February.

We have received from the late committee particulars of the compositions on which letters of suspension were granted, and we will send the names of those not brought in. We beg a commission for George Archer, our agent. With note for it to be sent. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 4. **8.** Request by the County Committee for York that George Firbanck of Beverley may take the place of Capt. Wm. Stevenson, dead, as collector of moneys on the estates of Papists and delinquents in the East Riding. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 5. Derby. **9.** County Committee for Derby to the Committee for Compounding. We send the names of 10 persons whose particulars and letters of suspension are not extant. The Earl of Shrewsbury was discharged by the late county committee, on an order of the Council of State of March 1, 1648. [⅔ *page.*]

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Jan. 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all bonds upon which there are judgments or deeds be produced at the hearing of every report thereof.

That Thos. Knapp and Thos. Fox be agents for Shropshire, with 5*s.* a day between them. [*G* 36, *p.* 42.]

Order referring to Brereton a petition and papers (missing) of John Musgrave. Also order that Musgrave and John Briscoe be allowed their due proportion, whilst they acted as county sequestrators for Cumberland. [*G* 10, *p.* 326.]

Jan. 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding, to put into the orders for all who have allowances of judgments, statutes, &c., that they are to account yearly with Aud. Sherwin. [*G* 36, *p.* 43.]

Jan. 8. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Bucks. As Parliament intend to dispose of Whaddon, Bletchley, and Winslow manors to persons whose services they desire to recompense, you are not to let any part of them for more than a year, nor allow any timber to be felled; but as to parks and chaces, to proceed as formerly authorized. [*G* 10, *p.* 329.]

Jan. 8. Curry Mallett. **10.** Col. John Pyne to the Committee for Compounding. You credit a misinformation that I have much public money in hand, which is a gross mistake, for I was never a treasurer or receiver of public moneys; I always avoided defiling my fingers therewith, and have never had salary, pay, debentures, nor arrears for my service, nor was I a 4*l.* per week member in the time of banishment out of my country. I have had several orders from the late committee, amounting to above 1000*l.*, most whereof I might have received, but refused it. I have lent money to the committee, and disbursed sums for public service which I have been repaid, as in justice I ought; and so I might, as well as others, be paid for my services, especially as much as I justly expended therein, which as yet I have not received.

If you expect an exact account of all sums received and disbursed by orders of the late committee, it must be done by the accounts of the treasurers and sequestrators, and their agents and solicitors. I wish the sums raised and disposed of by the late committee were printed for the public view, and could I do it, it would be done.

I have desired Jasper Batt to dispatch the duplicates so long expected by you. He cannot lay any blame to me, for he has had recourse to the writings of the late committee, which in a manner he has the keeping of, although they are in my house. The committee's books have not entries of all moneys received and paid; they must be in those of the treasurers and sequestrators. There are orders in the committee's books for many thousands of pounds that were never paid. I have given you an instance in my own case. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the causes upon which there are reports drawn up by counsel and returned be set down in order as formerly directed in one table, and proportioned out seven for every Thursday, that the parties may know when to attend. [*G* 36, *p.* 62.]

Order [to the county committees] to seize and sequester the estates of all persons in a list annexed who have neglected to pay in the remainder of their fines, though their reports have been long since passed. [*G* 12, *p.* 90.]

Order that Hen Byard and —— Paul be heard this day fortnight, about the house, late Mr. Hawkins', in the York House tenements, Strand.

That Auditor Darell place in the committee's hands all books relating to the conviction of recusants in the 11 Northern counties, that recourse may be had to them.

The persons who compounded with the late committee for Essex to appear on Tuesday fortnight, to give in particulars of their estates, real and personal. [*G* 10, *pp.* 335, 336.]

Jan. 9. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of Sussex. We hear from Col. Downes that since you were made commissioners, you have used for the service the Dean's house, Chichester, which he purchased for 14*l.* rent. You are therefore to pay him the year's rent due last Michaelmas, and the growing rent, or show cause. [*G* 10, *p.* 337.]

Jan. 10. Articles exhibited by the Commissioners for co. Berks against Chris. Cheesman, their late agent.

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That he has taken bribes of delinquents and Papists, and their under-tenants, to procure their estates at an undervalue. That he has taken free quarter in their houses for himself and horse. That he has been rude and dissolute, drinking sometimes 2 and 3 days together, and on the Lord's day.

Order thereon, endorsed 25 April, that Cheesman be suspended. [*G* 67, *p.* 359.]

Jan. 10. Hereford. **11.** John James to the Committee for Compounding. Thanks for your remembrance of me and my cousin Salway. I am sorry I cannot answer your expectations in regard of other public business, but I shall spare as much time as I can for your business. I desired Messrs. Barrow and Merrick to meet me at Leominster, where I went to inform against some offenders whose estates are now secured. We appointed another meeting at Hereford, where we now are, and summoned witnessess about Dr. [Wm.] Sherborne's delinquency, but he spared us the labour by confessing, and producing his discharge upon his composition for 2*l.* a year. I examined him upon several things, and found he had other land which he said was worth 16*l.* a year, but which was found to be above 30*l.*, and he produced a deed from the Earl of Essex to one Bruerton in trust for him, and confessed he paid the consideration. He also produced a deed from Bruerton, dated 1650, to secure to several of his daughters 100*l.* each during his life, and in the event of his decease, to his wife for life, with reversion to — Essex. I gave him my reasons why I thought it fraudulent, which was in respect of the date of his paying the consideration, and as to the uses, his own life being excepted. [To seize and sequester his estate, which he has not compounded for, notwithstanding his pretended deed of trust.]

It has been proved before us to-day that Major [Thos.] Blayney, now in London, and formerly a committeeman and treasurer here, has for some years received a delinquent's rent of 10*l.* a year, amounting in the whole to 50*l.*, pretending the Parliament owes him money. I have desired that your accounts and money may come quarterly, in which and other proposals I find the commissioners ready to join. [You may appoint one among yourselves to receive the revenues and the accounts for the last year.] The passages between brackets are marginal notes for reply. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 10. Wells. **12.** Thomas Shute to the Committee for Compounding. I am committed prisoner by Col. Pyne and some other of the Militia Commissioners' order, grounded upon an order from the Council of State, which they obtained while I was waiting upon you in London, and they searched my house before I came home. The effect of the orders was that myself and the rest of my late fellow-commissioners should enter into bonds of 2,000*l.* a-piece to appear before the Council of State upon all demands, which I was content to do if they would have limited me a time when I should have a hearing, and taken my own security only, as was once promised me by Lieut. Cobb, lieutenant to Capt. Jenkins, under whom I am prisoner; but now they have recalled such promise, and I look every day to be removed from this commitment to Dunster Castle, according to Col. Pyne's order. I desired liberty to come up to London to answer, and that was denied; I now request that you will either work my release, so that I may attend my employment, or procure me leave to answer to what my envious accusers can tax me with before the Council of State. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 10. Ipswich. **13.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. You desire one of us to bring up the last year's account by the end of this month, and we are hastening in those rents which are not due until 20 days after Christmas; most of them being by leases, it was out of our power to alter the time of payment. In respect of the season of the year for getting in our rents, and our own occasions, we desire respite for coming up until 6 days after 31 Jan., and then one of us will wait on you. We have been examining the accounts of the former receivers, which we will bring with our own. We have received from the former committee the particulars of the estates upon which delinquents compounded. We long since returned you our certificate of taking the oath prescribed in the Act of 15 April 1649. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 10. Carmarthen. **14.** John Hughes, sen., Sequestration Commissioner for South Wales, to the Committee for Compounding. Our agent, Wm. Rutland, having business in London, received 100*l.* of the Michaelmas rents to pay into your treasury. We

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have before sent you various accounts and duplicates received from the old Committee for Sequestrations here, and therefore have not enforced the penalty of 20*l.* a-piece for not supplying them. We have 112*l.* 16*s* in hand, which we shall speedily send. Harry Midleton and 3 others, all of Carmarthen, not having cleared their engagements, have been openly proclaimed in the market.

The plague is so bad in co. Pembroke that we dare not venture there, but we send up the rent roll. Rowland Gwynn and his son William are engaged to the late Earl of Worcester and Charles, his son, in 100*l.* a year, and craving great allowances, they have not paid one penny. We do not know what part of the estates is charged with that money, and as we have no power over their persons, we know not how to deal with them.

We retained Sir Walter Lloyd's estate, co. Cardigan, until he produced his discharge. Sir Fras. Lloyd produced an acquittance in full, dated 4 Aug. 1649. We cannot find the lands of Sir John Stepney (?), engaged to the late Earl of Worcester, or learn what money he took up from the Earl upon a parcel of his estate. The lands mentioned as a jointure to Mary Bowen, widow, and the estates of James and Thomas Davies and Nicholas Lewis, all lying in Pembrokeshire, we dare not venture there at present on account of the sickness. Rich. Wyatt lives in Tenby, where 500 have died, and they are dying still. Two mills of Mr. Brett's have been discharged from sequestration, and all the rectories and tithes heretofore in the disposal of the committees are now under the power of the Commissioners of Indemnity and for Propagation of the Gospel; we have therefore nothing to do with them. [1¾ *pages.*]

Jan. 10. Carmarthen. **15.** John Hughes, senior, Sequestration Commissioner for South Wales, to the Committee for Compounding. You sharply hint of our carelessness in the service, and that you would procure others to supply the places. For my part, nothing can be better accepted, for in the first place there is but one agent allowed us in the three counties; secondly, I am aged and sick; and thirdly, the last summer and this winter I have rode 200 miles. If, therefore, you will appoint another, and discharge me, I shall account it a favour. Nevertheless, in any case I do not intend to refuse the public service and the commands of the Parliament and Commonwealth. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 11. **16.** Order by the Committee of the Council of State for the affairs of Ireland and Scotland, on a Parliament order of 8 Jan. prefixed,—that 20,000*l.* be raised for the recruits of Ireland, 12,000*l.* whereof to be charged on the receipt of Goldsmiths' Hall in course after the 70,000*l.* and 50,000*l.* last charged, and the residue, 8,000*l.*, on Haberdashers' Hall, to be paid to the treasurers-at-war, and issued by them by order of the Council of State; and that the Commissioners for Compounding issue their warrants to the respective treasurers, to make payment thereof accordingly;—that as the 20,000*l.* is required immediately, Alderman Allen is to treat with the Commissioners for Compounding and the treasurers of the receipt of Goldsmiths' and Haberdashers' Hall, for speedily procuring the money. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 11. Preston. **17.** Deposition of Wm. Eccleston, agent for sequestrations in Leyland Hundred, co. Lancaster. Col. Rich. Standish of Duxbury, in Dec. 1649, farmed several sequestered estates, and agreed to pay 76*l.* 3*s.*, for better securing which, Col. Standish with others became bound to pay the amount at times now passed. Informant having demanded the money, Standish appointed for him to receive it at the house of John Moodie, Chorley, on 1 Jan. When the money was counted out, 17*s.* were found to be bad, which the Colonel exchanged. When Eccleston was about to purse it, the Colonel said, "Stay, I will have my bonds cancelled first," and pretending to be in haste, Eccleston produced the bonds, the money lying then upon the table, gave the receipts, and was about to pocket the money, when the Colonel stepped between, and said, "Now, Commissary, I will reckon with you for what the commissioners owe me, viz., 60*l.*, 4*l.*, and 3*l.*, and I am the fittest to keep my own," and then swept away the money, and he and his man, Thomas Woodcock, pocketed it.

After this, the Colonel bid Woodcock count out what was over the sums owing to him, whereupon he laid on the table 9*l.* 3*s.*, and carried away 67*l.* The Colonel then said, "Now let Holt, Cunliffe, Pigott, or any such unworthy men, come and drive my goods, or any that are bound with me; and for those rascals you sent, I will meet them;" and thereupon he wrote a receipt for the money

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detained, and laid it on the table, with the 9*l.* 3*s.*, and went away. Deponent followed, and told him he was ordered not to pay any money to him, but to Randle Sharples, the treasurer, but he replied he would have that acquittance or none, and would answer for what he had done before any commissioners or any court in England. Walking away, deponent was compelled to take up the receipt and the money, which he did in presence of Roger Haidock and 3 others. With deposition of Roger Haidock of Chorley to the like effect. [*Copy; 1½ pages.*]

Jan. 11. Deddington. **18.** County Committee for Oxford to the Committee for Compounding. The want of your approval of our contracts for letting sequestered estates is a great prejudice to the tenants, and a breach upon our reputation; we desire a timely confirmation of these, and of our contracts for estates since compounded for. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 11. Wells. **19.** County Committee for Somersetshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have received yours of the 25th ult., as to the fine of 20*l.* imposed on the members of the late committee for withholding their records, but our clerk has since had free liberty to peruse and take duplicates of them, we have already received the most part relating to the account of sequestered estates, and the remainder will be brought in speedily. We have also received several charges against delinquents taken just before the dismission of the committee, and not presented, which we shall improve upon. The accounts of sequestrators, now in the auditor's custody, are to be delivered upon demand, the auditor alleging his inability to perfect them.

With regard to your dislike of our choice of agents, the men nominated by us were well affected, and have been very industrious since employed, and the affairs of this county required more assistance; we never saw any commission to authorize Capt. [John] Burgess until this meeting, and such exceptions have been exhibited against him that when you are rightly informed, you will judge him unfit for that service. As for choice of our clerk, we hope you will give us that liberty which your instructions give to all sub-commissioners, we having chosen one well known, and against whom there can be no just cause of complaint.

You apprehend prejudice from our late adjournment, but you are misinformed. Most of us, between the times mentioned in your letter, met at Taunton, and received several sums, and there being a necessity to allow our agents some time to summon in tenants, and survey sequestered estates, the State has not received dis-service. You require an account of our proceedings upon sequestrations up to last Michaelmas, which time was past before we were commissioned; but for the future, we shall return exact accounts. Some of the Michaelmas rents have been received by Capt. Mason and Capt. Burgess, but we have not received any accounts, and desire directions therein, as also how many of us may make a quorum. [1¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 13. Cirencester. Giles Hancock [Sequestration Commissioner for co. Gloucester] to Jeremy Buck. Pray be a means to the commissioners that our agent, Mr. Rogers, may be dispatched, for we have much business, and greatly need his assistance. [*G* 114, *p.* 711.]

Jan. 14. Petition of John Thurloe, in behalf of Lord-General Cromwell, to the Committee for Compounding, for repayment of rents received by the County Committee of Monmouth, from lands known as Crym land, settled on the Lord General by Parliament, and that for the future he may enjoy the said lands, according to this grant. Duplicate copy noted, "Take Nathaniel Waterhouse, Esq., and Richd. Hambden, draper, for security in 400*l.* bond, if but 50*l.* per annum." [*G* 122, *p.* 167; 78, *p.* 485.]

Jan. 14. Order in the Committee for Compounding, referring the case to the Commissioners of co. Monmouth, to certify forthwith the cause of their demanding and receiving the rents, and Brereton is to state the case; the petitioner is meanwhile to receive the rents, on security for re-payment, if Parliament otherwise dispose thereof. [*G* 10, *p.* 341; 78, *p.* 487.]

Jan. 14. Petition of Wm. Saul and Thomas Page to the Committee for Compounding, for relief. Sir Ambrose Browne, being lately acquitted by reason of some defect on a charge of delinquency which they brought against him, has commenced

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actions of 10,000*l.* against them in the bailiff's court, Southwark, carried away their goods, bed, and tools, so that they cannot maintain their families, refuses bail, and threatens that they shall lose their ears, be burnt in the forehead, and have their noses split. [*G* 115, *p.* 130.]

Jan. 14. Order thereon of the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Gotherson, a Sequestration Commissioner in Surrey, be summoned, and Henry Saunders, agent, is to bring in the letters he has received from Gotherson.

Like order that the Commissioners for co. Somerset certify the yearly value of Horsington Farm and Broadhearth, in Huntspill parish, to be let for 7 years. [*G* 10, *pp.* 341, 342.]

Jan. 14. Committee for Compounding to the Treasurers-at-war. The Commissioners of co. Monmouth have raised 1,000*l.*, which they know not how to return into our treasury, but could pay it at Bristol. Take order that it may be received there if you can, and it shall be paid as you direct. [*G* 10, *p.* 340.]

Jan. 14. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. York. You are to pay 10,000*l.* at Newcastle by appointment of the treasurers-of-war, they paying for the carriage, and signify to us as soon as you can what you have done therein. [*G* 12, *p.* 94; 10, *p.* 340.]

Jan. 14. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Durham. Order payment of what moneys you have in hand, not exceeding 3,000*l.*, at Newcastle, by order of the treasurers-at-war. [*G* 10, *p.* 340.]

Jan. 14. Carlisle. County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. What shall we do with delinquents who produce discharges from [the Northern Commissioners at] Newcastle? We have let all the estates here, but cannot take engagements of the farmers, till we have your approbation of the leases sent; to satisfy those who have farmed estates for 6 years at high rates, if the delinquent desires $\frac{1}{5}$ in specie, and the farmer and he disagree about the division, may not the farmer refuse to allow it in specie, but allow $\frac{1}{5}$ of the rent?

In undervalues, if the delinquent desires a piece of ground that he has compounded for, and the discoverers set it forth, and it does not please, may the payment be in money instead? We desire particulars sent of 10 estates named compounded for, as discoveries of many of them are tendered to us.

With marginal notes of reply 4 Feb. The Newcastle delinquents are to be proceeded with on the ordinances for compositions; $\frac{1}{5}$ is to be allowed in specie; as to undervalues, when there is a difference about the division, the whole estate is to be let, and the delinquent to have the rent he has compounded for. [*G* 150, *p.* 399; *also* 30, *p.* 125.]

Jan. 15. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all receipts in or payments from the Treasury be entered with the auditor, from the time of the sitting of the present commissioners.

That the treasurers pay nothing to private persons, until the auditor has made an entry of his notice thereof.

That all orders granted by Parliament for payments be entered with the Committee of Accounts at Worcester House, and with Auditor Sherwin, before a warrant issue for payment.

That no 7 years' leases be confirmed, unless the county commissioners have surveyed the estate according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650.

That no lease will be confirmed of any estate above 20*l.* a year, not being a house belonging to a shopkeeper, unless the commissioners have proceeded according to the instructions of 30 Aug. [*G* 13, *p.* 35.]

Jan. 15. Committee for Compounding to Bulstrode Whitelock, Commissioner of the Great Seal. Lieut. John Mansell has presented us the enclosed letter and order on his behalf from the Lord-deputy of Ireland, but we cannot order the payment of the sum assigned from the sequestrations of co. Leicester without order of Parliament. As he says you will promote his business in Parliament, we request you to do so. [*G* 10, *p.* 344.]

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Jan. 15. Bristol. **20.** Capt. John Burgess to the Committee for Compounding. Thanks for your appionting me as agent to the Commissioners of Somerset and Bristol, but they have framed a charge against me, and suspended me. This charge was never produced till I now appeared by virtue of your commission, and is done to blast me in the bud, they being resolved to employ whom they please to carry on their designs, notwithstanding any prejudice to the Commonwealth. I do not include all of them. Col. Gorges and Major Collins are very sensible of my injury, and know that if you appoint any whom they do not first nominate, they will rake all parts to bring something against them to prevent them from acting. These divisions are a great damage to the State, but I dare not prescribe the remedy for fear it proves worse than my disease, which I hope a speedy cure for, if the attestations of honest persons produced to you and my own integrity can do it.

As to your recommending Mr. Mawde to them as clerk, some of them first positively refused to employ him, and then procured an allegation against him. Mr. Mawde repaired to John Haggat, clerk of the peace for Somersetshire, who came to the commissioners and cleared him, proffering to depose in the business, but they did not take his deposition. They laid Mawde aside, and continued one Batt, clerk to the late committee, and very unfit for that place, being related to the late committee, and having accounts to give in, and now the State's tenant. I know I can never act comfortably with the present Commissioners, they having a prejudiced opinion of me; however, in obedience to your commands, I enclose a survey of Col. [Owen] Roe's tenement in Clevedon. [1¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 16. Note of cases to be presented by the Committee for Compounding to Parliament, about compositions for purchase of recusants' lands, viz.:—Sir Thos. Timperley and Edw. Weyneve, Hintlesham, co. Suffolk; Henry and Ant. Bedingfield, Abraham Webbe, and Jas. Leigh, of Orrell. [*G* 63, *p.* 656.]

[Jan. 16.] Draft of the above notes and letter. [*G* 63, *p.* 659.]

Jan. 16. Note of Abr. Webbe's case. [*G* 63, *p.* 662.]

Jan. 16. Committee for Compounding to Speaker Lenthall. We have to beg that the cases of Abr. Webbe, Edw. Weyneve, and Ant. Bedingfield may be presented to the House, with the others in your hands. The former is recommended by Lord-General Cromwell. [*G* 63, *p.* 658.]

Jan. 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Berks. No one can examine persons without taking the oath prescribed to the sub-commissioners in the county, and therefore 3 weeks' time is given you to examine your witnesses there. [*G* 67, *p.* 377; 10, *p.* 348.]

Jan. 16. Preston. **21.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Since sending our accounts by Rich. King, we have received yours of 12 Dec. requiring an account of our proceedings upon the sequestrations to last Michaelmas, and requesting one of us to attend you with it. We could not act without officers, and until we received your approval of them, Michaelmas and Martinmas rents remained uncollected. The agents are only now collecting them, and we will hasten them. We are now letting sequestered estates, and although many of them are small, yet from the multitude they will take some time to perfect; when we have dispatched them, we will fall upon the accounts, and one of us will attend you with them.

By yours of 9 Dec. you agree to there being 6 agents, but not a treasurer or auditor. We cannot act without them, and have therefore nominated Randle Sharples treasurer, and Rich. King auditor, and desire you will allow them some pay, or we must satisfy them out of our own salary. We wish to make up our accounts on 1 Jan. from year to year, and we shall make them clear.

We beg your answer to the following queries:—

1. Where delinquents have continued under sequestration for 6 or 7 years, and the informations against them are lost, or the parties dead, they have, on some late appeals to the Barons of the Exchequer, been freed, particularly in the cases of Wm. Norris of Speke, and James Gorsuch of Scarisbrick. Shall we obey those orders, or take proceedings in such cases?

2. Where upon the first sequestration the ⅓ has been allotted to the Papist, who has built upon his ⅓ and improved it by tillage, should a new division be made, or the old one continued?

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3. Where ⅛ has been set out and continued for 5 or 6 years, and upon a new survey we find it to exceed a full ⅛, must a new division be made?

4. Where the tenants of delinquents or Papists are out of a lease, and the delinquent landlords have made new ones and received considerable fines, what course is to be taken with the lord whose wife and children were admitted to a ⅕?

5. Where by the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, the chief mansion of any Papist is not to be sequestered, ought not it to be taken as part of their ⅓; and where a Papist has only a dwelling house in some great town, which may be of a good yearly value, and has no other estate, ought it not to be sequestered, and only ⅓ thereof allowed?

6. In farming estates, must we set the old rents and services reserved for the tenants by their leases to the farmers, or direct our agents to collect them? The farming of them will much shorten the agent's labour, but will procure a great influence of the malignant over the tenant, many of them being now farmers of their own estates, in regard of the late instructions for posting. [2¾ *pages.*]

Jan. 17. **22.** Copy of the above. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 17. Salop. **23.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We have received most of the accounts of the agents of the late committee; as their officers numbered 30, the investigating of their accounts will occupy ½ a year. Shall we defer all other business until we have finished them, or will you nominate other commissioners for that purpose? Particulars of cases.

With marginal notes of a reply 30 Jan. Directions in a case. The examining the accounts must be done by them, but at such times that the bringing in of moneys be not neglected. It will be but a little more pains, which they must not grudge. [1½ *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 379.]

Jan. 17. Chelmsford. **24.** John Maidstone to the Committee for Compounding. Enclosed is a duplicate of the estates of the persons last summoned to appear before you, with the day they were warned by our agent, of which oath has been made; also a new list given our agent, which when served, we shall transmit like particulars and affidavit. Your order concerning Mr. Winstanley's business has not yet come to hand, but we will receive the rents, notwithstanding any order to the contrary. Particulars of cases.

[Chaloner] Chute's agent brought us an order of 11 Dec. last, to which we certify that he has paid 1,000*l.* to our treasurer, and that if the charges of which he has delivered an account are to be allowed, they amount to more than the sum for which he rented Lord Petre's estate in cos. Essex, Cambridge, and London this last year, by a lease from the Prince Elector's Committee. With note of reply. To search what Mr. Chute is in arrear, and when. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

24. I. *Account of the real and personal estates of—*

Gregory Baker,	*Wm. Batten,*
Rich. Humfries,	*Thos. Wilmore,*
John Rumball,	*Stephen Smith,*
Benj. Blackett,	*John Sedcoale,*
Thos. Clarke,	*Thos. Mead,*
Dr. John Nicholson,	*Salter Harris,*
Edw. Butler,	*Rich. Boothby,*
Edm. Humfrey,	*Wm. Burrowes,*
Thos. Roberts,	*Rich. Cooper,*

all of Essex, with the names of the tenants, annual rent or value, and incumbrances thereon. [5½ *pages.*]

24. II. *List of* 17 *persons sequestered by the County Committee for Essex as actors in the late insurrection there, and summoned to attend the Committee for Compounding within* 14 *days after notice, and to deliver in particulars of their estates.* [⅔ *page.*]

24. III. *List of* 17 *other persons summoned to appear before the Committee for Compounding within* 14 *days after notice. Chelmsford, Jan.* 17, 1650–51. [⅔ *pages.*]

Jan. 17. Preston. **25.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. Col. Rich. Standish, lately entrusted with a regiment of

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1,000 foot, raised for the service of the North, from whom we expected encouragement in all our past proceedings, on his late return from Scotland to visit his family, made such use of his power over our agent as is mentioned in the enclosed information. We therefore leave it to you to prevent such inconvenience as may happen if he and we be continued in our commissions till his regiment returns here; for the soldiers will eye this business as a fit precedent, unless he that has laid down the rule be made exemplary. [A summons to appear here to be sent to him, if he be in the country; if not, they are to certify where he is, and levy the rents on his goods or tenants, and complain of the miscarriage to the General.] Particulars of cases.

About 25 years since, divers copy-holders in Blackburn Hundred agreed with the late King for a fine to be paid for their tenements, paid ½, and agreed to pay the rest when an Act should be passed for confirmation of the grant, with a fine of 5*l.* for every day it should be unpaid after passing of the Act. The King passed over that security to Sir Allan Apsley, for payment of some debts to the navy. The Act is passed, and the fine appointed to be paid to Sir Allan Apsley's creditors; but the estates of divers of those copyholders being under sequestration, the agents of the creditors distrain upon the farmers of those estates for the ½ of the said fines, being 25 years in arrears, and for the *nomine pœnæ*, to the great prejudice of the State. Free the farmers from those distresses, or we shall not find any to farm such estates. [None are to molest the tenants unless they have procured allowance of their claims from the Committee for Compounding.]

You authorized Edw. Moseley to keep all courts upon sequestered estates; some that are beneficial he has appointed his deputies to keep, but all the rest lie unkept, and the country cries out for want of them; let able men be appointed for keeping such courts, and salaries allowed them out of the perquisites of those courts, which otherwsie will be lost. The passages in brackets are marginal notes for a reply. [2¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 17. Preston. **26.** Copy of the above without the marginal notes. [2¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 17. Wrexham. **27.** County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. The late committee for sequestrations in these parts has not yet furnished us with an account of the estates they had under sequestration, nor have we been able to make out our own, but you may expect it next month. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 18. Exeter. County Committee for Devonshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have often requested a steward; we have but one commissioned agent, and are put to great straits to get tenants' accounts, but we receive no answer from you. Notes on cases. Sampson Hele's appeal took us many days, and he is the first man who ever sent us anything towards our charges.

We specify our receipts. We are posting recusants' and delinquents' lands through the county, and shall work as fast as we can, but old accounts are tedious, and we are so straitened by orders that we cannot do the good we would. It is hard to set a good price, and then expect an offer beyond, and we are not to go lower. None will meddle unless army assessments may be allowed.

[Chas.] Vaughan [one of the late commissioners for sequestrations] has brought in his receipts, but no proofs or informations, so there is no encouragement for discoveries or witnesses.

Many persons are returned in the agents' books as sequestered, but on examination, though we believe them foully guilty, we find only crimes objected, not proved, and now they would save their arrears.

The work is so intricate that we fear we cannot give an exact account by 31 Jan. You will see by our receipts what our ½ year's wages will be; unless our incident charges are allowed, we shall be great losers by the service. [*G* 152, *p.* 145.] *Annexing,*

1. *Note of receipts since* 8 *Jan.* 1651; *total* 539*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* [*G* 152, *p.* 141.]

Jan. 18. Kendal. **28.** County Committee for Westmoreland, to the Committee for Compounding. Yesterday we appointed a meeting for taking offers for estates which we had posted up 14 days before, a list whereof is enclosed, and we desire your resolution therein about them, and the drawing the leases thereupon, as also about those we formerly returned. [⅔ *page.*]

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Jan. 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Salop. You certify us that you have surveyed, posted, and contracted for the estates of Chris. Clough, Sir Chas. Smith, Fras. Smith, and Adam Lutley. We therefore confirm your contracts, and you may let leases, reserving the manors, keeping of courts, and granting of estates. [*G* 30, *p.* 382.]

Jan. 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for York. We cannot grant George Firbanck's desire to be agent in place of Capt. Stevenson, having appointed Mr. Beverley, who has long been employed, and is very honest and fit. Directions on a case. [*G* 30, *p.* 483.]

Jan. 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that their treasurers send in a book with the names of all that pay in money, the date, and the sum, that the committee may see that all receipts are entered there. [*G* 13, *p.* 36.]

Order that Mr. Reymer and two others be sent for to attend the committee. [*G* 12, *p.* 101.]

Order discharging [Dan.] Gotherson from office as sequestrator in co. Surrey, for countenancing malignants and delinquents, and discountenancing Saul and Page, for their prosecution of Sir Ambrose Browne; Major Cooper, salter of Southwark, is to take Gotherson's place.

Order on a letter from the Commissioners for co. Rutland, confirming their contract with Thos. Wayte for Hambleton lordship and other lands. [*G* 10, *pp.* 352, 353.]

Jan. 21. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Cumberland. You are to pay 3,000*l.* of your sequestrations to the treasurers-at-war or their assigns. [*G* 12, *p.* 101.]

Jan. 21. **29.** County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding. With reference to your desire for a speedy account of our proceedings, having much rent in arrear, our agent's assistance would have furthered us therein, but he having to attend you upon our business, his absence obstructs the work; pray expedite his return. [¾ *page.*]

[Jan. 23.] Cornwall. **30.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We are informed by Cornet Richard Clarke and others that William Coriton of Newton compounded for his estate at 400*l.* a year; this Clarke affirmed is much beneath the true value, and he proffered 100*l.* a year advance, and to pay Coriton the 400*l.* compounded for; we accepted the offer (no particular of Coriton's estate being then brought to our view), and set the estate to Cornets Clarke and Charlton for one year. After their entry thereon, Coriton appealed to you, and brought us your order of 19 Nov. last, for examining the value of his estate, a particular whereof he also brought us, attested by the clerk, by which we found his estate compounded for at 700*l.* a year, far above the offer of Cornet Clarke, and our set to him.

Upon sight of this and your order, we respited our set, and at the instance of Cornet Clarke, gave Coriton warrants to produce witnesses to prove the true value. He produced ten witnesses, who affirmed on oath that the value of Coriton's estate, according to the particulars before you, was the true value. Nothwithstanding we gave further time to produce other witnesses as he desired, Cornet Clarke then offered 80*l.* more for the house and barton of Newton than was compounded for, but no other witnesses being produced to prove the said estate to be of great value, and this offer of the surplus 80*l.* not being able to discharge the annuities and other charges incident to the estate, we find so little exception to Coriton's composition that we think he and his son should have the barton. [1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 23. **31.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours of the 9th of January, with the list enclosed. With regard to the estates of Mr. Borlace, Nicholas Jolly, and Mr. Trelawney, we have long since set them, according to your order of 18 April last. Particulars of cases. We have seized the personal estates of Hannibal Buggens and [Nicholas and Pascoe] Tresilian.

We have received no answer to our letters of 25 and 26 Dec., that none will be tenants but officers or soldiers; they pay their rent punctually, but will seldom take other than whole estates. The neighbours of delinquents do not offer; so, unless we have liberty to set either in parcels or otherwise, as we find best, this business will be retarded. Pray send us your resolutions speedily, as we have

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not been able to do anything in the setting of estates, after several appointments and days assigned. If you judge us faithful, you conceive that we will act for the public advantage; but "if you think otherwise, we are willing you should discharge us, and put these great affairs into more active and confiding hands." [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the case of Edw. Rogers be heard on Tuesday afternoon, after the fines appointed for the day, and that Mr. Collett, the prosecutor, have notice to attend. [*G* 10, *p.* 365.]

Jan. 24. Wrexham. **32.** County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. You order the seizing the estates of Sir Evan Lloyd, Rich. Dutton, Wm. Spicer, and Wm. Roberts, of Bangor, co. Carnarvon, for non-payment of the fines for their compositions; the two last have nothing for their clearing, but finding the original discharges for Sir Evan Lloyd and Mr. Dutton, we have suspended further sequestration of their estates, and enclose copies. Dutton produced two receipts from the treasurer at Goldsmiths' Hall for both his moieties, and also a note from Mr. Leech of the payment. Two of us will wait upon you this month with a perfect account of these and other sequestrations in cos. Denbigh, Flint, and Merioneth, which are under us. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 25. Edm. Scotten to the Committee for Compounding. As one of the late committee of sequestrations of the Isle of Ely, I gave in, as by Parliament ordered, of 25 Jan. 1650, a particular of the sums in which Luke Voyce, one of the late sequestrators, was indebted to the State, but through weightier business no notice was taken. I then gave it in to the County Committee for Cambridge, who, 6 months after, sent it up to you; you referred it to Mr. Sherwin, who took great pains, and reported 700*l.* due. I attended you to prove what I had said, but the business not being heard, I went home. However I will now come up if you send for me, as the State may lose hundreds of pounds through Voyce and his friends. [*G* 126, *p.* 571.] *Annexing,*

1. *Report of Aud. Sherwin on the accounts of James Whinell, Edm. Scotten, and Luke Voyce, in relation to Scotten's charge against Voyce, bringing Voyce in debtor of* 735*l.* 5*s.* 5*d. for moneys unaccounted for.* 12 *Dec.* 1650. [*G* 126, *p.* 561.]

[Jan. 25.] Petition of Luke Voyce to the Committee for Compounding. I beg you to transfer the trial of my case to the county committee, my urgent business calling me there, and to decide nothing against me in my absence. You have been prevented by other great business from examining my answer, and the truth cannot be cleared without excessive charge in bringing up witnesses. Scotten urges that my hand being at the book delivered in at Ald. Freeman's house is sufficient charge, yet this book was but a general account for an estimate of the whole sequestrations. The question is whether I owe the sums charged against me in the report, whether others had not received them, and whether they are accounted for. [*G* 126, *p.* 567.] *Annexing,*

1. *Answer of Luke Voyce to Scotten's charge, drawn upon Sherwin's report, being explanations of divers items of his account. Though some may slight us, we have undergone great dangers, even of life, in the service, and we were added because the gentlemen would not or durst not act. I doubt not Parliament will think us worthy of* 20*s. a week for our services. I hope not to be charged with moneys I never received, there being much craft and policy used against me.* [*G* 126, *p.* 569.]

Jan. 27. Armourers' Hall. **33.** Committee for Sequestrations in London to the Committee for Compounding. We contracted 14 Nov. last with Mr Archer for 40*l.* for a house in Cheapside, a part of which was in litigation, for which he was to pay 8*l.* Since then [Alex.] Thurston has shown that such part is his. The State therefore is to allow Thurston 8*l.* out of the 48*l.* received for the whole house. Pray direct us about sums paid to the State, which belonged to Thurston for his said part of the house.

As to 600*l.* belonging to the Marquis of Winchester, in the hands of the Spanish ambassador, our agent found it in the Trustees' book for Ireland, now at Goldsmiths' Hall. We demanded the sequestered goods remaining with the late Committee for Sequestrations in London, but they had been sold to raise money towards paying for transcribing the duplicates, they being out of pocket a far greater sum.

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We send particulars of Sir Michael Wharton's estate; also a copy of Mr. Lynch and our collector's oath, our own having been taken long since. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the business of Somerset and Bristol be heard on Tuesday.

Order that John Musgrave, now at Mr. Dorsett's house, Fetter Lane, who appeared this morning, attend the Committee for Compounding at 2 p.m.

That all letters to Major-Gen. Desborough be directed to Exeter. [*G* 12, *pp.* 103, 105.]

Order on hearing Mr. Parsons and 3 others, on behalf of the Essex gentlemen and Col. Cooke, that their case be heard on Thursday.

Order that 200*l.*, paid in to the treasurers of Goldsmiths' Hall by Matthias Barry, treasurer for co. Rutland, being the rents of Burley Manor settled on Lord Fairfax, be paid to Mr. Ward, his lordship's agent. [*G* 10, *pp.* 367, 368.]

Jan. 28. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Essex. You asked what to do in cases where the sequestration is taken off an estate, but the delinquent produces no discharge. You are to demand a sight of the order of acquittal, and if not produced in 14 days, to seize and secure the estate till further order. Particulars of cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 139.]

Jan. 28. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Denbigh. We send you a copy of the discharge of John Dutton, which Mr. Leech suspects to be surreptitiously obtained, and beg you to examine into it, and require him to produce the treasurer's receipt, and the name of the solicitor who prosecuted the business. [*G* 30, *p.* 341.]

Jan. 28. Northwich. **34.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We send the accounts required, by Thomas Robinson, one of our fellow commissioners, wherein you will observe what was the revenue of the sequestered estates of this county for 1650, and how payable, with all other discoveries since we were commissioned, out of which we give you accounts of receipts and disbursements to Michaelmas last, and of what remains. The receipts are particularly expressed; this was occasioned by your letter imputing that we kept moneys in hand longer than was necessary, which, by comparing our receipts with those of your treasurers, will be explained. The accounts may not suit for method, but you will find plain truth in each particular; we trust you will expedite Mr. Robinson's return. We have also sent a particular of the estates of Papists and delinquents in the county and city of Chester posted and already let, as also those that were posted and not let. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 28. Charge against Hen. Saunders, agent of the Committee for Sequestrations for Surrey.

That he kept unexecuted the warrants for sequestering Henry and Benedict Hall a fortnight, till the tenants had paid in their rents.

That he is unfit for agent, because he is a collector for the monthly tax, and when he goes to sequester any man, he takes with him malignants who drink the King's health.

That he has not attended the commissioners for 9 weeks together, and men could be had who have done Parliament 5 times as much service. [*G* 169, *p.* 427.]

Jan. 28. Like charge against John Inwood and Benj. Goodwin.

That Inwood has laid aside an examination that would bring in 500*l.*, because he has had good dinners of Mr. Wanet, of Olave's, Southwark, a party concerned.

That when they sequester delinquents they do not return certificates, but usurp the power of discharging them, contrary to instructions.

That they will not call to account Mr. Say, M.P., who receives 100*l.* a year from attorneys in the Marshal's Court, Southwark, which ought to be paid to the State; nor will they perform their duty in improving that prison.

That Goodwin has kept 100*l.*, though asked for, pretending it was for salary, but never paid his fellow commissioners a penny.

That both refuse to oppress the country gentlemen by executing the orders of the Committee for Compounding, unless they could gain great profit.

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That they do not sequester those who have come into good estates by death or marriage since their delinquency, but visit at their houses.

That they discharge some estates surreptitiously, and do not certify their proceedings.

That they have delayed 5 weeks to meet to execute orders about calling the late committee to account.

That when they do meet, it is at Kingston on market days, where they attend to their own business, and dine and rise before 4, so that there is little time for public business.

That they have not met on an information about several delinquents in Southwark Hospital.

That Inwood, being a surveyor, has lost the State 1,000*l.* by taking bribes to make false surveys. Goodwin is unfit to be treasurer, being partner with Mr. Harris, who is prisoner in the Upper Bench for 10,000*l.* debt. [*G* 169, *pp.* 429–432.]

Jan. 29. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all reports from Aud. Sherwin be heard in course as brought in, 2 every Thursday. [*G* 13, *p.* 36.]

Jan. 29. List by the County Committee for Devon of 19 proffers made for estates at Ottery St. Mary's, after 14 days' posting and publication in several market towns. [*G* 152, *pp.* 485, 486.]

Jan. 29. Stafford. County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. We are letting the smaller estates here according to instructions, taking the value from our own knowledge, surveys, or the former rent rolls, and proclaiming and posting them in all the market towns before we let, and putting on the box the best improved value, considering $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, and taxes, and we have let 24 or 26 farms. We require separate offers for the manor itself, and for the farms, and generally the entire manor is taken. We reserve the great estates for a more exact survey, and are holding courts of survey. We have improved 25 or 30 per cent. on last year's lettings. If we cannot now return all the money, may the rest be sent by a carrier after next week's fair? Notes of cases. [*G* 168, *p.* 527.]

Jan. 30. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Devonshire. Mr. Serle in his letter of 28 Dec. scruples to act because he has public money in his hands, having been a treasurer in the field service; but that proviso in the Act extends only to those who have received sequestration money. Let us know his employment, and we will see if the exception touches him.

He speaks of 150*l.* paid the agent from Broadclist sheaf; you are to demand it from him. He complains of non-returns of books and papers from the former committee, and fears embezzlement. You must levy 20*l.* each on the commissioners and officers who neglect to send them in. This you should have done before, when you found such backwardness. Tell us whom you suspect of embezzling the records, and we will endeavour their recovery.

We shall be glad to be informed of any surreptitious orders which you think have been procured. Your question about arrears between sequestration and composition must be more clearly put, as to whether it refers to compositions, allowance of deeds, or appeals when suspension has been granted.

We will allow a steward and another agent, but your clerk is not to keep your courts. Present a fit person.

You speak of having received something from delinquents named towards your charges. This is dishonourable to the State and us, and will give occasion for defaming the present government; you are in no case to accept such offers.

Explain how you feel yourselves straitened by our orders in letting estates. The setting a value below which they are not to be let is necessary to avoid a combination, and the letting at ½ their value. We prefer letting without taxes, that the revenue may be certain, but we do not stand upon it. Discoverers shall have all encouragement; there is now an Act before Parliament therefor.

Summon before you Tretwell, Mr. Arundel's servant, who has extorted the rents from the tenants, and require him to restore them, or appear here in 14 days. Advise the tenants in such cases not to be threatened out of their rents, for we will protect them in refusing payment.

All persons who have once been sequestered are to be re-sequestered unless they produce a legal discharge; but if their rents have not been taken, nor judgment given, and yet you suspect them, you are to take examinations against them. [*G* 30, *pp.* 33, 34.]

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Jan. 30. Committee for Compounding to John James, high sheriff of co. Hereford. We are glad to hear of your willingness to assist the County Committee, and doubt not you will act vigorously. Whatever estate you have of Dr. Sherborne's uncompounded for is to be sequestered. Agree among yourselves which shall receive the sequestration moneys, and hasten your last year's accounts. [*G* 30, *p.* 172.]

Jan. 30. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Hunts. We wish you to appoint a fit person to keep courts upon Sir Fras. Mannock's manor,—where the estates are now to be renewed, to prevent the danger you name by the paucity of tenants,—and send us his name, that we may send him a commission to keep courts on all sequestered estates in the county. You can better tell how many years' fines to take of the tenants than we can direct, for you must follow the custom of the country and of the manor, and demand accordingly. [*G* 30, *p.* 183.]

Jan. 30. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Norfolk. You have discharged several estates whose acquittal we cannot allow till the parties have proved their claim before us, and meantime the rents are to be stayed in the tenants' hands, viz., as Sir Rich. Crane, discharged since his death by the committee for sequestrations; Wm. Hungate, Lady Margaret and Eliz. Cleere, Thos. Jerningham, and Swanton Manor, value 286*l.* a year, belonging to Sir Hen. Bedingfield; these rents are to be stayed in the tenants' hands. We also disapprove of your discharge of 5 others as under 200*l.* value.

As to those persons about whom you find no real estate, enquire further whether there be not some concealed or conveyed away. Tell us what estate Dr. Ambrose Congham had, how settled, and by whom discharged.

Thanks for your care and information in Mr. Cobb's business; give the same in like cases where you think we have been misinformed. We shall not easily be jealous of your proceedings, though we tell you what comes to our ears, and desire satisfaction therein.

P.S.—Enquire whether [Henry, Grace] Bedingfield's husband is dead, and if so, and if she is a Protestant, allow her to enjoy her estate. [*G* 30, *p.* 293.]

Jan. 31. **35-37.** Order of the Committee for Compounding on a Parliament order prefixed of 15 Jan.—that so much of the 14,000*l.* for discharge of the charges of the treaty at the Isle of Wight as is unpaid be repaid out of the receipt of Goldsmiths' Hall, in course after the 70,000*l.*, the 50,000*l.*, and the 12,000*l.* for the recruits of Ireland already charged, and that the interest in the meantime be continued;—for payment of the said balance into the chamber of London.

With receipt by Gilbert Harrison, chamberlain, 5 Feb. 1651, of 12,145*l.*, being the said balance of moneys lent by several men to defray the charges of the treaty. [3 *papers; also G* 12, *p.* 108.]

Order that the Berkshire Commissioners have liberty to produce what witnesses they please, to be examined *vivâ voce* on the information of Chris. Checsman. [*G* 10, *p.* 376.]

Jan. 31. **38.** Orders in the Committee for Compounding for discharge of estates from sequestration from 21 Nov. 1650 to 31 Jan. 1651. All duplicates. [16 *pages, seemingly part of a book.*]

Jan. 31. Dorchester. County Committee for Dorsetshire to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We cannot obey your order of the 20th about disposal of the goods of Mr. Weare, a delinquent, because the late County Committee, whom we are to examine, refer to their former orders and depositions, which we cannot obtain. [*G* 152, *p.* 595.]

Jan. 31. Waterford. **39.** John Cooke to the Committee for Compounding. I hear that your tenants at Whitchurch and Owslebury [co. Hants] are prohibited paying their rents to [St. Cross's] Hospital, as supposing them to belong, the one to [Thos.] Brooks, a delinquent, and the other to Dr. [Wm.] Lewis' children. As to the first, Mr. Brooks is tenant to the hospital at a great rent, with condition of re-entry for nonpayment, and this long before his sequestration. I agreed with my brother Clapham about receipt of what belongs to me. Brooks has no remedy in Chancery, and if he had, I do not know that Parliament ever took advantage of titles in equity, where the landlords have made legal re-entries, and then the lessees have proved delinquents. I do not think Parliament will take away any legal right belonging to the hospital from me, for the

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minister, who had but 8*l.* a year before Commissioner Lisle's time, has now 100*l.* out of the master's revenue, which is far more than the surplusage of Brooks' estate, if any there be, and ½ the master's revenue.

Concerning Dr. Lewis' children, God forbid they should be deprived of their due.

I am glad the hospital has so good chancellors, for I know you will act equitably. [2¼ *pages; see letter from the Committee of co. Hants, p.* 282 *supra.*]

Jan. ? Committee for Compounding to the Sequestration Committee for London. You mention allowance by the late committee of a mortgage of the Green Dragon in Cheapside to Mr. Gardiner. We hope you will pursue your instructions in such cases, and not allow this or any like charge, until proof before us, and our order. [*G* 30, *p.* 255.]

Feb. 1. Westminster. Revenue Commissioners to the Committee for Compounding. Parliament having committed to us the care of the revenue, we find, on declarations of the accounts of receivers of counties, and on the sheriffs' accounts, that the County Committees' agents have received sums due to the public revenue out of sequestered estates, which should have been paid to the county receivers by the ordinance of Parliament of 23 Dec. 1643. Pray see that those thus paid in be restored, and that they be paid to the sheriffs and receivers in future. [*G* 113, *p.* 633.]

Feb. 1. **40.** County Committee for Yorkshire, to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of Sir Thomas Bland's case. We have also sequestered the estate of Mr. Ross at Nunthorpe, value 90*l.* a year, as it had been sequestered by the former committee, and suspended without composition. [Thos.] Overman, who lives in Southwark, pretended to have married the daughter and heir of Mr. Ross, and not to be sequestrable himself, and therefore craved discharge. The certificate from the committee, which he sent us by his solicitor, we conceive to be a counterfeit, because it is all in one hand, and we have therefore sent it up, and desire that both the gentleman and the certificate may be enquired after; for until we hear from you, we shall forbear from doing anything. He is very malignant, and we have cause to suspect him of delinquency. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

40. I. *Certificate by Ben. Goodwin and Jo. Inwood, Commissioners for Sequestrations for co. Surrey, that Thomas Overman of Southwark was never sequestered by them nor by the former committee, nor ever questioned for any delinquency, but has lived peaceably and quietly during these troubles, and borne his proportion in public charge. Borough,* 14 *Jan.* 1651. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 1. York. **41.** County Committee for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have come short of understanding some things, not for want of perusing the Act or your instructions, which our many queries will witness, but we wished to act upon good grounds.

As to the particular about surveying the lands, we have often had it in debate, but in regard of the largeness of this county, and the multiplicity of business, and our having only a few members sitting, we found it impossible both to survey lands abroad and manage the employment here; and therefore, falling short of our instructions, we let but for one year, so that if any further discovery of the true value could be obtained, we might take the advantage of it. Taking one with another, the lands are let as high, if not higher than other lands here; and though some may be short, the rest will balance their wants. However, we have done our utmost to raise and discover, where we were jealous of undervalues. We made our days of letting public, gave tenants all the encouragement we could, and closed with the best of them, and none can tax us with letting for less where we could have had more.

Few of the tenants appear, but whether it be because their farms are inconsiderable, or for fear of their landlords' displeasure, we cannot say; how to help it we know not, unless the ordinance, so often spoken of, for defending well-affected tenants against their delinquent landlords, were concluded; therefore we submit it to you, whether to let them stand for this year, or confirm them for more. [1½ *pages.*]

Feb. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the counsel for the State bring in speedily all reports in their hands on the Act of 1 Aug., that seques-

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tration may be proceeded in upon those who have petitioned, but have not prosecuted their cases. [*G* 13, *p.* 36.]

Order appointing Ant. Edwards commissioner for co. Gloucester. If Capt. Buck is in town, he is to be summoned, to show why he does not repair into the country, and act in his place, or else be suspended, and another put in his place.

Rob. Massey appointed a sequestrator for co. Lancaster, and a commission to be prepared for him.

Major Cooper of Southwark appointed one of the County Committee of Surrey. [*G* 12, *pp.* 109, 111.]

Mr. Russell and Squibb to examine the paper delivered in by Aud. Sherwin, and certify what should be done therein. [*G* 10, *p.* 378.]

Feb. 4. Durham. **42.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We were not unmindful of what is required by the Act, and your instructions for surveying, but we had already proceeded to contract for the estates under sequestration, letting leases and taking security, which we have prepared to return, having that help in this county which most counties have not; for all the estates and lands here were exactly valued at the rack upon the making of a late book of rates for the due proportioning of taxes, and in our contracts we have brought the estates to a greater improvement of rent than they were let before the war, or within any man's remembrance. If those contracts be not confirmed before a survey can be made, the tenants will decline their engagements, and we much fear we shall not procure tenants to farm them at the rents they are now let for. Yet if you conceive it of advantage to the Commonwealth, we will pursue your directions. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 4. **43.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. By your order of 23 May last, Arthur Barnardiston was appointed steward for the keeping of courts in the sequestered manors of this county, but in yours of 2 Jan., Mr. Graves is appointed steward for those of Lord Petre; we require order herein, as Barnardiston is discontented.

We have had some of the bailiffs of Lord Petre's manor before us, to get information concerning the estate, and shall sit here again on the 11th, about that and other business, and will then give an account of the summoning in of those delinquents mentioned in a list sent in our last.

Are ministers to have any benefit by augmentation before taking the engagement? Some who have stood out, and not taken it until now, desire satisfaction of arrears.

With marginal notes of reply, 10 Feb., that the Committee for Compounding will send a copy of the order appointing Mr. Graves steward. Also that the Act of Parliament gives clear directions as to augmentations to ministers, and that they are to proceed accordingly. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 139.]

Feb. 4. Berkhampstead. **44.** County Committee for Herts to the Committee for Compounding. The estate of Thos. Bridges, of Rickmansworth, is very small, only 3*l.* 10*s.*, which we have secured; he had given over housekeeping before your order, and had only a few odd things left. His lands lie in the parish of Ivinghoe, co. Bucks, and value 50*l.* per annum.

Sir Michael Wharton has a fair house and orchard at Cheshunt, which is empty, value 20*l.* per annum; also the Vine Inn and a small cottage; all being 30*l.* a year. There has been no contract made for 7 years, as until lately there has been but one commissioner. With marginal notes that they are to enquire whether Bridges' estate was to be seized and secured, or sequestered, and to write to the Commissioners of Bucks, giving the name of the place and person. Col. Fielder is to see this about Sir M. Wharton's estate, to know whether he can give further light. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 4. **45.** County Committee for South Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We have sent you, with much hazard and difficulty, part of the 100*l.* which we long since endeavoured to convey, but could not except by sending one of our joint commissioners with it. We should have done better, but the sickness was so violent in many parts of South Wales, that we could not with safety travel for expediting the work, which is so troublesome and chargeable that some of our joint commissioners have desired to be excused from the service.

If in their stead, you would commission Walter Lewis, of Llanigon, as our agent, the service might be the better advanced. The imposition of a fine

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of 20*l.* upon the late committee will not bring them to any account, and we therefore crave further directions therein. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 5. Exceptions taken before the Committee for Compounding by John Farewell, to 6 of the witnesses examined for Chris. Cheesman against the commissioners for co. Berks, viz.:—

Chris. Willoughby and Wm. Holloway, for cheating and bribing in bargaining for sequestered lands.

John Waldron as a felon and robber.

John Matthews as dismissed by the former committee from employment for felony and perjury.

John Jancey and Constant Barnard, for bribing Cheesman with 20*l.* to procure a bargain of sequestered lands. [*G* 67, *p.* 375.]

Feb. 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding, for a hearing on Tuesday week of the above case, and no copies of proofs to be delivered till then. Publication is then to pass, and they are to bring in their exceptions in the afternoon.

Order on a letter from the commissioners of co. Hants.,—showing that the former solicitor, John Woodman, refuses to give in his accounts, though often required,—that Thos. Hammersley, messenger, take him into custody. [*G* 10, *pp.* 382, 384; 36, *p.* 141.]

46, 47. Order that Lord Grey present to the House, for their resolution, according to the Act of 29 Jan.-1650, an order in the House of Commons of 15 April 1646, granting to Thos. Ellison, of Easington, co. Durham, Morton Farm, in Dalton parish, sequestered from Rich. Hickson, recusant, on rent of 25*l.* [2 *copies.*]

Order that Mr. Squibb and Winslow attend the Council of State, acquaint them with the 600*l.* due from the Spanish Ambassador to the Marquis of Winchester, and with the charge they find to lie on sequestered estates, by levying horse thereon. [*G* 36, *p.* 141.]

Feb. 5. Cockermouth. **48.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. You inform us of your reception of contracts from adjacent counties made for estates not surveyed by the commissioners, they having too hastily contracted before making a certificate of survey, by which you conceived a great disadvantage had accrued, and could not confirm the contracts.

In farming estates here, we have proceeded according to our instructions, save only in that for deductions, which, being inconsiderable, we waived; in the letting for 6 years we did not omit anything most conducible to advantage, as the enclosed list, compared with the last year's value of the same estates, will evidence, the sums amounting to far more than formerly. If an alteration be made of what we have done, a double damage will follow; for most of the spring will be spent before a survey can be made and returned, and the present farmers, interrupted in the enjoyment of the lands, will make no tillage, and consequently the profits will prove little or nothing. Besides, there are such a number of concealments, undervalues, and discoveries of delinquents unsequestered, presented to us, that it is impossible to prosecute in every punctilio. If you desire to be more fully satisfied, Thomas Craister, who was with us at the letting of the estates here, and is now in London, will answer your queries; after conference with him, let your result be transmitted with all expedition.

As to an order produced before us by Mr. Winstanley, whereto Mr. Brereton's report was annexed, Sir Wm. Musgrave of Crook Dale tendered us a grant to-day of two mills under one roof in Abbey Holme, which Mr. Winstanley claims, as by a short recital of the heads of his grant, here enclosed, may appear. These mills we have ordered to remain in possession of the State till further order. [1¼ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

48. 1. *Indenture whereby Martin Freeman and Edm. Sawyer of London, gentlemen, sell to Wm. Musgrave of Holme Cultram, Cumberland, the Abbey Mills in Holme Cultram, and also all the messuages, &c., thereto belonging, in as full a manner as they had the same granted to them under the Great Seal from King James, on* 27 *May last.* 26 *June* 1612. [*Copy,* ⅞ *page.*]

Feb. 5. Taunton. **49.** County Committee for Somersetshire, to the Committee for Compounding. If what we have done for the public good should be reversed, it would tend to disparage us, and be a great disadvantage to the revenue, and

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although, having been so short a time in this employment, we are not learned in the ordinances, Acts, and instructions, yet we have made them our rules, except that from the straitness of time and crowd of business occasioned by the long vacancy of the commissioners, it was necessary for speed to set many small things under 20*l.* a year that we have never surveyed. We have surveyed what we could, and have used such diligence to gain the true value of everything, that there cannot be one per cent. improved on what we have contracted for through the whole county.

There is considerable improvement on last year's letting, and we hope you will not disannul what we have done with so much integrity and pains. We appeal to the world to judge, and let envy itself speak what it can, we can fully clear ourselves that, for any private ends or friends, we have not made the least failure in pursuance of your instructions.

P.S.—Send your letters for us to Taunton, where we have appointed a trusty messenger to receive them, as Bristol is too remote.

With note of reply. We cannot dispense with your oath, and must require the survey of estates let for 7 years. If you have not time for the survey, make leases for 1 year only, survey before that time expires, and certify us the value. [1½ *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 391.]

Feb. 5. Marlborough. **50.** The late County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. We have been required by your commissioners here to deliver them an account of our proceedings, but have not been able, our clerk absenting himself in London and detaining our books, though several times demanded. Do not think us neglectful, for we have done our utmost to get in our books to perfect our accounts. We have again sent him an express order for delivery of them, and in case of refusal we shall crave your assistance to force him; we have desired [Thos.] Helme, clerk to the commissioners, to attend you with his answer and address. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 5. **51.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. According to your order of 14 Jan. for payment of 3,000*l.* which we received on the 25th, we, the following Monday, paid the same to Andrew Edwards by appointment of the treasurers-at-war, and had a receipt, and now we desire a discharge from your treasurers for so much paid into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 6. Order of the Committee for Compounding making void all former orders for stay of rents in the tenants' hands (other than for seizing and securing); the county committees are to receive such rents, to be paid back to the several parties in case, on hearing, they seem to be unduly received; the several sequestration treasurers to be responsible therefor. [*G* 13, *p.* 37.]

Order that Wm. Window be steward for co. Gloucester. [*G* 12, *p.* 118.]

Feb. 6. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Hants. We have signed a warrant for taking Woodman into custody. Summon John Hildesley of Hinton, Thos. Baker, solicitor, of the Strand, and 7 other collectors to appear before us in 14 days, unless meantime they deliver up the duplicates required. [*G* 10, *p.* 392.]

Feb. 6. Chester. County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Notes on cases. We wish directions about the outbuildings on Papists' estates; for want of them, there are complaints here and in other counties that the lands do not let, or only at a low value. [*G* 148, *p.* 221.]

Feb. 6. **52.** County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. There are great arrears here depending upon Thomas Middleton for wood and iron works, which he holds by lease made before the sequestration of Sir Richard Weston, recusant and delinquent, at rent of 125*l.*, and for which he was in arrear last Michaelmas 1,250*l.*; much of the underwood is ready to be cut down, and would advance a large sum towards payment of such arrears; we are necessitated to pay the monthly assessments for the same, though no benefit is as yet made thereof. The tenants of Sir Rich. Weston have, time out mind, had the herbage of the said woodlands, so that if the same be cut down, it should be kept for some years from harm by the cattle, and some small yearly allowance ought to be made to the tenants. [¾ *page.*]

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Feb. 7. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Gloucester. We yesterday displaced your agent, Edw. Rogers. Send us speedily the name of some fit person to be employed, that business may not be hindered. [*G* 10, *p.* 394.]

Feb. 7. Exeter. County Committee for Devonshire, to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 17 Jan., we issued our warrants to the agents, and they are seizing and summoning. Thanks for yours of 30 Jan.; we shall no longer sit on thorns. We have regularly obeyed your orders about letting estates, and we will perfect the work through the county. Note of receipts. We hope not to be blamed for the late committee's still refusing to give up their papers.

In all our troublesome and chargeable appeals we never accepted a penny but from Mr. Hele; and as you take it ill, we will not give you offence, though there is nothing dishonourable to Parliament, and it has been usually done by others. We hope you will remember our charges, and think better of us than to suppose that we would be corrupted in our duty. We send you 720*l.* by Rich. Carter, and beg a discharge. We recommend John Heyward as an agent. Notes of cases. With marginal notes of a reply. [*G* 152, *pp.* 477, 478.]

Feb. 8. Deddington. **53.** County Committee for Oxfordshire to the Committee for Compounding. Your dissatisfaction with our proceedings in contracts we would have prevented, had we conceived our actions capable of exception. For the Earl of Down's estate, which is set down as of the value of 1,900*l.* a year, besides perquisites of courts and wood sales, although it be let by us at 1,300*l.*, yet if consideration be had of the reservations contained in our demise, it will appear that we have not been so ill husbands as is conjectured; for [Edw.] Twiford, the tenant, is to pay all taxes and contributions; several farms, all the woods, and the power of keeping courts are excepted, and whoever rents it upon these terms will be no gainer by it.

The persons to whom any part of this estate has been sold or let since delinquency have had notice to appear and answer, according to your order, but we have not heard of any of them; the rents are secured meantime.

For [Wm.] Stoner's estate, in the absence of particulars, we grant it may be worth 1,600*l.* a year, but a great part lies in wood, which, being let to a stranger, might suffer much spoil; more than $\frac{1}{6}$ goes out in taxes, besides quit rents, and should we refuse the present tenant, we could hardly find another to take it at our rate, viz., 700*l.* for $\frac{3}{4}$.

[Ralph] Sheldon's estate, which you value at 500*l.* a year, was set before the war for 454*l.*, out of which 14*l.* is paid in quit rents and 20*l.* in tithes. The former tenant refused it at the rent contracted for, and it is now much out of heart for want of being stocked. For [Wm.] Reynolds' estate, worth 80*l.* a year, there were divers competitors, and 22*l.* was the utmost offer for the $\frac{3}{4}$; and yet he that has taken it is willing, in case another will give more, to leave it.

[Mary] Arden's estate is worth 100*l.*, out of which there is a college rent, which last year amounted to 48*l.* [Thos.] Greenwood's estate is rated in the monthly tax at 125*l.*, the full value. The former tenant, although he had stocked a good part of the ground, refused to give the rent now contracted for.

George Napper's estate is worth 45*l.* [Mich.] Chadwell's we have set for 124*l.*, besides taxes, and it has been compounded for at 170*l.* Sir Thos. Sherley's is valued at 100*l.*, and the former tenant who contracted for $\frac{3}{4}$ at 51*l.* is not willing to hold it at that rate.

We had treated for divers other estates, but for none of these before receiving your instructions for posting and surveying. We have now been over the greater part of them, and received the account of the rest from your agent, who has been very active to gain a right information of them. [1¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

53. I. *Particulars of the estate of Thomas, Earl of Down, lying in co. Oxon, and let to Edw. Twiford. Total rent,* 1,293*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* [1 *page.*]

53. II. *Indenture whereby the County Committee for Oxon let to Edw. Twiford of Northmoor, for one year from* 25 *March last, at a rental of* 1,300*l. payable quarterly, all the said manors, lands, and tenements sequestered for delinquency, except woods, and the messuages, lands, and tenements of the said Earl lying in Euston, Dichley, Fewcott, and Ardley, and the power of keeping courts and of granting copyhold estates; with covenants to keep the premises*

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in repair, not to fell any wood or permit any waste, and to pay all taxes, contributions, assessments, and other charges whatsoever. 10 *Aug.* 1650. [*Copy*, 2 *pages.*]

Feb. 8. Derby. **54.** County Committee for Derbyshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have already in bank 800*l.* of the Martinmas and Christmas rents, besides what we have got return for; but as we can get no further return before March, we desire your directions therein. Noted, "Alderman Allen for 800*l.*" [½ *page.*]

Feb. 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the books returned from the Irish Trustees be delivered to Aud. Sherwin, to examine what is in arrear in every county.

Order in the case of the Essex men, on hearing their counsel, that the present commissioners certify the particulars exhibited by the delinquents in the late insurrection, what fines were set, and the names of those from whom they received no particulars, but compounded with them in gross. [*G* 10, *pp.* 396, 399.]

Order that the keeper of the New Prison bring Capt. Stint to the commissioners at 3 p.m. [*G* 36, *p.* 75.]

Feb. 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Durham. Particulars of cases. For the reasons already given, we cannot allow of the charge of horse on sequestered estates. Therefore any such deductions from rents will not be allowed on your accounts. [*G* 30, *p.* 63.]

Feb. 11. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Lincoln. A wagon has gone down into your county to bring up the assessment money. It will be a good convenience for returning the moneys in your hands, not exceeding 3,000*l.* [*G* 10, *p.* 396.]

Feb. 11. Salop. County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. Sir Hen. Mildmay, M.P., threatens a course against those who prevent his taking the profits of his extent on Trench Farm sequestered from Lord Stafford. We only executed your commands, and beg your protection.

We posted the estates in several market towns 2 days since, but only 2 have appeared to take them. We send the contracts and beg confirmation. Note of a case. [*G* 165, *p.* 531.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Note of* 2 *contracts for Shiffnall Park, part of the Countess of Arundel's estate, and that of Henry Fox of the Hurst, Westbury parish.* 11 *Feb.* 1651. [*G* 165, *p.* 533.]

Feb. 12. Petition of Quartermaster Matthew Naylor of York to the Committee for Compounding, to be appointed agent to the county sequestrators of York, in place of Captain Henry Fotherby, who has taken the charge of a foot company in the expedition for the North. Has faithfully served Parliament in both wars, for which, as to the latter, he is much in arrear. Has taken the engagement. With note of Sir John Bourchier, 21 Nov. 1650, recommending Naylor as one who will demean himself well as agent. [*G* 106, *pp.* 717, 719.]

Feb. 12. Order of the Committee for Compounding that if the county sequestrators want an agent, petitioner be appointed, if they certify no cause to the contrary within a month. [*G* 14, *p.* 1.]

Like order to propound to the Army Committee that 3 clerks more are necessary to the auditor, and that he should have 50*l.* a year more as his own salary.

That from this day the commissioners will not sit by candle-light unless engaged in any particular case. [*G* 13, *p.* 37.]

The certificate returned from the Durham Committee referred to Mr. Reading, to state and report. [*G* 14, *p.* 2.]

Order for a letter to the town clerk of London, to desire him to return a list of all convictions of recusants in the city and liberties, with the date of conviction, and the like, to Mr. Greaves, clerk of the assize for Middlesex.

To write to Col. Downes and the Army Committee, to appoint a time when this committee may offer them such particulars as must be settled to carry on the work of sequestration.

Order that when they set a day, Russell, Squibb, and Winslow attend them. [*G* 36, *p.* 145.]

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Feb. 12. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cumberland. We are satisfied with the explanation in yours of 26 Dec. about your salary of 10*l.* 12*s.* As to Pearson, he complained to us that he had not been paid for his service, but if he has, we cannot give him further recompence. He must pay what you find he owes, and if he refuse, it must be levied on his estate.

You need not trouble us about persons refusing to be examined, for by votes of Parliament of 8 Aug. last, you have power to commit them. Particulars of cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 126.]

Feb. 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Wm. Dickenson and John Atkins, of the Dog tavern, Westminster, attend tomorrow. [*G* 14, *p.* 6.]

Feb. 13. **55.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. Your instructions not to set in lump entire, nor whole estates to one tenant, has obstructed the most considerable sets in this county, so that we shall make little of some of these if we follow that rule, which,—though of advantage in other counties, where malignants and delinquents are less, and the well affected more,—yet is of much disadvantage in this place where delinquents are feared by their neighbours, the enemy having residence so near as Scilly Islands, within sight, and the chiefest of them being of this county. If we may let for 5 or 7 years, and your rule be then pursued of setting in parcels, the rent will be doubled of several estates. Some of those persons so overawe the county that none will take land except officers and soldiers, who may settle to dwell upon it. Pray consider this again, as it is a power granted by you to others elsewhere employed. Particulars of cases. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 14. **56.** Queries by the County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding, with notes of reply.

(1.) In cases where persons have compounded for personal estates only, when their real estates are seized, may the personalty again be seized? [It is not reasonable that they should buy their personal estates a second time.]

(2.) Is an impropriation, wholly disposed of by the Committee for Plundered Ministers for augmentations, to be freed from the ⅕ due to the delinquent's wife, and shall the remaining estate be chargeable with the ⅕ of the whole? [⅕ equally to be paid out of the whole.]

(3.) Are the grants of estates made on the Committee's order by Papists who compounded for ⅓ of the fines, to be allowed as good? [A return to be made of all estates let in that kind, on the keeping of the courts.]

(4.) Have the county committee power to levy by distress, and sell the distress taken on Hen. Child, for rent due before the order for stopping rents in the tenants' hands was produced? [All rents in tenants' hands to be paid to the commissioners, except where the estates are only seized and secured.]

(5.) Whether the county committee have power to allow ⅕ to the discoverer? [On certificate of discoveries, further order will be given.]

(6.) If a delinquent omits or undervalues part of his estate, and sells it before discovery, can it be seized in the hands of the purchaser? [It ought to be seized.]

(7.) When a delinquent who has compounded has afterwards a great estate fallen to him by death or marriage, is it to be seized? [To be secured if it was settled on him in reversion.]

(8.) May the county committee grant copyhold estates, and in whose name, 2 such being already granted on Lord Capel's estate? [To be granted in the name of the keepers of the liberties of England.]

(9.) May the sub-commissioners grant 7 years' leases? [Observe your instructions.]

(10.) May they let a recusant's whole estate, and pay the ⅓, or only let ⅔, and the recusant keep the ⅓? [Divide the estate if you can.] [1 *sheet.*]

Feb. 14. Charge by Chris. Cheesman against Thos. Bateman, Edw. Jennings, and John Rusden, sub-commissioners for co. Berks.

That they did not post the estates 14 days before letting.

That they let at undervalues.

That they discouraged honest countrymen from taking them, and let them afterwards for less than these men proffered.

With note of the letting of 12 estates, and the rents. [*G* 146, *p.* 309.]

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1. *Certificate by Rich. Sherwin, auditor, that Capt. B. Mason acknowledges receipt of the said 30l. in his account.* [*G* 102, *p.* 179.]

Feb. 14. Wells. **57.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We did not employ Capt. [John] Burgess as agent, in regard of allegations against him which render him unfit for employment. We desire your approbation of those agents chosen by us, whom we have used since our employment. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

58. 1. *Alex. Pyne, John Pyne, and 9 other Militia Commissioners, to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Somerset. We have received informations on oath that John Burgess, formerly agent for sequestrations, is so dangerous in his actions and disaffection to government, that we conceive he ought not to be employed in any public service. If this is intended, we are resolved to prevent it, and so to proceed against him as to preserve the peace of this county. We give you notice to prevent all inconveniences, and have hinted the substance hereof to Major-General Desborough, justice of the peace for the West. Somerton, Feb.* 12, 1651. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 15. Huntingdon. **59.** County Committee for Hunts to the Committee for Compounding. We nominate Lewis Phillipps of Brampton, attorney, as steward for keeping courts upon sequestered manors, and desire you to expedite his commission, on account of the court to be held upon Sir Fras. Mannock's manor at Gransden Magna. Noted that he was appointed. [⅜ *page.*]

Feb. 16. Northampton. **60.** County Committee for Northamptonshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have no desire to delay our accounts or whatever may serve the State; we send a copy of the compositions made for estates last year, with a catalogue of all persons under sequestration here, with their residence and title. Some of us would have attended you before now with our last year's account (having paid in the money we had received according to your order), but we were taken up with the surveying of estates for which we had treated with tenants for 7 years' leases. Last week we finished that of Lord Brudenell. We find the Manor House and farm houses in good repair, and have covenanted for their continuance in repair. Let Stubb Close in Glapthorn, rent 7*l.*, be added to our particulars. One of us will attend you to perfect our accounts by the time limited. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

60. 1. *List of* 21 *Papists and delinquents in co. Northampton, now under sequestration.* [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 17. Newcastle. **61.** County Committee for Northumberland to the Committee for Compounding. We have received several orders from you for allowing ⅓ to delinquents' wives and children; but as wives married since the sequestration, and children brought up in the Popish religion are not to have the benefit of the said allowance, we beg further directions. You say that the contracts made in other counties are not allowed because a survey had not been taken, nor the acts or instructions pursued; we have endeavoured to follow the rules with all care, and what lands have been let by us are upon such considerable valuations as few of them have been let at formerly. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Northumberland. You are to follow your instructions as to fifths, though orders may have been obtained from us on mis-information. [*G* 30, *p.* 309.]

Feb. 18. Order by the Committee for Compounding, discharging the County Committee of co. Berks from the information given in against them by Christopher Cheesman, that they have not posted estates, and have taken less bids than were offered, because the persons who offered the larger sums were

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not responsible men, and the estates are let at a valuable clear yearly sum. [*G* 14, *p.* 13.]

Feb. 19. Order of the Committee for Compounding that any motion against any commissioner or other officer be not admitted without oath made. [*G* 36, *p.* 149.]

Order that none of the commissioners present any petition to be read before it come in course, but that those that are received be delivered to the registrar; Mr. Molins to take care that they are filed and numbered as they come in, and so read and answered.

In the debate of any cause, the major part of the commissioners who are in the affirmative to be noted, if those in the negative desire it, that all the commissioners may sign the orders, whether negative or affirmative.

The defendant to give notice to the prosecutor 3 days before any motion for discharge, that he may attend and be heard before any order is made. [*G* 13, *p.* 38.]

Order that a list be made of all who were to settle impropriations, to be compared with the book returned by Mr. Rich, and that the estates of all who have not made the settlements be forthwith sequestered. [*G* 12, *p.* 134.]

Feb. 19. Committee for Compounding to Ald. Allen, treasurer-at-war. Please to make order for return of 1,000*l.* from co. Stafford, which is ready to be sent up. [*G* 14, *p.* 15.]

Feb. 21. Order in the Committee for Compounding that Aud. Sherwin prepare his exceptions to the account of Mr. Dalby, late treasurer for the committee of co. Rutland, to be heard on Tuesday. [*G* 14, *p.* 23.]

Feb. 21. Salop. County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. Though we have long since posted up the estates in the nearest market towns, few appear to take them. These bid the full worth for 7 years' leases, and tender good security. We beg your approval. [*G* 165, *p.* 539.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Notes of contracts for farms or houses on six estates named.* [*G* 165, *pp.* 541, 542.]

Feb. 22. Preston. **62.** County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. As we have not received any answer to former letters sent, we enclose copies, and desire a speedy answer. Notes of cases. As to Col. Standish, we further offer to your consideration the 4th particular of the ordinance of Parliament of 9 Aug. 1648.

Besides the money paid into your treasury by Peter Ambrose, for which we have received no acquittance, we have received 1,650*l.* since 24 June last, which will be paid on 10 March next. We seriously importune you to employ some of your own officers to solicit a dispatch from you of such business as we send up, and inform us who they are, that we may know whom to address.

We have made large progress in letting estates, and are still upon it. Several tenants of the Earl of Derby have petitioned for timber for reparations, according to custom. May it be allowed? [1 *page.*]

Feb. 26. **63.** Order by the Committee for Compounding, that all orders heretofore made by them for stay of rents belonging to any delinquent or recusant in the tenants' hands be made void (other than for seizing and securing before conviction of recusancy or delinquency), and that the commissioners for sequestrations in the several counties receive such rents; if any are unduly received, they are to be paid back to those to whom they belong, and the several treasurers for sequestrations to be responsible for the same. [*Printed; 4 MS. signatures,* 1 *page.*]

Order that for 8 days after next Friday, the Committee will hear no private business, but set fines and 20th parts, and confirm fines. [*G* 13, *p.* 38.]

Order that 600 trees on Dalby lordship, and 1,000 on Carradon lordship, co. Leicester, sequestered for the delinquency of the Duke of Buckingham, certified to be worth 2,800*l.*, be felled and sold for the Commonwealth, care being taken not to deface any seats or walks.

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Order on a Parliament order of 25 Feb. 1651—for paying to Lieut. [John] Mansell the balance of 620*l.* due for arrears, and 70*l.* for the Duke of Hamilton's diet during imprisonment, ordered him from sequestrations in co. Leicester,—that he shall account with the auditor, that Col. Wayte shall certify what he knows, and then Aud. Sherwin is to report. [*G* 14, *pp.* 29, 30.]

Feb. 26. Note that Mansell is sworn to answer such questions as Aud. Sherwin shall propose about his account. [*G* 104, *p.* 47.]

Feb. 26. Report of Rich. Sherwin that the sum due to him is 587*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, he having only received 102*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* [*G* 104, *p.* 45.]

Feb. 26. Petition of Chris. Cheesman to the Committee for Compounding. Appealed against the Commissioners of co. Berks, not from sinister motives, but only in discharge of his duty. Might have received many sums to connive with them, but refused, though in great necessity, being 400*l.* in arrears for Parliamentary service, and 40*l.* for service in Berkshire. Begs an order, being now in the town, to receive 12*l.* of the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers, in part of the said 40*l.*, and not to be allowed to suffer for his service. [*G* 74, *p.* 267.]

Feb. 26. Durham. **64.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. Complaint is made against us that we have received the fee-farm rents issuing out of sequestered estates, which ought to be received and paid another way. We have not denied the payment of any such rents, save that out of the lordship of Barnes, there is a fee-farm rent of 83*l.* with three years' arrears, a great part whereof was due before sequestration, and ought to have been paid by the delinquent. For one half year's rent received, should we satisfy this arrear? especially as we hear that the estate is about to be compounded for, and this will set it free of all its old debts, for the compounder's benefit and the State's prejudice. We desire your speedy resolution. If any such charges be made against us, wherein we act justly, we should be vindicated and not blamed. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that they will hear no motions at the bar until the substance be lodged in writing, entered in a book, numbered, and filed, with the last order, if any there be, annexed.

Each petition or motion to be heard in course as numbered, Parliament men, in their own proper cases, excepted.

All orders to show cause to be entered in a paper of the day, and called on first on the day on which the cause is to be shewn.

Some petitions are to be answered without motions of counsel, viz.:—

1. For compounding where the party says he was never sequestered.
2. For examining or cross-examining witnesses.
3. For referring titles to counsel.
4. For publication, unless cause be shown to the contrary in 14 days.
5. For $\frac{1}{5}$ to wives and children. [*G* 13, *p.* 38.]

Feb. 27. **65.** Committee for Compounding to [the county committees]. We formerly sent you instructions, to which we have from time to time added further necessary particulars, which if they had been perused with due consideration, would have eased you of much trouble in frequent writing letters to us for satisfaction, in things very plainly resolved in the said instructions.

We have now caused the same to be reduced into better order, and explained the more obsolete particulars; we desire you carefully and frequently to peruse them, and in case of scruple, to have recourse to them before writing to us, and to make them the rule of your proceedings. We likewise desire you, before or about 25 March next, to keep courts upon all sequestered estates where courts are to be kept, that estates expired, or desired to be renewed, may be let and disposed of to the best advantage. [*Printed and signed,* 1 *page; also G* 14, *p.* 34.]

Feb. 27. **66.** Instructions by the Committee for Compounding to the County Committees, according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650.

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Feb. 27. The following sections of these instructions correspond with those dated 5 Feb., 20 May, June ?, and 30 Aug. 1650, and calendared respectively on *pp.* 170, 171, 229–230, 263, and 301, viz.:—

§§ 1–3,	correspond	verbatim	with	§§ 1–3, *pp.* 170, 171
6	,,	,,	,,	§ 10, *p.* 230
8	,,	,,	,,	2, *p.* 229
10	,,	,,	,,	20, *p.* 230
14	,,	,,	,,	11, *p.* 171
15	,,	,,	,,	9, *p.* 171
16	,,	,,	,,	41, *p.* 263
17	,,	,,	,,	18, *p.* 230
20	,,	,,	,,	12, *p.* 171
21	,,	,,	,,	13, *p.* 171
22	,,	,,	,,	14, *p.* 230
23	,,	,,	,,	15, *p.* 230
28	,,	,,	,,	5, *p.* 230
31	,,	,,	,,	48, *p.* 263
36	,,	,,	,,	19, *p.* 230
37	,,	,,	,,	39, *p.* 263
38	,,	,,	,,	9, *p.* 230
39	,,	,,	,,	4, *p.* 229
44	,,	,,	,,	8, *p.* 171

§ 4 contains the following enlargement of § 5, *p.* 171. You are to seize and secure the estates of any persons formerly sequestered, but discharged by any other than the late Committee for Compounding, or Committee for Sequestrations, or Barons of Exchequer, till they plead their discharge to us, and have allowance thereof. You are to take care not to mistake a suspension for a discharge, for all such orders are void, unless the discharge has been on a full hearing, and expressed to be absolute, and to acquit the party of the charge against him. If you find cause of seizure or sequestration against any who have estates in other counties, you are to certify what you have against them to the committees of sequestrations in those counties.

§ 9 contains the following enlargement of § 45, *p.* 263.

You are to seize and secure the estates of all delinquents, whether they have compounded or not, if they are beyond the seas.

§ 11 adds to § 17, *p.* 230, as follows:—

If particulars of estates compounded for are not filed with the said committees, you are to certify us, and we will provide them.

§ 18 contains the following amendment of § 10, *p.* 171.

The arrears due and received since 20 Dec. 1649.

§ 19 prefixes the following instruction to § 18, *p.* 229 of the former instructions.

You are to call for the accounts of all former treasurers, solicitors, sequestrators, collectors, or other officers, a duplicate of which you are to transmit to us, with your exceptions and surcharges. In cases of refusal or neglect, you are to levy the penalty of 20*l.* imposed by the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and to certify the names of defaulters to us.

§ 25 is identical with the instruction dated 30 Aug. 1650, *p.* 301.

§ 29 combines § 11 of the former instructions, *p.* 230, with the following amendment of § 43, *p.* 263.

Where you find any charge on a sequestered estate allowed of by the Committee for Sequestrations, Barons of Exchequer, or other authorised persons, you are to seize and secure the estate, and certify the whole matter to us.

§ 30 is an amendment of § 17, *p.* 171; it provides that obedience is to be paid to orders of the Barons of Exchequer only in cases depending before them before Dec. 20, 1649.

§ 33 is an amendment of §§ 46 and 44 of the former instructions, *p.* 263.

You are to inquire whether the wife claiming the fifth was married before the delinquency, and whether she or the children be living, and not beyond seas. If married after delinquency, she is not to receive it. If the suitors for the said allowance are not in England, or elsewhere within the obedience of Parliament, they are not to receive it. You are to take proof where you pay it that the parties are living, and under the obedience of the Parliament.

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§ 42 is 16, *p.* 230, and §§ 42, *p.* 263, of the former instructions, enlarged by the following provision:—

Where copyholds for lives are expired, you are, before keeping your courts, to post the same, and any desirous to be tenants may bid for these as for other estates.

§ 45 is an amendment of § 40, *p.* 263, to the effect that the accused party is to have the heads of the charge against him, and liberty to examine and cross-examine witnesses. You are to return us a certificate of your proceedings.

The following are new instructions:—

§ 5. You are to inquire who not already sequestered are liable to sequestration, and finding on the deposition of two witnesses sufficient cause, you are to seize and secure the estates of the accused, and certify the proofs to us. If any summoned by you refuse to appear, you are to compel attendance by the powers vested in you by the votes of Parliament of 8 Aug. 1650, and if the accused do not within 3 months after the seizure produce his discharge, or some order from us to the contrary, you are to sequester his estate and dispose of it.

§ 7. You are to inquire if any Papist-delinquents that assisted the enemy in the late war have compounded, or by any other means had the sequestration of their estates taken off, and certify us how and when the same was compounded for or discharged. You are to seize and secure their estates till further order.

§ 12. You are to take notice in all discharges or suspensions, whether the parties be members of parliament, clergymen, counsellors, attorneys, doctors, or proctors, all of whom are to be fined at a third.

§ 13. In paying augmentations to ministers on the Act of 31 May last, you are to pay them only out of impropriate rectories or tithes under sequestration, and allow no further than those will extend to. No arrears are to be paid without certificate from the former treasurer of the time of the last payment, nor without the oath of the minister that he has received no part of what he demands from other hands. The certificate, oath, and acquittance of the minister to be kept, and produced to us at the giving up of accounts.

§ 24. In all contracts and leases of sequestered estates, you are to take care that the tenants be tied to as strict covenants in all respects as particular landlords lay on their tenants, according to the custom of your respective counties. You are to treat with those tenants only who will give the best rent for seven years or under, and to take care to make all leases under seal.

§ 26. You are not to let any estate worth more than 20*l.* a year for longer than one year, until you have certified us of your survey of it, and that it was posted according the instructions of 30 Aug. 1650. Every farm or manor is to be leased by itself; and you are to certify the value you have rated it at, what it was formerly let for, the name of the highest bidder, and the amount he bids, when you will receive a confirmation from us. All leases let contrary to this instruction will be void.

§ 27. The value of all underwoods on sequestered estates of full growth and fit for sale is to be certified to us.

§ 32. A fifth is to be allowed to the wives and children of delinquents, all charges and out-rents, taxes, and assessments being deducted. Rectories, &c., though granted for augmentations to ministers, to bear the proportionable share of the fifths.

§ 34. Together with the returns of contracts, you are to certify what is paid out of every estate for the fifths, and the names and number of persons thereby benefited.

§ 35. You are to allow of no claim to an annuity or rent-charge till you receive order from us. On the death of any person who has any jointure, annuity, or rent-charge, you are to give us notice, and stop the said rent till further order.

§ 40. You are to take notice how letters are addressed to you, and to return answers accordingly, we sitting under a double capacity, viz., as Committee for Advance of Money and as Committee for Compounding.

§ 41. You are to certify every case distinctly by itsef, not intermixing one with another in your letters, nor transmitting depositions intermixed.

§ 43. You are to certify us what courts are to be kept on any of the sequestered estates, and what copyholds are to be granted at such courts, with the probable amount of profit thereby.

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§ 46. You are to take care not to allow sheriffs to distrain the tenants of the Commonwealth for rent till allowed by us; and not to suffer any lease of ejectment to be sealed on any sequestered estate.

§ 47. You are not to give copies of certificates or depositions to any Papist or delinquent, so as to inform them beforehand, and lead them to produce false witnesses; and whenever delinquents desire to cross-examine witnesses of the Commonwealth, you are to make strict enquiry whether they have been previously tampered with. You are not to send any certificates or proofs to us by the parties themselves.

On receipt of any order to which you have cause of exception, you are to suspend all proceedings till you receive further orders, although there should not be any such clause inserted in the order as this, viz., unless you shew cause to the contrary. [*Printed*, 9½ *pages*.]

[Feb. 27.] **67.** Notes, partly by Reading, relating to the above instructions. [½ *page*.]

[Feb. 27.] Petition of the Committee for Compounding to Parliament, for directions touching doubts and obstructions in the service, often desired, but not obtained on account of other pressing affairs, whereby the service is much retarded. They present particulars of the chief of those formerly offered, and beg speedy consideration. [*G* 63, *p*. 747.]

Feb. 27. Committee for Compounding to [John] Sadler, town clerk of London. We have often to certify in cases of charges on recusants' estates, for which the creditors beg allowance, but we cannot give judgment till we know whether the parties were convicted, and at what time. It will be most for your ease and ours to give us a list of all convicted or indicted of recusancy in your records, and a brief of proceedings, which we hope you will cheerfully return in 28 days. [*G* 14, *p*. 32.]

Feb. 27. Carmarthen. **68.** John Hughes, sen., one of the Committee for Sequestrations for South Wales, to the Committee for Compounding. Last December, Wm. Rutland, our agent, coming to London, undertook to pay in 200*l*.; but not receiving according to expectation, could only pay 100*l*.; his not returning until the middle of January has been a hindrance to me about sending the other 100*l*.; the Governor of Carmarthen being then in London, I wrote desiring him to procure the payment of so much, but he was facing homewards ere my letter came. The money is now in sending by sea to Bristol, directed to Geo. Hart, one of the sheriffs there, and I hope will come safely.

As to your order against Henry Middleton, John Vaughan, John Lloyd, and others, we shall be presently acting therein, but they intend to get off without payment of one penny, and to improve their friends to the uttermost therein. If Parliament knew them as well as the few well affected in these parts do, and how they acted in the late King's behalf, no friends would be suffered to put in the least motion for them.

We cannot meddle with any of the business in Pembrokeshire on account of the plague. Rowland Gwynn lately submitted to us, and we hope from henceforth to find him willing to clear his charge of being engaged to the late Earl of Worcester, and Major Franklin and myself have given him our certificate to you upon his submission. My friend and fellow sufferer, now your clerk, John Battman, will give you a true certificate of my three gentle countrymen before named, and I trust the most wise, religious, and honourable state of the Commonwealth will not be deceived by such known adversaries. [1 *page*.]

Feb. 28. Cirencester. **69.** County Committee for Gloucestershire to the Committee for Compounding. We have surveyed the estates of Lord Down, Sir Henry Frederick Thynne, and Wm. Sheldon, and finding 200*l*. may be made by the sale of wood out of them, we desire orders, or the time will have passed for felling and selling timber for this year.

We also require instructions concerning the rents of Benedict Hall, the Earl of Worcester, and Lady Somerset, which you have ordered to be continued in the tenants' hands. Some of the tenants being dead, the money is growing desperate, and the estates are now to be let. We also want appointment of a steward and clerk. With marginal notes of reply, 18 March, that the wood is

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to be sold, but they should have certified the acreage and price. The rents named are to be received. Wm. Window has his commission as steward. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 153.]

Feb. County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding. In examining witnesses on your order for discoveries, one of them, Chris. Pearce, told us of the undue carriage of Rob. Deane, a prosecutor. There are rumours of many more of this nature here. These carriages of prosecutors are looked on in the country as very dishonourable to Parliament, and are sadly resented by honest people; if they are not stopped, it will be dangerous, by opening the mouths of those who are ready enough to asperse Parliament, beside the odium it brings on those entrusted about sequestrations. Noted that the committee should be speedily acquainted with Deane's miscarriage. [*G* 158, *p.* 83.] *Annexing,*

I. *Deposition of Chris. Pearce, of Ulcomb, that he paid Deane* 15*s. on demand, to induce him to stop proceedings which he said were threatened against Pearce for being in the late Kent insurrection,* 26 *Feb.* 1651. [*G* 158, *p.* 87.]

II. *Bond of Rob. Deane, citizen of London, in* 5*l., that Thos. Jeffry, of Staidfield, shall not be proceeded against as a delinquent,* 1 *Feb.* 1651. [*G* 158, *p.* 85.]

III. *Deposition of John Gates, of Oure, that Deane engaged him to pay* 10*s. to himself and* 30*s. to Geo. Steed, saddler of Sittingbourne, before whom Gates was summoned, in order to avoid sequestration,* 1 *March* 1651. [*G* 158, *p.* 86.]

Feb. Kendal. **70.** County Committee for Westmoreland, to the Committee for Compounding. We have sent up John Archer, our treasurer, to pass the accounts for the year. The half-year's rent due at Michaelmas was ready, and we desired your order about the sending it up, as we could not get any sent by way of return, and did not like to hazard it by the carrier; so you ordered it to remain in our hands, and as we cannot get it safely conveyed, we are forced to stay it here.

We have caused courts to be kept within several sequestered manors, and received verdicts, and find a considerable sum may be raised from general and particular fines. We desired direction as they were arbitrable, and also as to the manner of granting copies to the new tenants; but as we have received none, we have suspended further acting, and have directed Mr. Archer to solicit your advice.

The demesne of Rydal in this county being in contest, and the title in dispute, was farmed out for the last year for 2,000*l.* to John Harland, merely to keep the possession, to corroborate the title of the present occupier, but we could never get any security for payment of the money. Edw. Wilson, a member of the late committee, in a time of exigency sent them 60*l.* for the public service, 41*l.* whereof was unpaid till of late, when on his petition we allowed it out of a rent of a sequestered estate which he farms, and desire it may pass in our accounts. [1½ *pages.*]

Feb. Wm. King [agent for co. Salop, to the Committee for Compounding]. On 17 May 1650, 320*l.* was paid to Wm. Kinnersley for Rich. Bagot, draper of Shrewsbury, for the State's use, for which, on 17 July 1650, Bagot gave bills of exchange to be paid into the Goldsmiths' Hall treasury. [*G* 96, *p.* 314.] *Annexing,*

I., II., III. *Depositions in proof thereof by Step. Spencer, and two others, with notes of King's accounts.* 11 *and* 27 *Feb.* 1651. [*G* 96, *pp.* 315, 320.]

March 3. Cirencester. **71.** County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding. We conceive Richard Hancock to be a very fit and able man to act as our agent in the room of Mr. Rogers, whom you have displaced. With marginal note for a commission to be granted him. [¾ *page.*]

March 3. Armourers' Hall. **72.** Sequestration Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. We find in the duplicate of the late committee mention made of 22 silver spoons in the possession of Alderman [Thos.] Atkins, belonging to Budd, a Popish priest; but the aldermam states they belonged to Wm. Symons of Bridgwater, as was stated to him, when he was Lord Mayor of London in Sept. 1645, by the Mayor

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of Bridgwater, and the spoons being sold, the proceeds were returned to Symons; 27*l.* was also stated to be in Alderman Atkins' hands, due to the State, but he showed an order of the Speaker for payment thereof to several persons, and their acquittances. With note that he is to be written to, to give an account of the money and spoons. [¾ *page.*]

March 4. Wm. Jackson, clerk to the Committee for Sequestrations for London, to the Committee for Compounding. As to the Spanish ambassador's house, in the books of the Trustees for Ireland it was valued at 300*l.* a year. The time of seizure of the Marquis of Winchester's estate was 30 March 1644. The Committee for Sequestrations of London are endeavouring a particular account of the business, which they hope soon to certify. [*G* 119, *p.* 203.]

March 4. Salop. County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. Though we long since posted up in the adjacent market towns our papers for letting Papists' and delinquents' estates, yet few appeared. We enclose for your approval the contracts made. [*G* 166, *p.* 177.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Note of* 5 *contracts for the estates or part of the estates of Sir Rich. Lee, delinquent;* [*Marg.*] *Gifford, Papist; Hen. Inglefield, delinquent; Adam Lutley of Bromcraft; and Fras. Smith of Aston.* [*G* 166, *p.* 179.]

March 5. Order by the Committee for Compounding, that the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall bring in the names of the several persons who have entered into the bonds for the 62,000*l.* mentioned in their account given to the Committee of the Council of State, together with the names of the securities, and the sums mentioned in the bonds. [*G* 14, *p.* 38.]

March 5. Committee for Compounding to Rice Vaughan, Gray's Inn. We asked you to certify to us as directed by the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, but you have not done it, and by your slackness we are much hindered in those cases that depended before the late Committee for Sequestrations and Barons of Exchequer. You must speedily send us a copy of the last order made in every case, for we are daily much abused for want thereof. We hope we shall not have to complain further. [*G* 14, *p.* 38.]

March 5. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Bedford. Dr. Wright says that some of you, being of the militia for co. Bedford, have charged him with a horse, though he never lived there, but here, where he is charged. We can witness his good affection, and therefore desire you to do him all lawful favour. [*G* 14, *p.* 38.]

March 6. Petition of Wm. Hale and Thos. Hammersley, messengers to the Committee for Compounding, for something on account towards their maintenance. Have served several months and received no salary. With order for a warrant to the treasurers to pay them 10*l.* each. [*G* 89, *p.* 506.]

March 6. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Berks Commissioners pay to Chris. Cheesman what is justly due to him whilst he acted as agent, and that he return thither and act, until the charge laid against him by the commissioners be made good, or until further order. [*G* 14, *p.* 41.]

Aud. Sherwin to certify what commissioners have brought in their accounts, that those who have not may be pressed to it. [*G* 36, *p.* 154.]

March 6. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Kent. Certify us the particulars exhibited by delinquents in your late insurrection who compounded with the late committee, and what fines were set; also those who compounded in gross without particulars. If any estates were omitted or undervalued, they are to be re-sequestered. [*G* 14, *p.* 41.]

March 6. Ipswich. **73.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. You say that you received an account of contracts made in several counties, and that those committees had not pursued the directions of the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, which requires a survey of the lands by the present commissioners. Before we received your instructions about the manner of contracting for lands, which was near upon Michaelmas, when most of our estates expired, we had contracted for one year more, which you approved; we also stated that as soon

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as we had got in our Michaelmas and Christmas rents, we would give notice to the tenants of our intention to post their farms, in order to letting them next Ladyday, to be entered at Michaelmas 1651. This notice we have given, but shall forbear posting them until a few days before Ladyday.

As to surveying them, as soon as we had your instructions and a return from the former commissioners of all estates under sequestration, we went and viewed most of them, and examined them by the return, and found they were let at considerable rents, and you declared yourselves satisfied. Consequently, we did not send up a return of our view, but will do if needed.

We have very few delinquents' estates under sequestration, most being Papists. We have seen some votes of Parliament in order to letting such estates for 7 years, yet we never received any instructions from you about it, though we hear that other counties have. Send your answer to Mr. Grover at the Cross Keys, Gracious Street; he is the post that comes to town twice a week.

We beg directions concerning the estate of [Fras.] Everard, the State's ⅔ being 3*l.* a year. The former tenant, Mr. Dawson, lived in Norfolk, and it being marsh ground, and much rent in arrear, not knowing whether the tenant would hold it after the last year was out, we last Midsummer let it for a year at 4*l.*, and Capt. Jacob Caley and Capt. John Base, the new tenants, have entered into possession, and put on a stock of cattle; but though we gave the old tenant notice, yet last week he put 80 cattle into the marsh, whereby our tenants are much prejudiced, and others will be discouraged to contract with us.

With notes of reply, 18 March.

We must receive returns of your surveys of estates before we can confirm your contracts. To direct you, we send you the instructions which you say you have not yet received. As to Mr. Everard's estate, if the former tenant was not a sufficient one, act according to your powers, and see that the present tenant is quieted in the estate. If the late tenant interrupts him, take proofs thereof and send them to us, and we will give orders. [1⅔ *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 434.]

March 7. Colchester. County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. Have we power to take depositions for the defendant as well as for the State? [You have.] Are we bound to send up depositions, whether effectual or no? [Best to return all.]

We repeat our request to know if Parliament has passed any Act to reward discoveries; the retarding of it is injurious. [As soon as Parliament gives us any power, you shall hear of it.]

A water mill near Colchester, part of the estate of [Edm.] Church, is falling to ruin. We intend to use the arrears of rent due out of an impropriation to rebuild it, as the minister has only just taken the engagement.

You have not enclosed, as you intimate you did in yours of 10 Feb., an order for Mr. Graves to be steward to keep courts on Lord Petre's sequestered estate. [*G* 155, *pp.* 613, 614.]

March 8. Exeter. **74.** John Serle and Rich. Clapp, County Commissioners for Devon, to the Committee for Compounding. As you ordered one of us to attend you, we a month since appointed to that work Mr. Carter, who carried with him several transactions of our service, and 700*l.* for your treasury. We hoped to have him back ere this, with your answers to what we sent by him.

Since then we have returned you other discoveries and dispatches, in the cases of [Hum.?] Walrond, [Samuel and Sebastian] Isaac, and [Thos.] Hartnoll. We have been in the North of Devon, and enclose particulars, to which we desire a speedy answer; for though we walk by your rules, and consult in each particular, yet we desire your confirmation before we conclude anything, and we have appointed for them to be with us at Exeter on the 20th inst. We are in pursuit of the work in the South Division, but the depth of the snow and extreme ill weather has hindered our meetings. We have received 80*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.* this week; we will pursue your order against Sir James Stonehouse. We have also a list of recusants in co. Devon, which we shall pursue.

With note of reply, 18 March. We received your returns and offers, but finding they are generally under the value you have estimated, we conceive you mistake our instructions, as you are not to admit any offers under the values set upon the lands by yourselves. We desire your utmost endeavours to improve sequestered estates to the true value. In most counties, by the care of the commissioners, they are let to as good value as particular men let their

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estates. We marvel that no more of your considerable revenues are yet paid. We must again press you to the getting of the rents, and returning them into the treasury, the rather for that the necessities of the State are so pressing. Put the Act of Parliament and our orders in execution against the former committee, as they have not returned the duplicates. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 34.] *Enclosing,*

74. 1. *List of* 27 *recusants' estates sequestered in the North of Devon, with the rent offered for each after* 14 *days' proclamation and posting.* 5 *Mar.* 1651. [1 *page.*]

March 8. York. **75.** County Committee for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. We think Mr. Nayler very fit for employment as our agent, but lest you apprehend that we employ none but such as have been commissioned by you, we desire to state that, upon the sending down our commissions, we entreated Sir Wm. Allenson to propound to the then committee that we might have 6 agents, but they only agreed to 3; we again desired it of you, but our only answer was the general instructions, authorizing one agent for a county, whereas this is, as it were, 3, besides York and Hull, and their counties; but you said that in cases of necessity, we were to employ fit persons, and you would endeavour to get allowances from the Parliament for them.

Finding the work could not be carried on without a great number, and being confident that Parliament would rather allow agents than lose the revenue, we employed Major Holmes and another for the North Riding; and upon Capt. [Hen.] Fotherby resigning, we employed 2 in the West Riding, Capt. [Wm.] Stevenson being chosen by the commissioners, and having another always with him Agents having often been opposed and baffled, sometimes beaten and wounded, and one slain, they dared not take the work singly, and we did not conceive it safe for them to meddle with money when alone. They have to deal with many weak estates and many desperate persons, distresses have to be effected, and orders from you and us to be daily attended to, so that the business cannot be carried on without a competent number of agents. We therefore desire that Major Holmes may also be commissioned, and his pay settled, he having been long employed by us, and that the other 4, retained as assistants, may receive 2*s.* per diem, and we will undertake not to continue them longer than there shall be occasion.

With note of reply, 18 March. We did not conceive you had employed more agents than were commissioned by us, who are to be paid by approbation of the Army Committee, and we hope the work may now be carried on with less danger; when the agents are opposed, they must call in the county forces. [2 *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 484.]

March 11. Petition of Henry Maude, clerk to the late County Committee of Somerset, to the Committee for Compounding, complaining that though he left a considerable employment in Bristol to attend their service, and was appointed steward of Lord Arthur Capel's manors, and performed his duties with care, yet some of the present county committee debar him from acting in either post, notwithstanding they allege nothing against him. Begs that, as the said stewardship and the agent's place for the Western Division of the county are void, the Committee for Compounding would commission him, he being able to discover several estates which the county committee are not "knowing to," and omit the seizure of, they having dislocated all officers that belonged to the late committee. [*G* 101, *pp.* 415, 416.]

March 11. Order thereon that the county committee certify why they do not make use of him, when further order will be taken.

They are also to certify whether they have received the duplicates from the late committee; and if not, why they have not proceeded according to instructions. [*G* 14, *p.* 43.]

March 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Durham. It is no delight to us to press a survey of the estates, when you know their value so well, and have improved them so much; but we and you are sworn to observe the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, which orders, not a measurement, but a general survey,

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that you may know the value when you let them. You may encourage the tenants you contract with to go on with their bargains, for as soon as you certify the performance of the Act and instructions, we will confirm the contracts. We have ordered a discharge to be sent you for the 3,000*l.*

The complaint against you to the Revenue Committee is groundless, as you cannot pay rents and charges on sequestered estates till allowed by us.

If the auditors certify what fee-farm rents are issuing from sequestered estates, we will give orders, but Parliament restrains us from paying any arrears before 24 Dec. 1649. Tell the receiver for your county that the Revenue Committee has lately written us about these rents, and the case will be considered. [*G* 30, *p.* 63.]

March 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cornwall. We have received yours about Mr. Coriton. We would not tie you to impossibilities as to letting estates, but leave you to take the best course the county will admit of; you are to view the estates, and consider how they can be improved, according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and then we will confirm contracts for 7 years. Our reasons for letting to immediate tenants are good, but if they refuse to take the estates, then you must let them to others. We have given no more power to others than is committed to you. Transmit speedily particulars of under valuations. [*G* 30, *p.* 111.]

March 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cumberland. It is no delight to us to give you trouble, especially where estates are let to their full value, but being bound by oath to the rule, we cannot confirm your contracts till you can certify us that you have viewed the estates according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650. Meantime the tenants may manage their bargains according to their agreements with you. Particulars of cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 126.]

March 11. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for South Wales. You write that some of the commissioners wish to retire. We cannot force men to act against their mind. You are to levy 20*l.* a-piece on the former commissioners, and if they are still refractory and do not bring in their accounts, we will send for them in custody.

We find that the Radnorshire Committee received rents till 25 March 1650, which by the Act of 25 Jan. 1650 they were disabled to do, therefore the same are to be levied from their treasurer and sequestrators. [*G* 30, *p.* 417.]

March 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Worcestershire. Mr. Lowe being dead, we will give you further directions. Enquire whether he was adjudged by the late committee, and whether the person on whom the estate descends is sequestrable. We have given orders about Sir Rob. Throckmorton, who is sequestered for recusancy only. Directions in cases. We note [Fras.] Hazlewood's refusing to give security for his estate. In such cases you are to remove what is removable of the estate, and send a trusty person to see that the rest is not embezzled. [*G* 30, *p.* 473.]

March 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Yorkshire. As to the letting of estates, both you and we are sworn to observe the Acts of Parliament, which enforces us to call on you to survey estates, and we cannot dispense with it. We will shortly reply as to the business of Papists. [*G* 30, *p.* 484.]

March 11. Worcester House. **76.** County Committee for Middlesex, to the Committee for Compounding. Account of contracts entered into for leases of sequestered estates. We beg orders about other contracts certified 25 Dec. last, the parties having applied to us to seal their leases. With note that they are to certify whether they have surveyed the said houses according to the Act, otherwise the Committee for Compounding cannot confirm these contracts. [1½ *pages.*]

March 12. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Stafford. You are to pay 1,200*l.* to the order of the treasurers-at-war, who will pay for the carriage; tell us what you have done therein. [*G* 14, *p.* 46.]

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March 12. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Westmoreland. Like order for payment of 850*l.* [*G* 14, *p.* 46.]

March 12. Petition of Wm. Hale and Thos. Hammersley, messengers to the Committee for Compounding, for their salary, having served from November last, and only received 10*l.* each on account. With certificate, 17 July 1651, by Aud. Sherwin, that they have only received the said sum. [*G* 89, *p.* 507.]

March 14. Note by Auditor Sherwin that duplicates have not been returned according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650 from the East and North Ridings of Yorkshire, and some parts of cos. Cumberland, Devon, Somerset, Anglesea, Brecon, Carnarvon, Denbigh, Flint, Glamorgan, Merioneth, and Radnor; also imperfect duplicates from cos. Berks, Cumberland, Lincoln, Monmouth, Northumberland, and Stafford. [*G* 63, *p.* 761.]

March 15. Armourers' Hall. **77.** Committee for Sequestrations in London, to the Committee for Compounding. As we hear you have duplicates of the late committee's proceedings in sequestrations, we desire copies. As we are sitting at Armourers' Hall, and the doors have to be left continually open for the access of people, and there is much armour lying about, we appointed a porter, and have paid him a salary, of which we desire your approval, as also of several contracts made by us.

We understand Sir Edm. Sawyer is a commissioner for gathering Lord Craven's rents, and managing his estate, but we cannot discover what and where it is. He lives at Heywood House, White Waltham parish, co. Berks, and if Sir Edmund is examined, much more may appear.

With notes of reply, that the charges for a porter, &c., can only be allowed on the account for incidents by the Army Committee; that the duplicates are already ordered, and that before the contracts are confirmed, a survey must be certified. [1 *page.*]

March 18. Petition of Wm. Beech* to the Committee for Compounding. I was twice sent by you to the Sequestration Commissioners at Bristol, and waited on you last Wednesday, but I told Mr. Squibb that without protection I was in danger of arrest from those who wish to hinder my just proceedings, and you promised me protection; yet on Friday I was arrested near your gates, and taken to Wood Street Compter, by Nelson, a serjeant, who would neither allow me to come before you, though you were then sitting, nor receive my evidence that I acted by your authority. I beseech you to send for me and Nelson, and hear us. [*G* 67, *p.* 609.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Certificates, &c., proving his employment by the County Committee of Somersetshire,* 10 *Jan., and* 6 *and* 15 *Feb.* 1651. [*G* 67, *pp.* 604–607.]

March 18. Order that the keeper of the Compter bring him before the Committee for Compounding to-morrow, and produce the cause of his imprisonment, and the name of the person who arrested him, who is also to attend. [*G* 14, *p.* 49.]

March 18. Petition of Robert Wilson, solicitor for the public revenue, to the Committee for Compounding, complaining that though Sir Philip Knyvett, Bart., being long since indebted to him 100*l.*, authorized Hugh Audley, 27 Feb. 1650, to pay him out of purchase money then in his hands 200*l.*, which petitioner accepted in discharge of his debt and all security, Audley, pretending incumbrances on the lands purchased, has not hitherto made payment, and Sir Philip being lately sequestered, Audley makes a total denial thereof.

With note of reference to Brereton, but on 20 March, the case was referred to Reading. [*G* 14, *p.* 57; 118, *p.* 132.]

[March 18.] Rich. Carter to the Committee for Compounding. I beg an answer to some questions on which I have attended you several weeks.

1. The commission lately sent down being returned, they desire, because none of the nominees will act except Rich. Clapp and John Searle,

* See the address on a scrap of memorandum, *G* 67, *p.* 608, of — Beech, minister of Cra[mborn?] near Winchester? seemingly connected with Wm. Beech.

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that they and others empowered by the new commission may act within the city and county of Exeter.

2. That another agent may be employed, with orders for his arrears since 16 June last.
3. That Nich. Rowe, registrar to the late commissioners, may be required to deliver up proceedings against delinquent ministers, many of them being sequestered only from their church livings.
4. That orders be granted in the case of Art. Bassett for arrears of rent, as it would direct the commissioners how to act in like cases.
5. That Hen. Fitzwilliam may be named steward.
6. That my commission may be renewed, with power to act by your orders, as well as those of the county commissioners.

I also want an answer to the commissioners' return about the setting delinquents' estates. [*G* 73, *p.* 335.]

March 18. Order in the Committee for Compounding that Hen. Fitzwilliam be steward for keeping courts in sequestered estates in co. Devon and city of Exeter.

Order on motion of Col. John Carter and the other North Wales Commissioners, and consideration of the vastness and remoteness of the service, and the expense of those employed, that they be allowed 4 agents and 4 clerks to be appointed by themselves, with the allowances directed in our instructions. [*G* 12, *p.* 165.]

March 18. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for the Public Revenue. We have received yours of 1 Feb., and do not doubt your power, but by an Act of 21 Jan. 1650, and by that on which we are sworn, we are required, before allowing quit rents, out rents, &c., to examine them. We therefore desire you to request the auditors of the several counties to transmit the charges and fee-farms of sequestered estates, and the clerk of the pipe to certify what remains before him, and then we shall order payment of what belongs to the revenue. [*G* 14, *p.* 50.]

March 18. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Devon. You are to allow no jointures without our order. Levy the penalty on all defaulters in bringing in their returns. We will move the Army Committee to request Parliament for a further allowance to county commissioners where the revenue is considerable, according to their case, but meantime you are to take nothing from the parties concerned. We have not found the like from any commissioners through England but yourselves.

We approve your employing John Heyward as agent, and have sent his commission. You are not to allow the discharge of [Peter] Sainthill or any other by the former committee, but continue the sequestrations. When persons die before payment of their fines, their estates, however divided, are to be seized and re-sequestered.

You are to levy the debt due from Walrond to Eveleigh, unless he produce a discharge. The discovery about the Isaacs is to be entered, and unless their cause is prosecuted, they are to be sequestered. You are to levy Art. Bassett's rents since his sequestration, before his orders of suspension. As to sequestering the estates of a deceased delinquent, you are to seize the estates of all Papists and delinquents, in whose ever hands they are. [*G* 30, *p.* 34.]

March 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Middlesex. As to your contracts, unless you certify us whether you entered the houses and lands contracted for, and surveyed and posted them according to the Act and your instructions, we cannot confirm them. [*G* 30, *p.* 255.]

March 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancashire. The necessities of the Commonwealth for money are so great that they require more than ordinary care in those employed about the public revenues. Therefore we desire you, in whose management so large a revenue lies, to hasten in the receipts.

We will try to get your dispatches returned more quickly. In letting estates, we hope you have an eye to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and our instructions. You may allow timber for repairs, but only what is necessary.

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You are not to suffer the Blackburn copyholders to be molested, for there is to be no charge on any sequestered estate, unless allowed by us. If any disturb them, certify to us, and we will take further order.

As to [Edw.] Moseley's courts, tell us whether any profits would arise by altering or granting copyhold estates, and we will give further orders.

As to your accounts, by our experience in other counties, we find it absolutely necessary to press a speedy return, for several of the county committees have issued sums which we cannot allow, and this caused great distraction in their employment.

As to one of yourselves coming up, we advised it to you as to other counties, that queries might be answered, and obstacles removed, and the accounts passed without further trouble; besides the vouchers for such large sums you could only entrust to safe hands. We allow no auditors or treasurers' pay in any county. You may close your accounts at the time most convenient.

As to your queries.—[*See p.* 395 *supra.*]

1. We will confer with the Barons of the Exchequer about discharges on appeals; send us the names of those 6 or 7 years sequestered, and lately discharged, the informations, and what parties are dead. Though we cannot advise you to disobey the Barons' orders for discharges, yet it would do no harm to delay till you have certified us, only do it quickly, that the parties may not have cause to complain that you disobey the Barons' orders.
2, 3. We cannot take notice of former divisions of Papists' estates, but you are to take them as you find them, and so divide them.
4. Any new leases made by Papists and delinquents are void, and you are to let the estates as if they had not been made. If the landlords have been bold enough to raise fines, the allowances to their wives and children are to be stopped till they have given satisfaction for their abuse.
5. The mansion houses of Papists are to be part of their $\frac{1}{3}$, and those who have only a dwelling-house ought not to be put out of it, but $\frac{2}{3}$ of any other estate, real or personal, may be sequestered.
6. You must consider the peace of the country, though it be with labour to your agents, provided you receive as much from the old rents, boons, and services from the tenants, as the delinquent landlords would have had to pay. [*G* 30, *pp.* 207, 208.]

[March 18?] **78.** [Militia Commissioners] for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. The sub-committee here having received your directions only to allow of the charges for raising and maintaining horse and arms out of sequestered estates in a proportionable way, according to the Act for settling the Militia; we acquainted the Council of State therewith, and how impossible it was either to raise or maintain the number required and already raised in this county, yet freeing such estates from contributing rateably thereto; they directed us to represent the same again to you, and request your order to the commissioners here to allow the same out of such estates; or else that you would move the Parliament for such an allowance, otherwise the horse and foot now raised will have to be disbanded. Besides we know no other way of re-imbursing the money we have been necessitated to contribute for this service.

With note of reply, 18 March, that the Committee for Compounding cannot allow of any charge for the raising of horse upon the sequestered estates, unless Parliament order it, and hopes they will not expect that in their county, which is not allowed in any other in England. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 208.]

March 18. Chester. **79.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a schedule of delinquents' estates in this county, which shows what advance we have made in the rents of those let. We have endeavoured to let two parts of the demesne of Poole and Salt Wharth, sequestered for the recusancy of Mrs. Dorothy Poole, of Poole in Wirrall, but are disappointed, as there are on outbuildings allowed for corn and grain, although she has more outbuildings than she can make use of herself, and she will not give so much for the estate by 20*l.* as others would if some outbuildings were allowed.

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We also enclose further examinations taken against Thos. Alcock, citizen and leatherseller in London, and against Rich. Widdens, of Stoke; this is the third time they have been sent up. We received your letter and instructions, as also an order from the Council of State to seize and secure the estates of Lord Kilmorey and of six more gentlemen of this county, for holding correspondence with the late King's son, which is now in execution.

With marginal notes of a reply, 17 April. We are not satisfied that you have followed the directions of the Act of 25 Jan. 1650 in letting estates, by taking particular surveys, which must be done, and then we will give further order.

In speaking of the former value of estates, you do not say whether it was the value estimated on survey, or the rent before the wars. Read again the Act, and make your returns accordingly. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 91.]

March 18. Carlisle. **80.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. According to the rule prescribed in the farming of delinquents' estates, we cannot proceed advantageously, as only 8 persons will farm any in this county. Though we have not taken an actual view of every estate, yet we have enquired into the full value, and if the same estates were exposed to farm again in the face of the whole county, no such high rates would be tendered; the want of the confirmation of the leases occasions delay in taking security of the farmers, and several have given up the estates, as having overshot themselves. Unless the leases may be returned with speed, the Commonwealth will incur further damage.

With note of reply, 17 April, that Brereton and Reading are to be conferred with touching the draft of the lease; that the Committee are unwilling to let go tenants who have given up to the true value for the lands; and that the county committee are not to suffer any sequestered lands to lie waste, but though they are let, enter, survey, and report thereon. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 126.]

March 19. **81.** Act for continuing the Act for removing all Papists and all officers and soldiers of fortune and divers other delinquents from London and Westminster, and confining them within 5 miles of their dwellings. [*Printed,* 1 *sheet.*]

March 19. Salop. **82.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We have several recusants' estates under sequestration, and among others that of Humphrey Sandford of the Ile. We let ⅔ of his demesne lands last year at 40*l.* and ⅔ of his leased rents at 10*l.* Upon survey of the demesne lands, we estimated them, though at a very hard rack, at 50*l.*, and have posted them, but the highest rate offered is 40*l.* for the demesne lands and 10*l.* for the leased rents, taxes deducted, and this is tendered by John Brayne, the present tenant; Edw. Tonge bid but 40*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the estate for 7 years. Particulars of offers for ⅔ of other recusants' estates.

[John] Harrington of Bishton, valued at 69*l.*; let at 66*l.* 15*s.* for 7 years.

[Dorothy] Gifford of White Lady's, valued at 90*l.*—80*l.*

Joan Gorwey of Tonge, valued at 20*l.*—18*l.*

Walter Astley of Boningale, valued at 24*l.*—21*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Edw. Harnedge, junior, of Belserdine, valued at 50*l.*—45*l.*

Had these estates been our own, we could not have surveyed them with more exactness, and seeing that no tenant would come to our rates, we would not contract with them at their own rates, until we had first presented the business to you. [2 *pages.*]

March 20. Order in the Committee for Compounding, on a letter from the County Commissioners for Hants of 10 March, that John Woodman's accounts be referred back to the said commissioners, who are to require further satisfaction, and to charge and surcharge the account as they find just, hear Woodman, reduce it to a certainty, and certify. [*G* 30, *p.* 405.]

March 21. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for London. Tell us for whose delinquency or recusancy the Mitre Tavern, Fleet Street, is sequestered, and whether it is let or posted, and what it is worth for a 7 years' lease, as Ald. Allen wishes to be tenant. [*G* 14, *p.* 58.]

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March 21. **83, 84.** Order in Parliament that any person found guilty of treason since 1 Feb. 1649, or at any time henceforth, shall not be admitted to composition.

That this vote be sent to the Commissioners at Goldsmiths' Hall, who are to take care for the due observance of it.

That such persons as were in Pendennis Castle at the time of the surrender, and are included in the Articles, shall be admitted to composition at the following rates:—Members of Parliament at $\frac{2}{3}$, and the rest at $\frac{1}{3}$, and the Commissioners for Compounding are to admit the composition of such persons, provided they perfect them within three months. [*G* 1, *p.* 232.]

March 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that in all orders of discharge be inserted, "Provided the compounder has not committed any act of delinquency since 1 Feb. 1649, and was not in Pendennis Castle." [*G* 36, *p.* 98.]

March 22. Notts. **85.** County Committee for Notts, to the Committee for Compounding. We want directions in a difference between us and the County Committee for Derby, as to whether a parcel of the Earl of Newcastle's lands, called Fulwood, is in that or this county. Upon receipt of your order to sell the Earl's woods, we, knowing that by records of Edw. III. and Hen. VIII. the ground was in co. Notts, proceeded to do so, but they discharged some of our workmen and imprisoned others, to the terror of such as are employed in the sale and cutting of the woods, and to the great disservice of the Commonwealth.

With note of reply, 17 April, that the County Committee for Derby are to be written to, stating how disserviceable such proceedings are, for commissioners of counties to oppose one another in such an open manner, when they might have been heard by the Committee for Compounding, and if it had been their right, obtained redress; and that they are to let the County Committee for Notts proceed to the sale of such woods without interruption, seeing their own vigilance was not such as to take the woods when they were fit to be felled.

Also you are to proceed in disposing of the woods, which are in question between you and the County Committee for Derby, to the best advantage, return the money to the Treasury, and prevent such differences in future, that we may hear no more cross proceedings, which are so prejudicial. Acquaint us with anything disputable, and we will decide the controversy. We have written to the County Committee for Derby to allow you to proceed in selling the woods. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 323.]

March 22. Kendal. **86.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We have the 850*l.* ready to send up, and desire that the treasurers-at-war will send order that the money may be paid to some of the Kendal carriers, who lodge at the White Horse Without, Cripplegate, or that it may be disposed of in some other way. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

March 22. Worcester. **87.** County Committee for Worcestershire to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. Your orders for the appearance before you of Sir Wm. Russell and Sir Hen. Herbert, on 18th April concerning their $\frac{1}{20}$ have been served; as also the one for levying 100*l.* on John Bearcroft of Hanbury for non-payment of his $\frac{1}{20}$. He pleads that he had no notice of the 100*l.* assessed upon him by the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall, and that he paid the Committee of Worcester 25*l.*, which they accepted in full of his $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{20}$, and prays that it may go in part payment of the 100*l.* that is to be gathered by your order, according to his fine formerly imposed. We never heard of Sir Simon Fanshaw living in Worcester, and therefore cannot sequester his estate for payment of a fine of 300*l.* imposed upon him for his $\frac{1}{20}$. [Mr. Dallison to be informed of these cases.]*

Roger Low of Bromsgrove, deceased, was voted a delinquent by the old committee in 1646, and his estate leased for three several years. He had no issue, and gave his estate to a cousin of the same name, who is now in possession, against whom no matter of delinquency appears, nor is likely. The real estate is 468*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* a year, and the possessor pleads a discharge of sequestration by the Barons of the Exchequer. [Unless the depositions were sent to the Barons of the Exchequer, the discharge is to be stayed.]

* See his case in the Advance of Money Calendar, p. 838.

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We have examined witnesses concerning a debt of 1,000*l.* owing by the late Lord Windsor to [John] Bennett, a Popish priest, but they speak nothing thereto; we have gained a particular of all the debts which were owing by his lordship at his death, which is recorded in Chancery, but no such debt is mentioned. [The papers thereon to be given to Mr. Carey.]

As the time for contracting for estates is at hand, we beg to observe that we have surveyed and rated those of most value, but have forborne contracting till the rent due by the present tenants is paid, which we should hazard if they were outbid, and thus forced to leave; we must proceed therein, the time for letting being at hand. Are we to let them for 6 or 7 years? [To act according to instructions, and let them to the best advantage.]

As to copyhold estates, Mr. Richardson, at our request, named Edwin Baldwin as steward. [A commission to be prepared for him if none other were named before.] In the Orlton Manor, Fitzwilliam Coningsby's, 4 or 5 lives have fallen, and there are other copyholds which are kept from our knowledge, and which we can only discover by keeping courts where the tenants are bound to produce their copies, which will discover what estates have to be renewed. Shall we contract for estates to be let free of taxes, or are the contributions charged by Act of Parliament to be deducted when the rent is paid? [The fairest way is to let them to the full value, and the State to bear the taxes.] [2¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

87. I. *Interrogatories for the examination of witnesses as to a debt of* 1,000*l. alleged to be due and owing by the late Lord Windsor to John Bennett, Popish priest, deceased.* [¾ *page.*]

87. II. *Deposition of Wm. Dansey of the city of Worcester, and* 3 *others, on behalf of the State. Knew Bennett, who was about* 20 *years of age, and served Lord Windsor* 14 *years since. Also knew William Bennett, Lord Windsor's page, and believes that his Lordship did not owe money to either of them. Never heard of any money being demanded by Raphael Davis for a debt due to Bennett, and in a list of all his Lordship's debts delivered into the Court of Chancery on oath, there was no mention of any such debt due to one Bennett.* [2¼ *pages.*]

March 24. Newcastle. **88.** George Redshaw to the Committee for [Compounding.] I am agent in Northumberland, and Newcastle being a county of itself, no sequestration has been made upon the lands or goods of those that were in service against Parliament; the County Committee for Northumberland are allowed by Parliament to act therein, but they will not do so without your order, although there are so many there liable to sequestration. [⅔ *page.*]

March 25. Rolls. Wm. Lenthall, Speaker, to the Committee for Compounding. When Parliament distributed Ald. [Abr.] Reynoldson's fine to the poor of the Tower Hamlets, and of London, Westminster, and Southwark, it was intended that each parish should have its proportion, and not any one parish the ¼, but I hear that some endeavour to get all the money for Westminster for St. Margaret's parish, whereas St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and others should have their share—Martin's being a large parish, full of poor, and having always paid ½ the taxes—according to the intentions of Parliament. [*G* 113, *p.* 519.]

March 26. Depositions of Chris. Cheesman, that he presented to the County Committee [of Berks] the order of the Committee for Compounding of 6 March, to pay him his salary and retain him, unless the charge against him was proved, but that they had had leave to choose another agent and had done so, and that they would consider whether more money was due to him than the 30*l.* he had received. [*G* 74, *p.* 279.]

March 26. Order thereon enforcing obedience to the order of 6 March for retaining Cheesman as agent, until the charge be proved. [*G* 14, *p.* 63.]

March 26. Petition of Jos. Collett to the Committee for Compounding, for compensation for his many expenses in preferring the information against Edw. Rogers. [*G* 76, *p.* 341.]

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[March 26.] Bill of the said charges, total, 38*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, his own service not included. [*G* 76, *p.* 344.]

[March 26.] List of 5 bribes, proved before the Committee for Compounding, to have been received by Rogers, total, 62*l.* [*G* 76, *p.* 345.]

March 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Rogers bring into the Treasury all the sums received by him or his wife as bribes. [*G* 14, *p.* 63; 76, *pp.* 337, 341, 347.]

Order that the registrar be empowered to answer in course all petitions to certify the cause of seizure or sequestration, and to examine witnesses for proof of deeds, leases, &c.; also for publication, and for reference to counsel.

That attested copies of all petitions and reports on which orders are granted to the county commissioners be sent with the orders. [*G* 13, *p.* 39.]

That where exceptions are exhibited, they be referred of course to Mr. Carey, and the prosecutor to take copies. [*G* 36, *p.* 161.]

March 26. **88A.** Order in the Committee of Parliament concerning Lord Howard, that, as Parliament has granted indemnity to those who give testimony concerning bribery, and as Dorothy, wife of Charles, Lord Stanhope of Northamptonshire, has been examined thereon, the Committee for Compounding certify what information is depending before them against Lord Stanhope [Howard?], and what proceedings have been had thereupon. [1 *page.*]

March 26. Cowbridge. **89.** Committee for Sequestrations for South Wales, to the Committee for Compounding. We have to our uttermost executed your orders, and now send a list of the estates of Papists and delinquents which were disposed of last year, and the several rents received for them, which was the most that could be obtained. We desire your directions as to the contracts made by us for the ensuing year, and whether we are to grant for any longer time than one year.

With note of reply, 14 May 1651, that they are to observe the Act of 25 Jan. 1650 and their instructions as to surveying and certifying, whereupon they may post up the same, and contract for 7 years with those who will give the most rent; if they offer to let for 7 years, it is conceived a considerable improvement may be made upon the estates. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 417.]

March 26. Bristol. **90.** John Burgess to the Committee for Compounding. I delivered you my account on which you renewed my commission as agent to the present County Committee for Somerset, but they dispute it, and employ instruments to frame a false charge against me. What moneys I received of any tenant and accounted for to the old commissioners, they distrain and imprison the tenants for, particularly George Bourne of Tickenham; and what estates were discharged by your order, before they had the power, they have re-seized—particularly those of the Earl of Northampton, compounded for by Sir Edm. Pye, and of Col. [John] Stocker and Mr. Monger.

The commissioners intend sitting at Bristol shortly, and they have not an officer that knows the city or a citizen. Pray either send order for my continuance in, or for my suspension from the employment, I being forced to keep horse and a man to attend it. I have done what service I can, though much obstructed, and not received a farthing's pay towards my great charges, besides neglect of other public employments tendered to me. [1 *page.*]

March ? Petition of George Bourne to the Committee for Compounding, that having paid a half year's rent for Tickenham to Capt. John Burgess, the agent for the county commissioners, he is by them enforced to pay the 10*l.* over again, on pretence that it was paid to a wrong agent; begs redress. [*G* 166, *p.* 269.]

Enclosing,

1. *Receipt for the said payment, 7 Oct.* 1650. [*G* 166, *p.* 271.]

March 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the cases of delinquents, with the reports of counsel, be put in course, so that they may be all heard in course. [*G* 13, *p.* 39.]

Note of commission delivered for Walter Lewis to be agent for South Wales. [*G* 12, *p.* 175.]

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Order that Thos. Browne, cheesemonger, of St. Magdalen's parish, London, pay 520*l.* Commonwealth money returned to him on a bill of exchange, which should have been paid in long since. [*G* 14, *p.* 66.]

March 27. York. Sir Thos. Widdrington to John Berners. I hear that 3 sequestration agents are to be allowed for Yorkshire, and that now there is but one. I beg a commission to Capt. Rob. Bradford to be agent for the city of York, where he resides. He is faithful and fit, and has suffered much for Parliament. [*G* 133, *p.* 91.]

March 28. Deposition of Wm. Taylor, Fleet, co. Lincoln, that the annexed is a true copy of a pretended order of the Committee for Compounding, and that Rich. Parke has a palsy, and is unable to travel. [*G* 127, *p.* 453.] *Annexing,*

1. *Warrant signed by Wm. Molins, Art. Squibb, and Ant. Bret, to Rich. Parke of Fleet, co. Lincoln, to pay to Rob. Walpole of Frettenham, co. Norfolk,* 40*l.* *with charges, which Parke owed to his late father, Thos. Walpole of Cranworth, or to appear before the commissioners to answer. March* 10, 1651. [*G* 127, *p.* 456.]

March 28. Summons by the Committee for Compounding to Walpole, to appear within 30 days to answer for serving this pretended warrant. [*G* 14, *p.* 71.]

March 28. Order in the said Committee that the Commissioners for co. Bucks certify why they have let the Duke of Buckingham's estate for 6 years to John Hatch, contrary to directions; that this and all leases save for 1 year be revoked; that they observe instructions in future in letting estates, and give an account touching this and former orders. [*G* 36, *p.* 163.]

March 28. Committee for Compounding to the Council of State. Details of cases.

Concerning Lord Goring, Timothy Butts, and — Langton, we secured their estates after examination and 6 months' inquiry; and after publication of the examinations and hearing of their cases, we discharged them from sequestration, for want of sufficient proof. [*G* 14, *p.* 71.]

March 28. Worcester House. **91.** County Committee for Middlesex to the Committee for Compounding. We entered into the several houses and lands for which we have contracted, surveyed them according to the Act, and posted them, and now desire to know your pleasure.

With note of reply, 25 April. You must not only in general certify that you have surveyed the houses and lands contracted for, but before you contract by the Act and your instructions, you are to certify each particular survey, upon which certificate and survey our order is to be grounded for your contracting, and our confirmation of contracts. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 255.]

March 28. Exeter. John Serle and Rich. Clapp to the Committee for Compounding. We have issued warrants to John Hayward, who is now on the work of discovering malignants; we have issued warrants to seize their estates, and promised our utmost to procure ⅙ to the discoverers. Many others would be brought in if the informers were encouraged.

Particulars of receipts from estates, and of cases. Divers persons here have their estates seized, but not known to be sequestered, and for want of return of the proofs we can do nothing.

With marginal notes of a reply, May 1. We approve your care about discoveries, and are not backward in reminding Parliament of the advantage that may accrue from allowances therefor, and hope soon to have their resolution. Hasten the last half year's rents, as Parliament much needs money.

You are to proceed against Mr. Rowe and others, who obstruct business for want of the returns of information and depositions against delinquents, and levy the appointed penalty, which we marvel that you have not done already [*G* 151, *p.* 563; *also* 30, *p.* 35.]

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92-100. Nine bills drawn by Ald. Thos. Ledgard of Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the treasurers-at-war, for sums amounting to 2,500*l.*

March. **101.** ACCOUNT OF THE YEAR'S RECEIPTS FROM THE ESTATES OF DELINQUENTS, PAPIST DELINQUENTS, AND PAPISTS, IN THE UNDERNAMED COUNTIES:—

County.	D.	Sum.	P.D.	Sum.	P.	Sum.	TOTAL.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bucks	8	1,737 0 0	1	26 0 0	18	2,133 1 2	3,896 1 2
Berks	6	192 0 0	25	918 17 8	—	—	1,110 17 8
Bedford	8	2,106 2 8	—	—	3	123 0 0	2,229 2 8
Cambridge	7	1,173 8 0	—	—	3	575 14 6	1,749 2 6
Cornwall	32*	—	—	—	—	—	1,734 3 4
Chester	49	2,167 13 3	7	561 9 2	42	889 6 3	3,797 9 8
„ city	4	165 13 0	—	—	1	13 8 0	
Dorset	18	4,088 16 8	—	—	49	1,348 8 2	5,437 4 10
Essex	6	568 6 8	1	87 0 0	39	2,917 5 7	3,572 12 3
Durham	18	1,246 0 8	20	2,494 7 2	66	3,129 19 8	6,870 7 6
Gloucester	21	1,585 0 0	1	25 0 0	30	1,250 13 4	2,860 13 4
Hunts	1	180 0 0	—	—	6	393 18 6	573 18 6
Hereford	6	195 0 0	7	439 6 0	19	444 19 4	1,079 5 4
Kent	15	2,474 8 5	2	809 0 0	23	1,331 9 8½	4,614 18 1½
Lincoln	58	8,212 1 6	8	2,028 13 0	21	2,981 2 11	13,221 17 5
Leicester	10	620 14 3	—	—	23	5,775 0 3	6,395 14 6
London	11	561 3 4	—	—	13	499 17 9	1,061 1 1
Monmouth	13	(No valuation given.)	12	877 1 8	28	786 14 8	1,663 16 4
Middlesex	13	1,937 7 9	—	—	8	588 6 8	2,525 14 5
Montgomery	2	1,500 0 0	3	1,185 0 0	4	101 15 7	2,786 15 7
Norfolk and Norwich	18	1,558 1 9	5	1,110 14 8	30	3,068 14 11	5,737 11 4
Northampton	8	1,366 13 4	2	810 10 0	11	2,186 13 4	4,363 16 8
Oxon	17	3,066 0 0	—	—	27	2,350 2 5	5,416 2 5
Sussex	5	594 10 0	3	687 10 0	20	4,505 19 4½	5,787 19 4½
Wilts	5	503 0 0	5	614 0 0	25	1,581 13 4	2,198 13 4
Warwick and Coventry	4	1,076 0 0	—	—	50	1,443 17 2	2,519 17 2
Westmoreland	12	596 9 3	—	—	16	79 5 0	675 14 3
Westminster	10	151 5 0	—	—	5	131 13 0	282 18 0
Worcester	14	441 1 2	7	1,922 18 8	57	1,958 13 6	4,322 13 4

* The Papists and delinquents are not distinguished in this county.

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April 3. Gurney House. Trustees for sale of Dean and Chapters' lands to the Committee for Compounding. Being obliged by our trust to secure the libraries of the late deans and chapters, we directed the removal of those at Canterbury, as in other places, to London, for disposal by Parliament, and to be kept from the embezzlement threatening them by the decay of the place where they are. Some of your sub-commissioners having interposed, we desire you to prohibit any further interruption in the removal of the books. [*G* 88, *p.* 525.]

April 4. Coventry. **1.** County Committee for Warwickshire to the Committee for Compounding. On 22 Oct. last you directed us not to admit of burdens being laid on sequestered estates by reason of horse, dragoons, and foot, but our Militia Commissioners are still resolved to continue the charge until there is a special order of Parliament prohibiting them, and have issued warrants requiring the occupiers to send in horse and arms, under a penalty of 10*l.* We beg speedy directions herein, and your letter to the commissioners about it.

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With note of a letter to the Militia Commissioners, 29 April, to desist, as they are not by the Act for raising horse to assess sequestered estates, but persons, and that Parliament upon a motion to that effect did not think fit to order sequestered estates to bear their portion, and it is not allowed in any county of England or Wales. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 453.]

April 5. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Northumberland. Certify us for whose delinquency the lands in Riplington and ½ the tithe in Hayson, claimed by Cuthbert Soppett [Sapwith], were sequestered, and when the parties became delinquents, and we will give further order. [*G* 30, *p.* 309.]

April 5. Worcester. **2.** County Committee for Worcestershire to the Committee for Compounding. We send particulars of contracts for some estates which have been let at their full value, without deductions for contributions which the State is to allow according to Act of Parliament upon payment of the rents, and desire your directions as to granting the leases.

We have commenced keeping of courts on sequestered manors. We enclose the presentment given by the jury at a court on Orlton Manor, the estate of Fitzwilliam Coningsby, deceased.

With notes of reply, 22 April. You do not send us abstracts of surveys of the estates contracted for, as you should do by the Act of Parliament, before we confirm contracts. You speak of improved rents; but in the former rents, did the tenants pay the taxes? You do well to hasten courts, as Parliament is very urgent for money. Hasten in the rents due 25 March, and all arrears. Let the steward certify to us the fines and profits of courts. In your returns for Orlton, you speak of heriots being paid to the delinquents. You must not suffer this for the past nor the future, but recover them from malignant tenants. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 473.] *Enclosing,*

3. 1. *Proceedings in the court held at Orlton Manor, 3 April* 1650, *the custom of the manor being to grant* 1 *life in possession, and* 2 *in reversion. Presentments of* 14 *copyholders and* 10 *freeholders named.* [2 *pages.*]

April 7. Note of order by the Committee for Compounding for payment to Edw. Huson, joiner, of 4*l.* 18*s.* for repairs in Edw. Carey's chamber at the Committee's rooms. [*G* 93, *p.* 758.]

April 7. **4.** Henry Horsley, County Commissioner for Northumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. John Ogle, one of our Commissioners, is now commander of a troop of horse in Scotland; 2 others are far from Newcastle, and cannot meet often on account of urgent business. As we must be two in our actings, I beg appointment in Ogle's place of Thos. Errington, who lives near, and has always been faithful and active. This will much satisfy the people who generally resort to Newcastle. [¾ *page.*]

April 8. Stafford. **5.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. We sent you a survey of Col. Leveson and Mr. Fowler's estates by post 3 weeks since, and now send you a copy of Col. Leveson's; his houses and buildings attached to the mansion are much ruined, and we therefore think it has been surveyed at its full value.

You order payment of 1,200*l.* to Alderman Allen, or whom he or the treasurers-at-war should appoint, but not having heard from them, we are returning them the money, which we rather believed they would have ordered us to pay at Chester for the Irish service, that way being most convenient for us. [1 *page.*]

April 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Committee for co. Bucks certify why they have let the estate of the Duke of Buckingham for 6 years contrary to instructions, and that the lease be revoked, and all leases for more than one year, and they are to give account of their so proceeding. [*G* 14, *p.* 75.]

April 9. Interrogatories and depositions thereon taken for the State in the case of Chris. Cheesman, to prove his receiving bribes for letting sequestered estates, taking free quarter, &c. [*G* 74, *pp.* 294–311.]

April 9. Trustees for fee-farm rents to the Committee for Compounding. The Committee for Removing Obstructions in the sale of fee-farm rents having ordered

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20 June last that all fee-farms charged with payments on the creation of any earl or other peer should be discharged therefrom, we desire to know what peers have compounded with you for their creation money. [*G* 85, *p.* 1183.]

April 9. Chester. **6.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. Report 3 cases of compounders who were lawyers. Endorsed with notes of reply that if they did not compound as lawyers, they must be re-sequestered, and care is to be taken as to like cases in future. [1½ *pages.*]

April 9. Llanvilling. **7.** County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. The demesne of Redcastle, co. Montgomery, under sequestration for the recusancy of Sir Percy Herbert, Bart., has been enjoyed by Col. Hugh Price, governor of the Castle, ever since the garrison was taken in Sept. 1644, and he desires to continue tenant as long as he remains governor. The demesne has been long in his hands, and no one is desirous to meddle with it, but as the governor is one of our fellow commissioners, and we are not to let sequestered estates to any of the commissioners, say whether you will order him or any other to be tenant of the ⅔, Sir Percy being now capable to enjoy ⅓, having compounded in the late composition for North Wales. The whole demesne was let the last two years for 250*l.* a year, with keeping the castle in repair, or 300*l.* and the State to be at the charge of repairs, &c. [1 *page.*]

April 10. Order in the Committee of Parliament for Removing Obstructions, that as they are required by Parliament to consider the excessive fees of the officers and clerks of Goldsmiths' Hall, and to reform them, and as the Committee for Compounding have not, as ordered 8 Jan. last, certified what fees are taken by the said officers, they certify forthwith. [*G* 108, *p.* 155.]

April 10. Armourers' Hall. **8.** Sequestration Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. The duplicate of the Camden House Committee speaks of 3 ingots of silver belonging to Lord Cottington, which were sent to the Tower when Sir Robt. Harley was master of the Mint, and likewise of goods of Lord Conway's, in the hands of Sir Robert, to be accounted for by him, as sequestered in his hands for the use of the State. Sir Robert has been before us, and denies that he ever had any ingots, or any of Lord Conway's goods, but that Lady Conway, his sister-in-law, sent certain goods to him at that time, and that he re-delivered them to her or to Lord Conway.

With marginal notes of reply, that the entry in the duplicate book is not sufficient proof of the sending the ingots to Sir Robt. Harley, and therefore proof is to be obtained of their delivery. As to Lord Conway's goods, Sir Robt. Harley is to prove by what order he delivered them up, or to be accountable to the State for them. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 256.]

April 11. Certificate by John Middleton, John Husband, and John Glover, postmaster, to the County Committee of Durham, that the horse boat, formerly at Neasham for accommodating the country when the Tees rose, is missing, to the prejudice of the common packet.

Also certificate by the County Committee of Durham, that the aforesaid horse boat was maintained by Sir Francis Howard, as lord of the manor. [*G* 90, *p.* 895.]

April 12. Exeter. **9.** John Serle and Rich. Clapp to the Committee for Compounding. All your orders are prosecuted with expedition, and the agents required to give a return. Some delinquents are now discovered, but many more would be brought in if you would grant the discoverers some encouragement, and many thousands of pounds would be so raised. We make bold to suggest that when a witness is called by our warrant, and after examination his evidence is material, if he, being poor, complains of his hindrance and expense, we may, according to distance and time, give him 1*s.* or 2*s.*, and some more, by which means they will go away satisfied.

We proclaimed all the delinquents' and Papists' estates, and after 14 days attended to let them; but expecting your further direction therein, we put them off, so that we might meet all at Exeter this sessions' week. Being thus all together, we opened and made public the offers, and made short grants to the highest bidders, but as they ask for leases, we desire further directions therein.

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There are 300 acres of coppice woods upon the lands lately belonging to Sir Nicholas Slanning, well conditioned for sale, and good offers made, and as much is continually cut and taken away by poor and irresponsible people, we have given order to Mr. Pearse,—an honest neighbour who offers 150*l.* a year for it for 7 years, on condition he begins this year,—to take down this spring 50 acres, and account for the same. There is likewise good timber there, worth 500*l.*, or 600*l.*, and on other estates under sequestration, which we shall view if you please to dispose of it. At Chulmleigh, 200*l.* may be made of old wasting timber trees that grow worse with standing.

We are now going through the county to keep the courts, and have received out of the estates as follows:—

Sir Edw. Carey, 104*l.* 19*s.*
Thos. Rich of Ermington, 13*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.*
Garrett Dillon, 25*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*
Mr. Atkins, out of the Sheaf of Hartland, 10*l.*
[Rich.] Lane of Marychurch 10*l.*
John Arundel of Trerise, 16*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*
John Littlejohn, 25*l.*
James Bagg, 19*l.*

[1½ *pages.*]

With marginal notes of reply, 1 May, as follows:—

What encouragement we can give shall not be wanting, and if the prosecutors bring any to judgment, in case Parliament shall not by that time give a general allowance of a 5th, we shall represent the particular cases to the House, and doubt not but thereupon Parliament will allow a 5th. For the witnesses that are material, if there be no prosecutor in the case, you may make such moderate allowance as you find needful; but where a prosecutor is in the case, the same is to be abated out of his 5th. If you have followed the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and our instructions, we shall confirm your contracts; but you must certify your entering and surveying before you contract, and where you have set an estimate upon lands, none are to bid under that sum.

As to selling coppice woods, it had been as well if you had taken them in time, for we fear the season is past for this year. You had best sell the wood by the acre, and then you need not either let it by the year, or make any great matters of account. You ought to have certified the number of acres, and what timber is decaying, and fit to be felled; also what quantities you leave standing, and where any is fit to be taken away, so that no spoil or waste be made of timber. We also hope you will improve the keeping of courts to the best advantage, and will take care that the moneys be received in time and returned to us, with your accounts. [*Also G* 30, *p.* 35.] *Enclosing,*

10. I. *Note of the contracts alluded to made by the County Commissioners.* [¾ *page.*]

10. II. *Warrant to John Pearse to fell* 50 *acres of coppice woods belonging to Richard Arundel, now under sequestration, he paying according to a former offer if allowed by the Committee for Compounding; otherwise to account according to its true value.* 10 *April* 1651. [¼ *page.*]

April 16. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on complaint of Christopher Cheesman that,—notwithstanding their order of 26 March last, the Committee for Sequestrations of Berks, to whom he is agent, refuse to employ him;—that they forthwith employ him as agent till further order, and pay him 10*l.* on account towards his arrears. Publication of the depositions touching him to pass, and the cause to be heard Friday sennight, he giving them notice to attend if they will. [*G* 14, *p.* 84.]

April 16. Petition of Thos. Pendleton and 12 other shoemakers of Northampton to the Committee for Compounding, for an order for the Ladyday rents of the estate of Wm. Baud of Walgrave, co. Northampton, a Popish recusant and delinquent, in discharge of their account for furnishing the Treasurers-at-War for Ireland in 1642, by special order of a Committee of Parliament, with 4,000 pairs of shoes and 600 pairs of boots for the soldiers there, which they were forced to send to London with a great convey of horse, whereby they were 1,000*l.* out of purse. The House of Commons, by order of 17 Jan. 1648, authorized the Committee of Goldsmiths' Hall to sell the said estate and pay petitioners. In order thereto, the County Committee on direction of the late Committee for Compounding, let the said estate to petitioners for 400*l.* a year for 3 years, ended at Michaelmas last, but 208*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* is still due to them. [*G* 108, *p.* 113.]

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April 16. Order thereon that petitioners produce their first Order of Parliament, and the order of the Committee for Compounding, and that the county committee certify what the petitioners have received out of the estate named. [*G* 14, *p.* 85.]

April 16. Liskeard. **11, 12.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We have met with more obstructions of late than we could imagine, and your agent tells us plainly he cannot and will not survey estates at 4*s.* a day, so that we must intreat that others may be appointed, and recommend Rich. Langson, Rich. Clarke, and Thomas Tyack, or two of them, with such a salary that the work may be effectually carried on.

Your instructions of last December have impeded the work, for you require us to set no more estates entire and in bulk to one person, and we have few or none who will take in parcels; none take estates but soldiers, and they will take all or none, and upon their own terms, and dispossess the families, which is a hardness very ill spoken of, in regard your order is not to oust Papists of their mansion houses. Besides the matter of appeals is very tedious in the scant time left us from other employments—as the militia, assessing, &c., for which we are commissioners, and which we cannot leave without prejudice to the Commonwealth. Particulars of cases.

We desire you to spare us intricacies, and not to make order upon order, and to be sparing in orders for cross-examinations, where the matter is proved by two witnesses of credit, and we will be exact in our returns thereon to you.

With marginal notes for a reply. You are to let the estates in bulk or in parcel, as you find best. The Papist is to be allowed his mansion house and $\frac{1}{3}$. Notes of cases. We do not take pleasure in creating trouble for you. If you find that we make any order without sufficient proof, certify it, and do not charge us with making order upon order without giving instances. We intend not to debar the delinquent from cross-examination, nor shall condemn the innocent and quit the guilty. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 112.]

April 17. Petition of William and Thomas Cook for the inhabitants of Sheffield, co. York, for a settlement of 50*l.* a year on James Fisher, their godly, learned, and painful minister, who has been faithful to Parliament, and whose labours God has exceedingly blessed. Sheffield is a market town of great resort, and its inhabitants numerous, but mostly poor handicraftsmen.

The settled revenue of the minister is but 30*l.* a year, the profits of a vicarage. Noted by Stephen Estwick, "I know the contents to be true. The minister I have known 20 years; he is very deserving." Also noted by the Committee for Compounding, "The first rectory settled thereabouts is to have 50*l.* settled out of it to the petitioner." [*G* 77, *p.* 221.]

April 17. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that no day of hearing be appointed in any cause except in course, unless so ordered after being put to the question.

That no order contrary to a former order be made unless put to the question. [*G* 13, *p.* 39.]

April 17. Committee for Compounding to the [Committee for Removing Obstructions.] By your order of 10 April, you require us to certify what fees are taken by the officers and clerks belonging to Goldsmiths' Hall. We enclose you a table, and one is also affixed on the door where we sit, that all parties may know.

REGISTRAR TO THE COMMITTEE FOR COMPOUNDING.

	s.	*d.*
Discharges	6	8
Letters of suspension	2	6
Orders to certify the fine to the treasurers	1	6
Copies of particulars	2	6
Orders signed by the commissioners	2	6
Orders signed by the registrar	1	6

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REGISTRAR TO THE COMMITTEE FOR ADVANCE OF MONEY.

The same for discharges and orders.

EXAMINER.

	s.	d.
Every witness examined *ex parte* - - - -	1	0
Every sheet copied, 16 lines a sheet - - -	0	6
Every exhibition examined and certified - - -	1	0

CLERKS OF THE COUNSEL.

First side of a report, close written - - -	2	0
Every other side, close written - - - -	1	6

The registrar to the Committee for Compounding answers all letters from the County Committees, which are very numerous, and sends down when required copies of papers of delinquents; he also makes out lists of those who have not paid in their fines, and sends them into the country, for which he has no fee.

The registrar of the Committee for Advance of Money does the same as to letters and copies. Where there is no prosecutor, he has no fees; and where there is one, few pay fees for orders, summons, and copies.

Mr. Reading and Brereton, the counsel, Sherwin the auditor, and Fowle the agent, receive no fees. Mr. Carey the examiner has no fees for drawing reports and copies of depositions to the prosecutor, nor for drawing up charges of delinquency. [*G* 14, *p.* 85; 108, *pp.* 163–169.]

April 17. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Derby. The County Committee for Notts wrote us 22 March about a difference between you and them, as to which county part of the Earl of Derby's estate lay in. Your open opposition one against another is very obstructive to the service. Had you certified the case to us, we would have heard and redressed you, if you had the right. But as you were not vigilant enough to take the woods when fit to fell, you are to let the County Committee for Notts proceed in their sale, and any part that appears to be in your county shall be saved for you. [*G* 30, *p.* 28.]

April 17. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Middlesex. When we have certified the incident charges on the foot of the commissioners' accounts to the Army Committee, we will give notice to the several county committees of what allowances they approve, but till then we cannot give you the allowance you desire for a doorkeeper. We will confirm your contracts when the houses are surveyed, &c., according to the Act. [*G* 30, *p.* 255.]

April 17. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Surrey. On yours of 18 March, about Wanborough Manor and Guildford Priory, certify whether the park would, if laid open, yield but 20*l.* a year; consider about the felling of the timber, with the coppices and other perquisites, and what had best be done with the deer. [*G* 30, *p.* 441.]

April 18. Order in Parliament that the 20,000*l.* charged by order of Parliament of 1 April inst. upon the receipts of Goldsmiths' Hall, and the 10,000*l.* charged upon the receipts of Haberdashers' Hall, for supply of the stores, be paid by warrant from the Council of State to such persons as they shall appoint, and that the Commissioners for Compounding issue warrants to the treasurers of those respective receipts to make payment thereof accordingly. [*G* 1, *p.* 232.]

April 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding on Lieut. Rich. Nuthall's petition that the committee cannot relieve him, and his papers are to be returned to him. [*G* 14, *p.* 88.]

April 18. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, co. Kent. The Trustees for sale of Dean and Chapter lands inform us that you withstand their order directing the disposal of the library belonging to the late Dean and Chapter of Canterbury to Mr. Griffith, minister of the Charter House, London. We desire you to deliver the said library to Mr. Griffith, or his assignee, by catalogue, to be indented, one part thereof left with you, and the catalogue returned to us. [*G* 14, *p.* 88.]

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April 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Essex. You write on 6 Dec. of John Mann's being tenant to the estate of Wm. Peters. We reply that you cannot let any sequestered estate to one of yourselves, even though he was tenant before. You are therefore to re-let to some other fit person. [*G* 30, *p.* 139.]

April 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Salop. We confirm your contracts, if according to instructions. Despatch the particulars promised in yours of 29 March. [*G* 30, *p.* 382.]

April 19. Kendal. **13.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose particulars of a survey of some wood in Kendal Park, sequestered from the Marquis of Worcester, and have announced it for sale on Monday next, after which we will send you a further account by John Fawcett, our clerk, who is going to London. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

13. 1. *Survey of the said wood, giving the number of trees* 198, *and the value of each—total* 102*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*, *and* 11*l. old dead wood. April* 15, 1651. [1 *sheet.*]

April 20. Warrington. Rob. Massey to the Committee for Compounding. As you commissioned me to act as sequestrator for co. Lancaster, on my return from London I addressed myself to the commissioners therefor, and return you their answer. Let me know your pleasure therein. I have not knowingly done anything to deserve their rejection of me, save that my coming among them will "something eclipse their salary." If they bring any complaint against me, let me defend myself; I will suspend action if you wish it, otherwise I ought to vindicate your act. You know what my sufferings for Parliament have been. [*G* 101, *p.* 849.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Peter Holt, Rob. Cunliffe, and G. Pigott, to Rob. Massey. As we were called to this place unsought for, we are resolved to go on with it, without joining ourselves with any who seek the place. Unless you acquiesce in this answer, we will give an account of you to the commissioners above.* 10 *April*, 1651, *Preston.* [*G* 101, *pp.* 827, 857.]

April 22. Committee for Compounding to the Council of State. We have seized the estates of those whom you ordered, but Denzil Holles, Sir Hen. Lingen, and Dr. Lucy send to us for copies of their charges and depositions, which we request you to send us, and in future to send the charges with the orders to seize estates, as we act on a very strict oath.

You advise that the prosecution of Sir John Gell's case be left to the Court of Exchequer, but perusing the Parliament order of 27 March, we think we ought to bring in his revenues for the use of the State, the rather as there is a design to defraud, which will not be so easily discovered in the Exchequer, from which process has been already issued, but the sheriff can find no estate. [*G* 14, *p.* 90.]

April 22. York. County Committee for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of a case. Most of the names in your list [of recusants] are dead, and their heirs not convicted, though most of their estates were sequestered by the late County Committee, and are so continued by us. Many are servants and had no estate, or only personal estate, ⅔ of which they bought themselves. Some are the wives of men, neither delinquents nor Papists, and some sold their estates before these wars and since their conviction. Are we to sequester their heirs, reputed Papists, if not convicted, and what are we to do with the husbands of Papists? [*G* 172, *p.* 125.]

April 23. Order in Parliament, on petition of Henry, Lord Herbert of Raglan, appointing a committee of 26 persons named to consider what interest he has in any of the lands lately settled by Parliament on the Lord General, and their value, and to report; and if they find he has a good title, to bring in a proviso for excepting out of sale by the Act lands of like value. The lawyers of the committee to meet this afternoon and Commissioner Lisle to take charge of the business. The delinquency of Lord Herbert referred to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, for their evidence and report on the case. [*G* 1, *p.* 232.]

April 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that by the orders to seize and secure estates is meant only the staying rents in the tenants' hands, and inventorying and appraising personal estates, the county commissioners taking security for their being forthcoming, in case the parties be adjudged delin-

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quents. No alienation to be made by any charged with delinquency till the cause is adjudged. On the party's request, he is to be allowed to receive his rents, and possess his personal estate on security. [*G* 14, *p.* 91.]

April 23. Chester. County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. By yours of the 17th, we find you are not satisfied that we proceed in letting estates on the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, as to their survey and valuing. We have returned them on survey at their present worth, and hope in after time they will improve in value. [*G* 125, *p.* 703.]

April 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding to write to the treasurers-at-war that there is 3,000*l.* in Northumberland which they may receive.

Order that when the commissioners are about contracts, no person but themselves and officers be present.

Order that Peter Ambrose, agent for Lancashire, forthwith send up an account on oath. [*G* 36, *pp.* 171, 172.]

Order on an order of the House of Commons of 18 May 1648 given, on the petition of Hen. Stephens, merchant, and a report from the Committee of Lords and Commons for Ireland,—that 1,400*l.* 1*s.* be allowed of as a debt of the State; that 500*l.* of it be charged on the Excise, and the rest paid out of such concealed delinquents' estates as he shall discover at Haberdashers' Hall, in satisfaction of 3,100 salt hides taken from him by the Lords Justices and Council in Ireland, for the use of the army;—that such discoveries be received, and when they come in, order will be given for his satisfaction. [*G* 120, *p.* 105; 14, *p.* 95.]

April 24. Westminster. Sequestration Committee for Westminster to the Committee for Compounding. We hear that Major Cooper, one of your Committee for Surrey, has taken a colonelcy in the army. We therefore recommend Thos. Daunser, well known to us for diligence and ability, to take his place. [*G* 79, *p.* 743.]

April 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding on hearing depositions in a case between the Berkshire Commissioners and Chris. Cheesman, their agent, and on Cheesman's confessing that he took the 20*s.* and the 4*l.* named, that he be suspended from acting as agent, and that as to his salary he is to petition, and set down what is due. [*G* 36, *p.* 172.]

April 26. Petition of Isaac Ambrose, minister of Preston, co. Lancaster, to the County Committee for Sequestrations. Has an augmentation of 50*l.* from the small tithes, but for 1½ years it is detained because he cannot subscribe the engagement, not from perverseness, but from conscience. Yet that he may be void of offence, he declares that as a messenger of peace, he ought to preach and practice peace, not to abet controversies, and will no way disturb the present powers, but submit to all lawful things required. Therefore as "moderate counsels conduce much more to a happy settlement than such as are high and rigid," he begs continuance of his augmentation. With recommendation of him by the County Committee to the Committee for Compounding, as a godly and orthodox minister. [*G* 159, *pp.* 464, 466.]

April 26. Coventry. County Committee for Warwickshire to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 8 April, we tried to discover the estate of the Countess Dowager of Denbigh here, but cannot find that she has any, either by jointure or dower, and the Earl confidently affirms that she has not. We hear that Col. Roper, a counsellor of Lincoln's Inn, can make a clear discovery of her estate, and he is now in London. With note that Mr. Fowle examine Roper about the countess, who is a Papist and beyond seas. [*Extract*, *G* 170, *p.* 343.] *Enclosing*,

1. *Basil, Earl of Denbigh, to the Committee for co. Warwick. Your clerk and agent are searching for my mother's personal estate, but there is none which she can legally claim were she present. How, although absent, and a lady, and having had no share in the late troubles, she can be thought a delinquent, is beyond my judgment. If this will not satisfy, I can prove my title to the estate. Newnham Padox*, 22 *April* 1651. [*G* 170, *p.* 350.]

April 28. Derby. **14.** County Committee for Derbyshire to the Committee for Compounding. Since our last of 19 March, we gave an account of the money then paid in to your treasury. We have now returned 1,300*l.*, of which 1,000*l.*, is to be paid in

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before 4 May next, and 300*l.* before 25 May. Of these sums 85*l.* is half a year's rent from Windley, and 240*l.* half a year's rent from Litchurch, both sequestered from the Earl of Newcastle, and settled on the Trustees for Ireland; 450*l.* in part of half a year's rent from the Earl of Chesterfield's estate, which of late Lord Grey received according to Act of Parliament. [½ *page.*]

April 29. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the registrars do not give out any copies under their hands, unless written by themselves or their clerks. [*G* 13, *p.* 39.]

Order that Edw. Rich of Lincoln's Inn be steward for courts in Papists and delinquents' estates in co. Somerset and city of Bristol. [*G* 12, *p.* 193.]

Order that Wm. Lane of Gray's Inn be steward for keeping courts of sequestered estates in the county and city of Oxford.

Also that Thos. Harvey be steward for co. Cornwall. [*G* 12, *p.* 217.]

Order on request of — Brookes, minister, and on letters from — Peters, minister, and [John] Dove, M.P., that Edm. Gardner be agent to the Committee for co. Berks in place of Chris. Cheesman. [*G* 36, *p.* 173.]

Order on an order of Parliament given, of 18 March 1651, on report from the Committee of Parliament on Obstructions,—that 1,000*l.* be paid to Col. Robt. Lilburne by the Committee for Compounding, from the profits of the estates of delinquents discovered by him, and also ⅙ of any discoveries he shall make beyond the 1,000*l.*;—confirming the above, and ordering the prosecution of all delinquents discovered by him. [*G* 1, *p.* 233; 14, *p.* 98; 153, *p.* 105.]

April 29. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for London. Notes of a case. As to the discharging part of the estate of Isaac Rogers after seizure, you are not, on pretence of any deed or title whatsoever, to discharge any estate seized, secured, or sequestered, without allowance by us. [*G* 30, *p.* 255.]

April 29. Petition of John Bacer and Jas. Herneden, churchwardens, and 6 other ancient inhabitants of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, to the Committee for Compounding. There are many poor, aged, and impotent persons in the parish, by reason of the gentry deserting it, and the great taxes. Parliament has imposed a fine of 2,000*l.* on Abr. Reynoldson, and recommended its distribution among the poor. Beg a proportion thereof. Noted, "This to be considered of." [*G* 87, *p.* 305.]

April 29. Stafford. **15.** County Committee for Staffordshire to the Committee for Compounding. We desire to know if a delinquent who compounds for an inconsiderable estate, and after composition has an estate of greater value left to him, either by marriage or lineal descent, ought to compound for it. [¾ *page.*]

April 29. Petition of Chris. Cheesman, late agent for sequestrations, co. Berks, to the Committee for Compounding, for an order to receive 50*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* balance due for his salary, from 23 Feb. 1650 to 25 April 1651, and 30*l.*, his expenses in prosecuting the commissioners for co. Berks. [*G* 74, *p.* 273.]

April 30. Order thereon for the County Committee to certify whom they employed in his place during his absence or neglect of service, and what they paid him; and to note that this committee considered Cheesman agent until they removed him, and therefore his deputy is to be allowed pay for service, but not as agent. Also to examine Cheesman's information that Jos. Blagrave took 4*l.* bribe of Wm. Halloway. [*G* 14, *p.* 101.]

April 30. Petition of the inhabitants of Clapham, co. York, to the Committee for Compounding. They have in their parish 2 ancient chapels, one at Austwick, the larger town, wherein are many blind, lame, and aged persons, who cannot go to church, and the inhabitants are so impoverished by plundering, billeting, and assessments, that they cannot as before maintain a minister at their own charge. The other is at Eldroth, 2 miles from the church, and the ways cannot be passed in winter, for the water; it has only 17*s.* yearly, given by Giles Moore. The rectory is worth 190*l.* a year, whereof 100*l.* is settled on one minister. Beg the 90*l.* for the chapels. Noted for Mr. Rich to certify whether the 90*l.* is disposed of. [*G* 75, *p.* 125.]

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April 30. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Thos. Daunser be a commissioner for Surrey and Southwark borough, in place of Major Cooper, unless he knows himself to be accountable to the State for money, and does not pay it within 20 days. [*G* 12, *p.* 195.]

April 30. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Berks. We cannot confirm your contracts, because they are on surveys made by Jos. Blagrave, no officer of ours, but appointed by you, nor shall we confirm any but on your own survey. We take it ill that you do not answer us about Mr. Thomas of Windsor's being at Oxford and Wallingford. [*G* 14, *p.* 102.]

April 30. Derby. **16.** County Committee for Derby to the Committee for Compounding. We have yours of the 17th grounded on information from the Committee of co. Notts. The land in question has paid taxes to South Normanton in this county time out of mind, and was let last year for 27*l.*, but the tenants complained of the felling wood, and dividing the ground by ditches and fences. We thought it was soldiers that had bought the forest, and sent over to see. They pretended a lease from the Committee of co. Notts, but did not produce it, and one of us went over to Nottingham and spoke to the commissioners, who said in excuse that the land was taken of them as being concealed land. This is all our "open opposition," and we have no power to sell timber. They have let ⅔ of the land at 9*l.* for 21 years, giving timber to build a house. Not knowing this, we had let it for 20*l.* You can now judge between us.

With note of an order to write to the Committee of Notts that the Committee for Compounding are satisfied that the premises are in Derbyshire, and that they are to give account of the waste of timber. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

17. *Certificate signed by Ralph Rodes, minister, and 45 others, that Fulwood Fields are in South Normanton parish, co. Derby.* [1 *page.*]

April 30. Whitehall. Council of State to the Committee for Compounding. Give speedy order for seizing, inventorying, and securing the estates of the 8 persons in the schedule enclosed, whom we find to be engaged in designs against the Commonwealth. We will in due time transmit the evidence, so that you may examine and proceed touching sequestrations. Their estates should be secured, lest much of them be embezzled before timely orders come.

You long since received the Parliament's resolution in the case of Lord Craven, and yet you forbear to dispose of his estate. Examine this, and if you find it as is signified to us, give speedy order touching the sequestration. The work you stand entrusted with is of extraordinary use and concernment to the exigencies of the State, in the carrying on whereof, as we have in many things been witnesses of your diligence, so we doubt not of receiving many more testimonies. An account of your progress we shall expect, that you may receive our further assistance and direction. P.S. by Lord President Bradshaw, "We desire you enjoin your agents speed and privacy till the work be done." [*G* 172, *p.* 739.] *Annexing,*

1. *List of the persons alluded to :—*

Col. Gill.	*Thos. Minshall.*
Lord Powys.	*Wingfield Bodenham.*
Thos. Butler.	*Mary Pattison.*
Gualter Frost.	*Sir Thos. Carey.*

[*G* 172, *p.* 740.]

April ? Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Stafford. As to your letting the extended estate of Sir Thos. Fleetwood, Bart., recusant, you are in all cases to let estates to the best advantage, surveying and certifying according to the Act of 29 Jan. 1650, the State bearing all taxes, and to take care that sequestered estates are not taxed more highly than others in the county. [*G* 80, *p.* 427.]

April ? County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Being ordered, 20 May 1650, to collect all arrears due from the estates of the Marquis of Winchester and the late Lord Capel, we have received and paid in from the Marquis' estate 114*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*, which being deducted from 763*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*, the arrears mentioned to us, leaves 648*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* in the hands of the respective

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persons charged, chiefly Sam. Wheate and Rich. Pitman of Basingstoke, Sir Edm. Plowden, and Fras. Ivory. The whole estate being granted by Parliament to Sir Thomas Jervis and Rob. Wallop, we are enjoined not to meddle with it, and have only to collect the arrears.

From Capel's estate we received 65*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* for ½ year's rent at Ladyday 1651, and 250*l.* by sale of 2 copyholds, which has reduced the yearly value of the estate to 26*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* These are all the estates late in the management of the Irish Trustees which were committed to us, though by yours of 11 Aug. last you require more. We have looked after the estates in management of those trustees, and have taken 16*l.* rents of land in Kingsclere, part of the Earl of Worcester's estate, and entered on Freemantle Park, value 60*l* a year, estate of Francis, Lord Cottington, said to be settled on President Bradshaw, about which we desire directions. [*G* 167, *pp.* 599, 600.] *Annexing,*

1. *Particulars of receipts by the County Committee of Hants, from arrears on estates of the Marquis of Winchester, the late Lord Capel, and the Earl of Worcester. Total,* 435*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* [*G* 167, *pp.* 601, 602.]

April ? Order [in the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries] for the following payments by the Committee for Compounding to its officers for salaries ending 25 March 1651:—

	£	s.	d.
John Reading, counsellor, 48 weeks - - - -	240	0	0
Peter Brereton ,, 44 ,, - - - -	220	0	0
[Edw.] Carey, examiner, 10 months 2 days, self and clerk -	134	4	0
John Leech, registrar, 48 weeks, self and 4 clerks - -	288	0	0
Martin Dallison, registrar to the Committee for Advance of Money, 5½ weeks, self and 2 clerks - - - -	16	12	0
Rich. Sherwin, auditor, ¾ year - - - - -	262	0	0
Thomas Fowle, agent, 5 months 10 days - - -	44	8	0
Thomas Vincent, usher, 48 weeks - - - -	48	0	0
Thomas Hammersley, messenger, 48 weeks - - -	48	0	0
William Hale, messenger, 48 weeks - - - -	48	0	0

[*G* 116, *pp.* 31–33.]

April. Note presenting these orders for approval by the Army Committee, and forms of warrants for several of the payments. [*G* 116, *pp.* 28, 29.]

[May 2.] Proposals from Auditor Rich. Sherwin in order to a controul.

To have from the registrars of the Committee for Compounding and Committee for Advance of Money a certificate of persons who have compounded and been assessed for their 20th parts, and of the sums paid. To have in future a transcript of the treasurer's books.

That in future all compounders enter their orders with him before taking them to the treasurer; all deductions from fines for impropriations to be settled at a gross sum.

All orders for reduction of fines to be entered.

No acquittances to be valid without the auditor's signature.

All payments to be entered with the auditor, and he and the treasurer to settle their cash accounts weekly.

The same *mutatis mutandis* for the business of the Committee for Advance of Money.

All Parliament orders for money to be entered by the auditor before warrant for payment.

All discharges of sequestrations to be re-entered, and to specify what proportion of the yearly rent is to be allowed to the compounder.

All allowances for annuities, augmentations, rent-charges, or fifth parts to be entered.

The Committee for Plundered Ministers to request all ministers to enter their orders. [*G* 14, *p.* 105; 64, *pp.* 755, 756.]

May 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, admitting the above proposals, which are to be entered with the registrar, a copy fixed on the door of the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, and the registrar and treasurer to permit the perusal of their books, and the taking of the extracts required. [*G.* 14, *p.* 105.]

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18. Order on a Parliament order of 1 May 1651 prefixed, grounded on a report from the Committee for Compounding, that the money ordered him by Parliament on 30 Aug. 1649 from the estate of Sir John Hewitt, who has since compounded, should be paid from his fine, and part advanced at once for relief of his wife and family, he being then in service in Ireland—that 100*l.* and 40*s.* weekly be paid to his wife, he being now Adjutant-General in the army in Scotland, to be paid from the $\frac{1}{5}$ formerly allowed to the wife and children of the Earl of Chesterfield—for payment accordingly. [2 *pages.*]

May 2. Durham. **19.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. The Revenue Committee enjoin us to observe the ordinance of Parliament for payment of the fee-farm rents due out of the sequestered estates in this county, and to pay in all moneys received; but having received your order prohibiting such payment until further direction, we have withheld it, though the receivers for the county threaten to drive the Commonwealth's tenants for the rents, and we expect they will now do it, as they are to sit here this week. Therefore your speedy order is desired.

With note of reply 12 May. The Revenue Committee has written to us, and we have acquainted them that if they will cause the auditor to make certificates of what rents are payable out of sequestered estates, we will give order therein; if the receiver of co. Durham procures a certificate from the auditor of what rents are payable out of sequestered estates, which have usually been answered to the Crown, we will then grant order therein; but you are not to suffer the tenants of the Commonwealth to be disturbed until further order. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 64.]

May 6. Northwich. **20.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We have by order from the Council of State, seized and secured the estates of several in this county informed against as being privy to and guilty of the plot lately discovered, and wait for further instructions. We have surveyed some delinquents' and Papists' estates, according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and hope you will receive satisfaction therein. We find no advantage to be derived by wood upon such estates, there being only sufficient for the defence and keeping up the heyment thereof.

We estimate the two parts of the demesne in Buerton of Wm. Stanley of Hooton, a recusant, to have been formerly worth 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year, and on posting it, Randle Bagnell of Brunbrow, and Wm. Hay of Eastham, offered 160*l.* for it for this year, and we have therefore let it to them, so that it is improved 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* more than it was set for the last year, and 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* above our estimate of the value. You will find the like in several other estates. We have proceeded upon all estates above 20*l.* a year value, by posting, boxing, &c., which we hear is not so punctually and publicly done in some other counties, though it would produce more and greater rents, by the striving of takers to outbid one another. We have by this post returned 260*l.* to your treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, and will send more as it comes to our hands.

With marginal notes for a reply. The committee will consider of further orders about estates secured by order from the Council of State. Also about confirming the estates let, seeing first whether they are let for more than one year. [1 *page.*]

May 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding, to consider of the bringing up in the Protestant religion of the children of Papists who have their portions allowed by the committee. [*G* 36, *p.* 177.]

May 9. Order in the Committee for Compounding, on a Parliament order of 8 May prefixed, on the Earl of Stamford's petition,—that he be paid the arrears of the 1,500*l.* a year formerly ordered him out of the estates of Sir Charles Smith, Peter Gifford, and Rowland Eyre, and incurred at Ladyday 1651, and that he be paid no longer after that date;—for payment accordingly. [*G* 12, *p.* 202; 120, *pp.* 591, 592.]

May 9. Committee for Compounding to the trustees for fee-farm rents. On yours of 9 April about moneys of any earl or peer compounded for, we have searched our books, but do not find that any peer has compounded for such; only a note was

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made in the Earl of Derby's particular of 40*l.* a year from Henry VII. to his ancestors, for creation money, issuing out of West Derby Manor, but he has not compounded for it or any part of his estate. [*G* 12, *p.* 204.]

May 9. T. Bayly to Rich. Deane, secretary to the Army Committee. Pray present the enclosed to the Army Committee. [*G* 32, *p.* 3.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Warrant for payment of salaries to the officers of the Committee for Compounding.* 8 *May.* [*G* 32, *p.* 3; 63, *p.* 819.]

May 9. Preston. County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. We will send our accounts as soon as we can get those for last year from Mr. Ambrose. We have been busy 2 or 3 months in letting estates, but still many are unlet, as we had no offers but far below the value. Many who had contracted, in hopes to let them to the owners or others, finding none will take them at such rates, refuse to give security for payment, particularly Lieut. Jolly, lieutenant of a foot company in Chester garrison,—who farmed the estates of Rob. Blundell and Thos. Gerard of Ince, and [Eliz.] Girlington of Stanworth,—and Quartermaster Gray, and others, who say they offered high terms to advance the revenue and draw the delinquents to a higher rate, though in other cases they have made benefit to themselves. How are we to enforce them to give security? Yet if this dealing be suffered, it will encourage others to deny security in hopes of abatement of rent.

Though Peter Ambrose promised you to bring in his accounts for Derby Hundred in 2 months, he is very dilatory. As he complained of the multiplicity of his business, we gave Wigan and Ormskirk parishes, by his consent, to Wm. Eccleston, to whom he promised particulars as to letting, but we found them posted by Ambrose and Eccleston at different rates, which led to confusion; and when we requested him to let those parishes alone, he refused, and said he would leave his employment unless he might have the whole, nor would he act for the stipend allowed by you 9 Dec. We thereupon appointed John Case for that division, and we desire you to authorize him. Notes of cases. [*G* 159, *pp.* 453–455.]

May 10. Exeter. **21.** John Serle and Rich. Clapp to the Committee for Compounding. Details of particular cases.

Finding 30*l.* demanded for disbursements about Hartland Sheaf, returned as worth 207*l.* a year, we posted it for letting, and at a day appointed opened the offers, but finding none of them amounted to near the value,—it being returned to us at 256*l.*, and the best offer being but 216*l.*,—we called for any that would give more, when Wm. White bid 240*l.* for one year or longer, if freed from army taxes. What has since been received by us for this sheaf is in your treasury. If this will not satisfy, we desire you to give power to those that will please you better therein.

We have published your encouragement for discoveries, wherewith some are satisfied, and will live upon your promises, but others are shy until they see the Act. Our orders are issued to your agents, and we are still calling for returns, but you have an account of all moneys received, and the money is returned to your treasury. We expect so far to improve the year's revenue that it will amount to 1,500*l.*, and hope our extraordinary charge and trouble will gain your allowance and encouragement.

As malignants are presented and convicted, we seize and secure, giving them the heads of their charges, and liberty to cross-examine, according to your order, which gives us a mass of trouble and charge in attending their clamours; the justice thereof somewhat satisfies them, but their labours are fruitless, and scarce any conviction has miscarried in our hands.

We are much puzzled in our proceedings on seizures by former agents, and are forced to let go many for want of the proofs, nor can we know who were sequestered upon judgments, and who suspended by them, though we have often called upon [Nich.] Rowe and the old committee, both in Devon and Exeter, about it. Although the agents were ordered to conform, and penalties were threatened, nothing is yet done, but a shuffling in of some loose papers useless to this work.

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It is not the wages but the work that encourages us to do this service, yet we hope you would not have us lose by it. [Nich.] Tripp, now joined with us, is acknowledged by us to be godly, and we hope faithful to the Commonwealth's interest, yet he can contribute little to the work or to our actings, unless Major Pearse or some other may be joined, either to check us or carry on a part of the work by two. We cannot find Thomas and Rich. Wyatt in this county.

We offer it to you to stop the 5ths or 3rds of such as, with their tenants, refuse to give us rentals, or security, or a sight of their leases, and whose stewards still keep their courts for estates under sequestration. Our steward has been with us nearly 3 weeks on that work, in which time he had 11*d.* out of 18 courts. After we have dispatched something of the work, which will be in a fortnight, he is to go through the whole county, the charge of which service is great, and we hope will be allowed by you. We hope to be as thrifty servants as any, and to improve the revenue much.

We have sent up particulars of our proceedings in contracts. The tenants want leases, that they may be assured and settled to pay their rents, for which we wait your speedy allowance.

We send moneys received, viz.:—

John Arundel, of Trerise, 15*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*
Thos. Ivatt, 50*l.* 10*s.*
John Copes, 4*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*
Earl of Worcester, 19*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*
Silvester Norris, 7*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*
John Chichester, of Arlington, 24*l.*
Capt. Richards, 4*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*
Arthur Bassett, 9*l.*

P.S. by John Serle.—I live in Buckerell parish, where time beyond the memory of man, there has not been one qualified for the ministry by reason of the poverty of its livelihood; upon petitioning the Committee of Plundered Ministers in 1646, there was an augmentation of 50*l.* granted annually, 37*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* being out of Mr. Windham's sequestered sheaf in Payhembury, and a minister allowed; as it is entered in your books, I am sorry to see you deny it, and hope it may be preserved upon all compositions. With marginal notes for a reply. [3 *pages.*]

May 10. Preston. County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. By your instructions, we are to take care that the sheriff does not distrain the State's tenants for arrears from sequestered estates till allowed by you. The under sheriff promised obedience, but we have since received several complaints that his bailiff has distrained goods, and that the tenants have had to pay money for their restoration. Let speedy order be given to protect the tenants against further seizures, and for restitution of what has been seized. [*G* 159, *p.* 19.] *Annexing,*

1. *Deposition of Hen. Bolton, husbandman of Houghton, that being bound with Mrs. Mary Wolfall for payment of* 50*l.* 2*s. rent for the sequestered estate of her late grandfather Thos. Wolfall, the bailiff carried away* 7 *of his beasts on pretence of a sheriff's warrant, and he was obliged to pay* 5*l. to redeem them.* 9 *May* 1651. [*G* 159, *p.* 17.]

May 13. **22, 23.** Order of the Committee for Compounding on a Parliament order of 18 April given,—that the 20,000*l.* charged upon the receipts of Goldsmiths' Hall and the 10,000*l.* upon Haberdashers' Hall for supply of the stores, be paid by warrant from the Council of State, and that the Commissioners for Compounding issue their warrants to the treasurers;—for payment accordingly. [2 *copies; also G* 1, *p.* 232.]

Order to inquire of the Army Committee whether the commissioners below [county commissioners], by virtue of the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, should not have their 12*d.* in the pound out of the fines and sequestration rents of those who make their compositions here. [*G* 36, *p.* 178.]

Order that the treasurers certify what money they have received from the county commissioners, and from what counties they have not as yet received any. [*G* 13, *p.* 40.]

Order confirming the contracts presented by the Committee of co. Worcester, 1 May, it appearing that they have much improved the estates.

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Order confirming the contracts made by the London Committee, but the widow named cannot be allowed to dwell in the house with Mr. Hill without paying rent.

May 13. Order granting, at his earnest request, to [John] Price, one of the Sequestration Commissioners for London, a dispensation from acting, there being 3 commissioners besides. [*G* 14, *pp.* 116, 117.]

May 13. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Gloucester. Certify whether any of you or of your officers have not taken the oath ordered by the Act of 15 April 1650; in that case the persons concerned are to forbear to act; we wish to know, having heard that some of yourselves are not yet sworn. [*G* 14, *p.* 115.]

May 13. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for South Wales. You are forthwith to sequester the estates, real and personal, of the following persons, who are excepted out of the general pardon for South Wales and co. Monmouth.

Sir Henry Stradlin.
[Col.] Herbert Price.
Thomas and John Price.
Lewis, Marmaduke, Henry, and Sir Walter Lloyd.
Sir Fras. Fane.
Walter Floyd.
Sir John Culpeper.
Baynham Vaughan.
Sir Edm. Sawyer.
Rob. Martin.
Major-Gen. Langhorne.
Col. Poyer.
Col. Powell.
John and Lewis Barlow.
Wm. Phillips.

[*G* 14, *p.* 115; 118, *p.* 683.]

[May 13.] Notes for an order to sequester John Vaughan of Llanelly, Hen. Middleton of Llanarthney, and John Lloyd of Llangendeirne, all co. Carmarthen, who have not paid the latter half of their fines, viz., 113*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, 60*l.*, and 28*l.*, and are trying to have them taken off in Parliament, on the Act for South Wales. [*G* 118, *p.* 686.]

May 13. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations for South Wales. You are to sequester the estates of the said persons for non-payment. [*G* 14, *p.* 115.]

May 13. Reading. County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. We certify on yours of 30 April that we employed Hen. Earlett instead of Chris. Cheesman, when he did not attend, from 2 Dec. 1650 to 22 April 1651, and paid Earlett 20*l.* for attendance, horse, and services for 20 weeks. With note, May 16, for Mr. Fowle to examine the certificates and orders in Cheesman's case, and report. [*G* 146, *p.* 305.]

[May 13.] Note of the services performed by Hen. Earlett, from 2 Dec. 1650 to 22 April 1651. [*G* 146, *p.* 307.]

May 13. Westminster. R. Deane to Mr. Bayly. We are enforced to return your warrant, for it must state the express times from which the officers are to be paid, and the sum in gross due to each. [*G* 63, *p.* 821.]

May 14. Order of the Committee for Compounding on an order of the County Committee of Sussex, 4 March 1645, granting Dan. Pritchard 50*l.* a year for his pains in the cure of Harting, according to the will of Sir Rich. Carill, and on certificate of its previous payment, that the county committee pay the same with arrears from Dec. 1649. [*G* 14, *p.* 118; 110, *p.* 849.]

May 14. Exceptions taken by the County Committee of Cambridge to the account of Isaac Disborow, one of the late committee for sequestrations, for overcharges in fees and salaries, omission of receipts, non-production of vouchers, selling of timber to his own use, &c. [*G* 147, *p.* 295.]

May 14. Order of the Committee for Compounding on perusal of the said exceptions delivered by Captain French, that—as Isaac Disborow has been thrice summoned to perfect his account, but has neglected the same, and has much Common-

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wealth money in his hand;—the sequestered farm held by him be taken out of his possession and let to another, who will give most for the same, and as much of his personal estate as will amount to 1,000*l.* be secured till he perfect his account. [*G* 14, *p.* 121.]

May 14. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations for North Wales. You have sufficiently answered your own letter of 9 April about letting Redcastle to one of yourselves. We cannot and dare not dispense with your and our oaths. As to payment of Parliament taxes, we think it best to let lands at the utmost value, and the State to bear the taxes. As to the repairs of the castle, if it be a garrison you are not to lay out anything upon it, but it is to be repaired other ways. [*G* 30, *p.* 417.]

May 14. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Stafford. We approve your inquiries as to undervalued estates, especially Lord Stafford's. In answer to your query, we reply that delinquents who have compounded for all they are possessed of, or have any right to, are not to have any estate sequestered which has fallen to them after composition, either by marriage or lineal descent. [*G* 30, *p.* 427.]

May 14. Durham. **24.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose our account for the rents, &c., received up to Martinmas. The money resting on this account, and on our account returned for Pentecost, amounts to 466*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, which we desire to pay into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall; the Pentecost rents being now due, we shall use all speed in collecting and returning them.

We are surveying estates, and will make a due return thereof, as also of the contracts, and hope what we have done therein has been to the State's advantage. There are several small old rents issuing out of sequestered estates, which were formerly paid to the Crown, and the late Bishop, Dean and Chapter, which have now been purchased by several gentlemen from the contractors for sale of the said lands, and are demanded out of the sequestrations. Must these rents be allowed by us to the tenants without your order? They are small and ancient rents, and almost every estate pays rent to some lord or the other, and we have allowed them until last Martinmas.

With note of reply, 14 June, that the rents are not to be paid without order, as the instructions forbid allowing incumbrances on estates. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 64.]

May 14. Bridgwater. County Committee for Somersetshire, to the Committee for Compounding. We have told you why we did not employ Capt Burgess. His actions are very prejudicial, he takes profits, detains bonds, and forbids the tenants to pay their rents to us. We beg your answer, and continuance of the honest men whom we have employed, or we must take some course to restrain Burgess' insolencies. [*G* 166, *p.* 429.] *Annexing,*

1. *Depositions of* 10 *persons against John Burgess, of Bristol,* 11 *Feb.*—14 *May,* 1651. [*G* 166, *pp.* 431–439.]

May 15. Erme, near Truro. John Jago to [Art. Squibb, one of the Committee for Compounding]. We have many obstructions. It seems to me easy to set at an improved value the estates set by the late committee; there are those of great delinquents, especially those that were in Pendennis of which you write us to take great care. We are slow in getting in the accounts of former agents, sparing them as we would ourselves be spared. Many sums collected for the $\frac{1}{20}$ are supposed to lie where they should not.

I am ashamed that, though so often called on, we make so little progress in undervalues, and the first account would not have been made but for one who could do more if he had help. As to returning money it is in [Sam.] Kekewich's hands, but he has not much, for divers are slack in paying, and I cannot get them proceeded against. You should urge us—

1. To return a list of our new letting of the estates let by the old committee, and of our proceedings against those in Pendennis.
2. To look into the accounts of former receivers, &c.
3. To be exact in returning money and to speed our accounts.
4. To hasten the return of undervalues.

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I can give you an account of many, but to do it fully would take more time and pains than some of us are willing to bestow; we should also be called on to hold frequent meetings.

The commissioners are my good friends, and I would not reflect on them; but I want all to be quickened, and none outed or else all, which I would advise if I could find fit men to do the work. There are those who are godly, and have courage and wisdom, but they fancy not the employment. It needs wisdom, integrity, courage, a working head, and unwearied spirit, and you may search the 4 shires and not find 3 such. A composition for all the delinquents in the county would be most advantageous, and bring in many hundred thousands that will never be got, however careful you are in the choice of men. I was asked my opinion of such a design by H. E., who is well acquainted with their purpose, and if you hearken to the motion, I will make further enquiries about it. [*G* 150, *pp.* 23, 24.]

May 15. Erme, Cornwall. John Jago to Art. Squibb. Case of Sir John Arundel. I will observe your advice about the examination of witnesses, as much harm is done by neglect or want of ability therein. You warn us against corruption, but nobody ever had the boldness to try me, or they would be rejected with indignation. Neither purse nor potency would prevail with me. The person you name spoke well of Parliament, but he raised a great estate when many of its friends were ruined, and should pay towards the damage. [*G* 150, *pp.* 25, 26.]

May 19. Oxford. **25.** County Committee for Oxfordshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have sent up our agent for sequestrations, Robt. Leicester of Adderbury, to pay in his money, and receive your instructions. We are very sensible of your late favour towards us in the discouragement of those whose malice is envenomed to blemish our reputations, and whose designs were highly destructive to the safety and honour of this nation. We cannot as yet make an exact return of Lord Craven's estate, it consisting mostly of wood grounds, but hope to do so shortly. [1 *page.*]

May 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Commissioners for Middlesex enter Derby House, Channel [or Cannon] Row, Westminster, and survey it according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and certify its yearly value to be let for 7 years.

Order on motion by Thos. Gell on behalf of his brother Sir John,—producing the Act of the High Court of Justice, and showing the case to be in the Exchequer, and the Council of State having also written to the committee to forbear intermeddling with it,—that the case be dismissed, and the county commissioners ordered to proceed no further therein.

Order allowing individually each of the propositions of Auditor Sherwin, allowed *en masse* on 2 May. [*G* 14, *pp.* 127, 128.]

May 20. Exeter. **26.** John Serle and Rich. Clapp to the Committee for Compounding. The enclosed particulars contain an account of each tenement as formerly let, with the allowance of thirds and all charges to Papists and delinquents, which brought in such defalcations that in many cases little or nothing remained to the State; but as now let by us, we hope you will find a great improvement, and the army taxes being once duly proportioned (a work the commissioners are now upon), this will bring the revenue to a near certainty. If in some few cases we let below the value, it is only where the tenements are much ruined. We desire your allowance of what is done, and ask for what term of years the leases are to be granted, we having acted therein punctually according to order by posting the same, that both ourselves and the tenants may be at a better certainty. [½ *page.*]

May 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Middlesex Commissioners certify the value of Derby House, and why they have not done it all this while.

That a copy of each order for settlement be delivered to Mr. Rich under the registrar's hand.

That at the first settlement of any rectory, [Thos.] Lawrey, minister of Market Harborough, be considered. [*G* 36, *p.* 182.]

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May 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding, appointing Tuesday next for confirmation of fines. [*G* 14, *p.* 132.]

May 23. Petition of John Burgess to the Committee for Compounding. Has paid in his September accounts, and could have done more, but the county commissioners have put in articles against him. Begs a copy of his charge, payment of 100*l.* expenses, and release from his employment, since the service is obstructed by the refusal of the county commissioners to employ him. [*G* 71, *p.* 599.]

May 24. Ottery St. Mary. County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. The meaner sort of delinquents submit to your goodness and justice, and desire they may be as well thought of as if counsel pleaded for them; they request that if they deliver in their petitions and particulars, and we certify thereon, and they pay the fines imposed by you, they may be freed from further charge and trouble. [Their cases will be proceeded upon if the petitions, particulars, and certificates are sent, but they must have some one here to prosecute for them, and pay their fines within the time limited.]

We are often requested to discharge persons whose estates are under 200*l.* Are we to do so? [They must compound; it was only a proposal on the treaty (with the King) to free them, but no power is given to you or us to discharge.] Divers persons have compounded at undervalues, and may soon be discovered if there be encouragement given by you or the Act. [You are to seize undervalues, and allow the delinquent only what he compounded for.] We hope you know the trouble and charge of the appeals that you order, allowing all malignants to examine and cross-examine at pleasure, yet it is seldom that any thrive by it. [We cannot avoid appeals, nor can we transfer that power to any; we cannot deny the liberty to examine and cross-examine.]

Mr. Mills of Exeter, and Mr. Rowe, clerks of the late Committee for Sequestrations, still keep from us all informations, depositions, and proofs, though we have often solicited and ordered the levying of the fine, so that we are put to great difficulty; when we make seizures, the parties complain that there is no proof against them, or that they have discharges or suspensions from the late County Committee, and we cannot reply, but must lie under the odium of such aspersions. [A warrant is now sent you to imprison them.] [*G* 152, *p.* 28.]

May 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on Mr. Winslow's motion, that the case touching the imprisoning of malefactors, as Cholmly, [Jos.] Ring, Weekes, and others, be stated in a report to Parliament by Mr. Reading, advising with Mr. Brereton.

Order that when particulars of compositions come to the hands of the county commissioners, they are to put a difference between those saying "for which he "hath compounded," and those saying "for which he desires to compound."

That a seal be agreed on for letters and other papers. [*G* 36, *pp.* 184, 185.]

May 27. **27.** County Committee for Middlesex to the Committee for Compounding. On 25 Dec. last we certified you of our survey of all the lands and tenements within our jurisdiction, and amongst the rest concerning Derby House, in Cannon Row, Westminster, which we valued at 80*l.* a year, to be let for 7 years. On 21 March last, Mr. Stephens, M.P., made application to take it. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

1. *Note by Roger Wilford, clerk to the County Committee, of* 14 *contracts made with persons named for the houses and lands of delinquents mentioned, between Nov.* 25, 1650, *and March* 11, 1651. [1¼ *pages.*]

May 27. Armourers' Hall. **28.** County Committee for Middlesex, to the Committee for Compounding. The tenants to the sequestered estate of Alderman Bunce were very much overrated in their taxes for the landlord, and we are thereby hindered in receiving their rents, as not having power to allow their bills. The occasion of the overrating is the alderman's absence beyond seas; it is grounded upon an ordinance of Parliament. We have had several such bills

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brought us, but for want of order what to do, we have returned them and left the money unreceived, and thus some considerable rents for this quarter are yet behind.

The like is the case with some of Lord Petre's tenants in Aldersgate Street; send us a speedy answer what to do in such cases. Noted that they are to receive the rents and arrears, and allow taxes as other landords do, by order of Parliament. [¾ *page.*]

May 27. Dorchester. County Committee for Dorsetshire to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We have summoned all the persons named in your order of 8 May, and they are applying to you for their discharges. [*G* 152, *p.* 683.]

May 28. Petition of Thos. Hammersley, messenger, to the Committee for Compounding, for payment of his expenses and services in riding post to cos. Northampton, Leicester, and Derby, to seize and secure the estate of Thos. Cook, of Gray's Inn, delinquent, in which he lamed his horse. With his bill of 11*l.* for the journey, and order, that it be paid by the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, and reported to the Army Committee. [*G* 94, *pp.* 167, 168.]

May 29. Order in the Committee for Compounding on a certificate annexed by Thos. Fowle of 22 May,—that Cheesman's salary for his 425 days of service is 85*l.*; that he was paid 40*l.*, and Harlett, or Earlett, who took his place during his absence from 2 Dec. to 22 April, 20*l.*, so that 25*l.* remains due to him;—that the county committee pay Cheesman 33*l.*, 8*l.* being overplus of the 20*l.* paid to Harlett for his 20 weeks, and 25*l.* due to him for salary. [*G* 14, *p.* 141; 74, *p.* 289.]

May 29. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Middlesex. We have received your list of contracts, but we expect a certificate that you have viewed and surveyed according to the Act, before we can confirm them, and you are to certify the names of the places where the lands lie. [*G* 30, *p.* 256.]

May 29. Winton. **29.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose particulars of money in the hands of Mr. Woodman unaccounted for, which we intended to surcharge on his account, with abatement of allowances demanded, being near ⅙ of his receipts, besides what he has concealed, which may be ⅛ of the whole. He intends to make his account a work of time, and says that as it was 4 years in managing, it will require the like time for passing. We have often summoned him, but he has only attended twice. We begin with him, that he may be a precedent for others in passing their accounts, he being chargeable with the greatest receipts; but as we have no authority to prevent his delays, we desire you will take some course. Owselbury Parsonage appearing to belong to the State by delinquency of Dr. Wm. Lewis, who held it of St. Cross' Hospital by lease, we let the tithes for a year to several persons, but Woodman will not permit us to dispose of the tenement, or settle a tenant. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

29. I. *Account of moneys received by Woodman and not accounted for. Total,* 873*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* *With marginal notes of his replies.* [1⅔ *pages.*]

May 30. Salop. William King to the Committee for Compounding. I state, at request of Mary Studley, of Shrewsbury, that the late Committee for Sequestrations took 2 rooms in her house, at 10*l.* rent, for sequestration business, where we now sit, as we cannot remove the records to a better place, and she will now take 6*l.* for the rooms, being the sole estate of herself and children. The late Committee for Sequestrations owed her a year's rent, which the late John Broome, my fellow-commissioner, did not pay before his death, and she is in great necessity, and begs an order for payment. [*G* 165, *p.* 457.] *Annexing,*

I. *Petition of Mary Studley to the Committee for Compounding, to the same effect.* [*G* 165, *p.* 459.]

II. *Certificate by Col. H. Mackworth and Th. Nicolls, to the taking of the rooms, and to the arrears which Mr. Broome promised to pay.* 8 *May* 1651. [*G* 165, *p.* 458.]

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May 30. John Browne [clerk to the County Committee for Kent] to the Committee for Compounding. The county commissioners want some papers relating to sequestrations, now in the hands of Lambert Godfrey of Maidstone, late solicitor-general for sequestrations, co. Kent, and request you to order their delivery. [*G* 158, *p.* 162.]

[May ?] List and particulars of 11 persons who have purchased ⅔ of recusants' estates, but not paid in the latter ½ of their fines. [*G* 63, *pp.* 803–806.]

*June 3. Order in the Committee for Compounding to Wm. Hale, messenger, to take into custody John Woodman, for not perfecting his accounts and paying in the money due; the County Committee of Hants to assist in case of resistance. [*G* 14, *p.* 146.]

June 3. Committee for Compounding to [Lambert] Godfrey. We hear that you hold all the books and papers belonging to the late county committee in Kent, which will be very useful to the present county committee. We therefore beg you to deliver them, that the committee may proceed more effectually in sequestrations. [*G* 30, *p.* 191.]

June 3? Committee for Compounding to the Militia Commissioners, Kent. We hear that in your assessment for the monthly taxes, you assess the sequestered estates at double the value of the others. Parliament did not intend when they passed the vote to make these estates pay taxes, and if you proceed thus, we must appeal to them. You must only assess them as other estates. [*G* 30, *p.* 191.]

June 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancashire. If the persons who have taken contracts refuse to make them good, you must try further, and certify what is the utmost you can procure for those estates. We impose a fine of 40*l.* on Ambrose for not bringing in his accounts according to the order of 5 Dec. last.

When your officer, Mr. King, was here, we appointed you agents and commissioners to act according to the directions of Parliament, and not at their own pleasure, as Ambrose would do. You are to levy the arrears due for sequestered estates from Col. Standish, and complain of his proceedings to the Lord General. [*G* 30, *p.* 210.]

June 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Lancashire. We have seen a letter from you to Rob. Massey, whom we lately appointed a joint-commissioner with you, refusing to act with him, because you say he sought the place. He did not seek it, but coming to inform us about the Countess of Derby, we, hearing of his fidelity and suffering for Parliament, appointed him a commissioner, and hope you will not give us further trouble, but conform and act with him, that we may continue our good esteem of you.

We wonder to have only received 1,635*l.* from your county, the revenue being 13,000*l.* a year; the Earl of Derby's estate is 4,000*l.* Return what remains speedily, Parliament's urgent occasions calling for it. [*G* 30, *p.* 210.]

June 3. Committee for Compounding to Mr. Squibb. We have told the County Committee for Lancashire to apply to you for directions touching the debts on sequestrations, and we beg you to examine the state of sequestrations in this and other counties on your way as you return, and advise the commissioners therein, especially touching Peter Ambrose, who has not brought in his accounts as ordered, and has been reproved for his neglect.

Also assist in inducing them to act with Rob. Massey.

The sequestrations there amount to 13,000*l.* a year, and only 1,635*l.* is returned. Tell them of the Parliament's necessity, that their returns may be quicker. We hope your speedy return. [*G* 30, *p.* 210.]

June 6. Hereford. County Committee of Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We send you depositions about the estate of Lord Craven, held by Hen. Williams. [*G* 157, *p.* 412.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Depositions above alluded to, almost defaced. May* 1, 1651. [*G* 157, *p.* 409.]

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June 7. York. Luke Robinson to Sam. Moyer. I have expected to hear from you about my evidences of the transactions of the Earl of Newcastle's Committee. I now hear that Thos. Thompson, their clerk, is in question. Many who have been of our party have been gained by him, and I have been privately and earnestly entreated to suppress the things in my hands, in plain English, to burn the papers. If you command it, they shall be produced, but I must have a discharge for what I give in; they should be sent straight to London, lest they miscarry by delay, or fall into other hands. There are some fat persons concerned who ought to pay fines towards the public charge. [*G* 114, *p.* 919.]

June? [Committee for Compounding to Luke Robinson.] We hear that you have many evidences of the Earl of Newcastle's Committee's transactions in Yorkshire, the examination of which may be of advantage. We desire you to send in the papers by the first convenient messenger. Send them to some friend in the city, and on our receipt of them, we will inventory them, and send you the list subscribed, as your discharge. [*G* 114, *p.* 917.]

June 11. Petition of [Capt.] John Smith, assistant to the County Committee for Gloucester, to the Committee for Compounding, for his last quarter's salary and his pay in future. Was appointed 26 Nov. last at 4*s.* a day, on account of special service, but has received nothing, though he has expended much money and been at great trouble in the business. [*G* 118, *p.* 368.]

June 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding that, to avoid trouble by the multiplicity of requests for discharge from sequestration of fee-farm rents sold by the trustees, any of the committee may order the discharges, on production of the trustees' order, and a constat from the auditor that the fee-farm rents are issuing out of the estate, and were formerly due to the late King. [*G* 14, *p.* 156.]

[June 11.] Request that Edw. Rogers may show cause why he should not pay any sum of money ordered to be brought in, for satisfaction of Mr. Collett. [*G* 76, *p.* 336.]

June 11. Order that Rogers pay within a month 20*l.* as a fine for not bringing in the bribes. [*G* 14, *p.* 155; 76, *p.* 336.]

June 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Salop. Directions in cases. You are not to allow an extent by Thos. Baker on the estate of Rob. Matthews of Blodwall, on pretence of extent, mortgage, or incumbrance, without order from us. [*G* 30, *p.* 380.]

June 13. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Devon. No duplicates being given by the former committee, you are to return us the names of some to whom it is proved before you by oath that our former letters were given, but who have not obeyed the directions of the Act, and we shall proceed with them as directed by Parliament. [*G* 30, *p.* 35.]

June 13. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cumberland. We have had no duplicate returned by the late committee from Leath Ward, according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650. As the service is prejudiced by this neglect, send us the names of 4 gentlemen to whom notice was given, and who have not pursued the directions of the Act, and we will proceed as directed by Act of Parliament. [*G* 30, *p.* 127.]

June 13. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for North Wales. No duplicates have been returned from cos. Anglesey, Denbigh, Flint, Carnarvon, or Merioneth. You are therefore to send the names of some of those gentlemen who have neglected our orders, with depositions of their having had notice of our former orders. [*G* 30, *p.* 341.]

June 13. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations for South Wales. We find no returns as ordered in the Act from cos. Brecon, Glamorgan, and Radnor. You are to send up the names of some of those who neglect our orders, on oath being taken that they had notice, and we shall proceed as directed by Parliament. [*G* 30, *p.* 418.]

June 14. Nottingham. **30.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose the certificate of divers justices of the peace, verderers of Sherwood Forest, and other officers and gentlemen of this county, touching Fulwood, which, without any reason, has been endeavoured to be drawn to co. Derby, whereas

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by ancient records and other testimony, it is evident that it has been, and still is, in co. Notts. We therefore desire that however you dispose of the profits, whether to be managed by us or the Commissioners for co. Derby, you will not give them occasion by your order to entrench upon the rights of co. Notts, as they are very apt to do. With query as to what has been done on the letters to the County Committee for Derby. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

30. 1. *Certificate by Thos. Lindley J.P., and 23 others, that Fulwood Fields, now in question between the Commissioners for cos. Notts and Derby, are within the forest of Sherwood, and in co. Notts, as appears by an inquisition taken upon the oaths of a jury of both the counties in* 14 *Edw. III., as also by another taken in* 30 *Hen. VIII., both of which are now in the Exchequer; as also upon the experience of some of the deponents, who have been at the perambulation of the forest of Sherwood, and others who have known both assessments and tithes paid for the same to the parish of Sutton in Ashfield, co. Notts. June* 9, 1651. [1 *page.*]

June 14. Bristol. **31.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We send a survey of the delinquents' estates and two-third parts of such recusants' estates as are under sequestration, also an account of the old rents payable out of the several sequestered manors. There are other estates lately discovered, extended for debt or other incumbrances, which we have seized and secured. [¾ *page.*]

June 14. Bristol. **32.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We send herewith the accounts of the late Committee for Sequestrations here, and will levy for the arrears mentioned therein and pay them into your treasury. With notes for a reply. [1 *page.*]

June 16. Hereford. John Williams to Jas. Russell, one of the Committee for Compounding. Luke Hemings summons me before the Barons of Exchequer, and also some of the late Committee for Sequestrations and their officers, employed to secure his goods for a debt due on bond, and forfeit to the State. Pray file a bail for me, and search the office of the Exchequer pleas, and send me a copy of the charge. [*G* 157, *p.* 413.]

June 16. Chepstow. **33.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. We have endeavoured to inform ourselves of the true value of the estates of Papists and delinquents under sequestration, and have contracted for them for 7 years with those who offered the highest, having also posted them in the market towns, and enclose an account. The rent mentioned is clear from all incumbrances of thirds or fifths, annuities, or contributions, one tax now amounting to a fourth part of our estates in most parts of this county.

We have 1,000*l.* of the last account and some arrears, and desire order for its disposal; we doubt not shortly to have in as much more of this year's rents. If we might return this money by the agent for Ireland in Bristol, it would save charge and hazard. Many of the tenants have called for their leases, but we have delayed granting them until we have your confirmation of our contracts. [1 *page.*]

June 17. Order in the Committee for Compounding, that Rob. Massey is forthwith to repair to co. Lancaster, to execute his place as a Commissioner for Sequestrations there. [*G* 14, *p.* 165.]

June 17. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for London. We find you have forborne receiving the rents from some of the tenants of Ald. Bunce's sequestered estates because they were over-eased in their taxes. You are to receive rents and arrears, and make such allowance of taxes as other landlords do by order of Parliament. [*G* 30, *p.* 256.]

June 17. Haberdashers' Hall. **34, 35.** Committee for Compounding [to the county committees]. Enclosed are instructions for making leases after your contracts are confirmed by us; that they may be confirmed, you are to survey the sequestered estates, certify them according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and contract with those who will give most rent, the Commonwealth bearing the taxes.

Notwithstanding that our 40th instruction in page 8 provides that the answer to our letters and orders be returned according as they are directed

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to you from us, yet the answers to letters and orders which come from us as "Commissioners for Advance of Money" are returned to us as "Commissioners for Compounding," &c., and *vice versâ*, which is a great hindrance to our proceedings, we acting in a distinct capacity, and having distinct registers, the business which we now act being heretofore in the management of distinct committees.

We also find that our 47th instruction is not observed, but when certificates and depositions are returned, the parties have either had copies delivered them, or are privy to them, and the letters sent to or by the parties have been opened ere they come to our hands. This for the future you must prevent.

Pray return with all speed into our treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall what moneys remain in your hands, the Parliament's urgent occasions calling earnestly for the same, and send us certificates of yourselves and officers having taken the oath appointed by Act of 15 April 1650, that such certificates may remain upon record, and that we may appoint others in the place of those who have not duly taken the oath.

Take care not to discharge any estate from sequestration upon composition of the delinquent, except upon the particulars sent you with the letters of suspension or orders of discharge; if any case be not heard within the time limited by us, and an order be sent you from us to discharge the sequestration within a month after the expiration of such time limited, you are to proceed as if there had been no such order. [*Printed, with MS. signatures, 1¾ pages; also G 14, p.* 163.] *Enclosing,*

35. 1. *Form of an indenture of lease of the lands of delinquents by the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the county where they are situated.* [*Printed, 3½ pages.*]

June 17. Northwich. **36.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Last February we sent you examinations in the cases of five residents in Brereton, and desire to know if you have adjudged any of them delinquents, that we may proceed to sequester their estates; otherwise the profits of their lands for this year will be lost. Some of their lands lie void, none daring to meddle with them, nor are we empowered to let or dispose of them; if any do meddle with them, they will expect for their rent to be secured from danger by the power of Parliament. Noted to send the commissioners word which of the parties are yet unheard, and how far proceeded. [⅔ *page.*]

June 17. Northwich. **37.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We have hinted that the charges of levies and taxes lie very heavy upon estates in Chester City for this year. We have endeavoured in the bargains we have made to ease the State of them. There are only Col. Werden, [George] Hope, and Mr. Dichfield's estates in the city, which come to little more than 60*l.* a year, out of which we are to pay levies and taxes because we could not procure tenants in gross at a clear rent.

There is now a demand made of a late assessment upon all estates in the city for money that should have been paid the army in 1647, and since, which for the sequestered estates in the city comes to nearly 20*l.* Having paid all assessments hitherto, we scruple at payment of this so long due; we enclose you particulars of the demand, under the hands of two of the Militia Commissioners and the assessors, and desire your direction, as it is alleged that all friends and others who have any estates in the city must, and do pay it, and the like is expected, and that speedily, from sequestered estates. [We can pay no assessments backward further than 24 Dec. 1649. Therefore you must not let any arrears of levies be laid on or received from sequestered estates before that time.]

We have continued the sequestration upon the rectory of Great Budworth; shall we receive the rents and profits for the time past remaining in the tenants' hands, as without them we cannot pay any augmentations? We received the forms of leases, but no direction whether you intend them for all sequestered estates, as well under 20*l.* as above, or for one year or more, and whether we are to receive the rents, or the tenants are to pay them to your treasurers.

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[The leases are for one or seven years, and they are to receive the rents.] The passages between brackets are marginal notes of a reply. [2½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

37. 1. *Note by John Whittell and Saml. Buck, Commissioners for the Militia, that there is* 422*l.* 14*s.* 0*d. due for arrears for the first nine months' assessments for the army, which could not be collected on account of the sickness then in the city of Chester. That in Dec.* 1650, *there was an order of the Army Committee to pay off* 220*l. of these arrears, and that the assessments began in Feb.* 1647, *and the sickness broke out in June* 1647, *and continued the whole year.* [½ *page.*]

June 17. Report by Peter Brereton on the case of the Commissioners for the 4 Northern Counties.

That on 2 March 1649, Parliament ordered that all fines and compositions of old and new delinquents, in cos. Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and Durham, should be employed for paying and disbanding forces and other public charges there; and that Sir Hen. Vane, sen., Sir Arth. Hesilrigge, and others, should be a committee to deal with them according to rule, returning particulars to the Committee for Compounding to present to Parliament.

That in 25 Jan. 1650, the Committee for Compounding were given the disposal of all the sequestered estates, and on 15 April 1650, Sam. Moyer, Jas. Russell, and others were appointed commissioners thereon.

The query is, whether the power of the Northern Commissioners was ended by appointment of the other commissioners; if not, whether moneys should be paid to their receivers, or to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall; and if the latter, whether they should be employed for service of the Northern Counties, or whether the case should be referred to Parliament. [*G* 63, *p.* 775–777.]

June 18? [Committee for Compounding to the Barons of Exchequer.] Several cases have reached us in which your orders as Commissioners of Appeal, though long since granted, have not been prosecuted, and thus the delinquent enjoys his estate. We are bound by our trust to acquaint you therewith, and to desire you to insert a proviso in each order that you send to our registrar, that it be brought to us before it is sent into the country; for in many cases we have returns whereby we may discover the fraud or delay, and thus be able to proceed.

Your registrar has not returned us the certificates on the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and several delinquents are on appeal who were sequestered in 1645 and 1646. [*G* 129, *p.* 734. *Draft.*]

June 18. Committee for Compounding to Col. Pyne. Note of 4 lines in shorthand, relating to getting in the duplicates of the sequestrations in the county. [*G* 108, *p.* 1103.]

June 19. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that 9 cows distrained by Mr. Woodman, receiver of the Gurney House Trustees, from John Smith, for a rent of 10 qrs. of wheat payable out of the sequestered estate of the Bishop of Chichester, be returned, or good cause shown to the contrary, Mr. Smith not being as yet admitted tenant by the Committee for Compounding.

Order that the Essex Committee survey Newhall Manor, and certify what it is worth for a 7 years' lease, as park, pasture, or ploughed ground, and the state of the timber and deer. [*G* 14, *pp.* 163, 170.]

June 19. Certificate from the County Committee of Bedford to the Committee for Compounding, that the undersheriff has appointed a bailiff to the Bailiwick of Mashead Hundred, belonging to the Earl of Cleveland, but they have thought fit to appoint James Bull, who has long faithfully served the Parliament in arms, he being now married and settled in the county, and giving over his military employment, and they beg the Committee for Compounding to grant him a patent for holding the said office. With note that the Committee for Compounding approve what they have done. [*G* 146, *p.* 183.]

June 19. Pool. **38.** County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We have leased several tenements and parcels of land from the 25th of March last. Particulars of the leases. With note of reply, 8 July, that they

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are to certify whether they have viewed the above premises according to the Act and their instructions, when further order as to the confirmation of the contracts will be given. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 341.]

June 20. Note of rents and arrears for delinquents' estates owing to the State in Middlesex, London, &c.

	£	s.	d.
The Spanish ambassador, for a house of the Marquis of Winchester	3,000	0	0
Sir Robt. Parkhurst for part of the Glass House	30	0	0
The Lords Commissioners [of the Great Seal?] for the Duke of Buckingham's house at Chelsea	140	0	0
Sir Gilb. Pickering, for Walsingham House	80	0	0
[Hen.] Sealy for Lord Craven's house	30	5	0
Seymour Bowman, for the lands of Sir John Penruddock, recusant	154	17	4

[*G* 162, *p.* 495.]

June 23. Winchester. **39.** County Committee for Hants, to the Committee for Compounding. The estate of Prother Ellis having been seized for the State by Mr. Woodman, and not accounted for by him, it was appraised at 700*l.*, whereof we charged him to have received 323*l.*, the rest being in bonds and remaining in his hands. Pray take some effectual course for taking such money and bonds out of his hands. He has upwards of 2,000*l.* in hand, and we have lately made a new discovery of some of his receipts for money yet unaccounted for. [¾ *page.*]

June 24. Information by Thomas Fowle to the Committee for Compounding against Capt. John Burgess, of Bristol, that he associated with Cavaliers, favoured delinquents and malignants, opposed the militia, spoke ill of Col. Pyne and the county commissioners, and is a drunkard, swearer, and cheat, &c. [*G* 71, *pp.* 601, 602.]

June 24. Durham. **40.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We will pursue your instructions for leases, and are now viewing and surveying estates under sequestration. We have 3,000*l.* ready to pay in, and have written to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall for their assistance (being so far distant) for payment of it at Newcastle. We will observe your directions as to discharging estates. We have returned a certificate of our having taken the oath appointed by the Act of 15 April, as also of our clerk and agent having taken it. [1 *page.*]

[June 26.] Statement by Edw. Bowles of the case of — Forbes, a Scot, preacher at Newton, co. York. That he had an augmentation of 50*l.* a year from the tithes at Linton, paid till Michaelmas 1649. That in April or May 1650, he was obliged to leave by the Act ordering unlicensed Scots to depart the nation, and not knowing how to transport himself, Edw. Bowles and another of the parish allowed him the ½ year's maintenance ending 24 March 1650, he having taken pains in his place, and Parliament not passing the Act forbidding augmentations to non-engagers till May. Bond was given for restitution in case of disallowance to Mr. Rymer, the treasurer, who threatens to put it in execution, unless the Committee for Compounding allow of the 25*l.* so paid. Request for its allowance. [*G* 85, *p.* 790.]

June 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding granting the request, if the case be as informed.

Order that Auditor Sherwin state the case of John Woodman, he having answered the charge against him by the Commissioners of co. Hants, and certify; the commissioners to reply to his answer if they will. [*G* 14, *pp.* 180, 182.]

June 26. Committee for Compounding to Col. John Gorges and others of co. [Somerset]. On perusal of your papers and notice of your desires whilst with us, and your information of many in your county who have had their sequestrations taken off as being not worth 200*l.*, when their estates were worth much more, you are to re-sequester such estates, we having no power to grant discharges on that account, the pretended power being only proposals upon the treaty.

We hear your fellow-commissioner, Sam. Whetcomb, has not accounted for the sequestration moneys in his hands, though commissioners are not to act unless

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they make up their accounts within 20 days after receipt of their commission. You must therefore tell him to forbear acting till he has perfected his accounts. We have suspended Mr. Burgess as agent, unless he clear himself from the charge against him. [*G* 36, *p.* 194.]

June 26. Committee for Compounding to Hugh Audly and — Harvey. You are to appear before us on Friday to give an account touching your arresting Sir Ben. Rudyard, who is attending a cause depending before us, on his coming hither. [*G* 36, *p.* 194.]

June 26. Knutsford. **41.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. Touching leases to be made, you direct us to contract with those who will give the most rent, and the Commonwealth to bear taxes, but your former directions to us were to set all estates for clear rents, which we have done for this year.

We have observed your 19th instruction, only sometimes we have enclosed a letter to you as Committee for Advance of Money, and at other times as Committee for Compounding, as we did in ours of the 17th inst., concerning the inhabitants of Brereton, to which we desire speedy answer. As to delivering copies of examinations to delinquents, we are no ways blameworthy, nor shall merit it for the future, nor trust delinquents with the carriage of letters; we will return all moneys as they come to hand. We hope the arrears will be speedily got in, which, with the Midsummer rents, we will quickly send up. [1⅛ *pages.*]

June 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding, appointing Edw. Freeman, of Gray's Inn, steward of the courts of sequestered estates in cos. Hereford and Worcester. [*G* 12, *p.* 255.]

Capt. Hen. Appleton of the Leopard to have a buck out of one of the sequestered parks of Lord Dunbar. [*G* 14, *p.* 165.]

June 28. York. **42.** County Committee for Yorkshire to the Committee for Compounding. We have received and will observe your obstructions for demising delinquents' lands for the future. [½ *page.*]

June 30. **43.** Sir Wm. Boteler to the Committee for Compounding. I have lately received a letter from the present County Commissioners for Bedford, which I have appointed Mr. Lloyd to present to you for your orders. When I attended you 12 months since, I received your directions only to return them the rent rolls and particulars concerning those estates which were sequestered by us, and how long they had been sequestered, with some other particulars for which I immediately gave directions, and which rest only with Capt. Smith, our former sequestrator, to give satisfaction in. As for the records, &c., in our hands, which these gentlemen require, and which we only keep for our justification, you then declared it was not your intention to take them from us, but that the present commissioners should have a perusal and transcripts of them as they might desire, which they have always had when they sent for them.

I beg that the gentlemen of the former committee may not be exposed to the pleasure of the present commissioners, and that if there be any supposed default, we may be answerable for it before you, to whose sentence we shall readily submit. We performed very faithful service without any expectation of reward, and are confident there is not so ill a return in store for us as to be fined without cause, and without being heard in our defence. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

43. I. *Committee for Sequestrations, co. Bedford, to the late County Committee. We have often been desired by the Committee for Compounding to request you to deliver up to us all records, rent-rolls, evidences, and papers in your possession which concern sequestrations, but none of them have as yet been returned; we likewise acquainted you that we were commanded to levy* 20*l. upon every member of the former committee for his default, which must be forthwith done, if they are not speedily delivered, and we question whether the commissioners will be satisfied without levying the aforesaid penalty, though the papers be at this time delivered in, as the time prefixed for it is long since expired. We therefore entreat you to no longer defer to satisfy us therein.*

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With note of reply by the Committee for Compounding, that it is not their intention to impose the fine if the work is done; that the original records are not desired, but only recourse to and transcripts of them when required; and that if Capt. Smith was a sequestrator, and has not accounted, they are to fine him, or any other who has received moneys of the Parliament, and not accounted after notice. [1 *page.*]

June 30. Northwich. **44.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We received your order of the 3rd instant in the case of Sam. Aston, son of Sir Arthur Aston, of Cattenhall, a deceased Papist and delinquent, directing us to allow him and his sisters a fifth part of the Cattenhall estate, now under sequestration, but which—by your order of 14 Nov. 1650, in the case of Lieut. Col. Gilbert Gerard, who holds the said estate,—you prohibit, and we are not thereby to distrain for the rent, or empowered to receive the same until the pleasure of the Parliament is known; the rent therefore remains in Col. Gerard's hands. [The Committee for Compounding will consider what is to be done herein, and in the meantime Col. Gerard is to pay the fifth part to the children.]

We have received order from the Council of State to desist from meddling with the estates of those gentlemen whom they had formerly ordered us to seize and secure; as also a like order in the case of [John] Shalcross; but we forbear to give any discharge as to his estate, because we had order from you to seize and secure it.

We are importuned by the tenants, to whom the Dee Mills, in Chester, belonging to Sir Fras. Gamul, delinquent, are let for 226*l.* clear rent for one year (the Dean and Chapter's rent, Mr. Cotton, a Papist's fee-farm rent, and Lady Gamul's fifth part out of the same excepted), to inform you that they complain that the levies and taxes charged upon the rent in the city, being above 4*l.* a month, will be very heavy for them to pay besides the rent, and they will be great losers unless you order some allowance out of their rent. As we have no power to make any abatement after a bargain made and returned to you, we commend their request to you, and desire your answer.

With marginal notes of reply, 9 July. You must see that the sequestered rents are not overcharged more than other rents of private men. The Dean and Chapter's rent, the fee farm, and the fifths must bear their proportion of the taxes. As yet it is not the proper time for us to determine, but you are to observe the directions herein given, and in due time, if requisite, we shall further consider of it. [1 *page; also G* 30, *pp.* 91, 92.]

[June.] Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancaster. Notes of cases. We cannotallow the abatements you request for tenants holding at rack rents. As to the disturbance made by the receivers of the public revenue on the State's tenants, you are not to allow them to receive the rents unless they are allowed here, and you are to defend any tenants who are disturbed, and return the names of the disturbers. [*G* 30, *p.* 209.]

June. Note by John Browne and Alex. Roberts of 6 leases of delinquents' estates in co. Kent, made before the order of 30 Aug. 1650, of 4 not yet sealed, made in Nov. 1650, and of 3 made March and June 1651. [*G* 158, *pp.* 259–266.]

July 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on information that there is a study of books and a horse belonging to Capt. [Silas] Titus, now with the King of Scotland in Scotland not yet seized, that they be secured and appraised, and that the landlord of the King's Arms in Holborn, who has the horse, be indemnified for delivering it up. [*G* 14, *p.* 185.]

July 1. Preston. **45.** County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. There being an arrear of 160*l.* owing to the State by Major Joseph Rigby, for some sequestered estates formerly farmed by him, and the collectors for sequestrations having directions to distrain for the same, when going to make a distress, they were assaulted and beaten, and forced to fly, to the endangering of their lives. This may tend to the great prejudice of the State, he being one of the Commissioners for the Militia in this county, if some course be not taken for

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making an example of the offenders. With note that a warrant is to be drawn up for a serjeant to apprehend him at the Holy Lamb, behind St. Clement's. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

45. I. *Deposition of James Crichlowe, Eccleston, co. Lancaster, husbandman, that he, with Thurstan Crichlowe and Rich. Woods, by order of James Smith, agent for Amoundernes Hundred, went to the house of Major Rigby, to distrain for* 160*l.*, *when he told them if they did not go away he would mount his horse and charge them with pistols; and thereupon Rigby stabbed deponent in the breast, and Woods twice in the right arm, and beat deponent, and all that went with him, off the ground. Preston, Mar.* 22, 1651. [1 *page, copy.*]

45. II. *Deposition of Rich. Woods of Eccleston, co. Lancaster, to similar effect. Rigby, with* 8 *or* 9 *of his servants, assaulted them and threatened to kill them; and being armed with pikes, swords, &c., they wounded deponent very dangerously, and he was not able to work for a month. Preston, 4 June* 1651. [1 *page, copy.*]

July 1. Preston. **46.** County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. We find on perusal of the orders of the late committee, that James Postlethwaite and other inhabitants of Dalton, Lindell, and Marton, were committed to the marshal's custody for nonpayment of their tithes, then under sequestration for delinquency of John Preston; and that Postlethwaite, and Thomas Medcalfe, then mayor of Lancaster, Thomas Shaw, minister of Aldingham, John Jackson, John Sharpe, and James and Robert Sanderson, engaged themselves by a writing dated 25 Dec. 1645, for payment of 500*l.* then due for the tithes on 25 Jan. then next, the rent due to the late King, and the salary to the minister at Dalton being first deducted.

In performance thereof, James and Robert Sanderson paid 119*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*, being their proportion of the said arrears due from the inhabitants of Marton and Lindell, but the inhabitants of Dalton being still in arrear for the remainder of the 500*l.*, we ordered your agent for that hundred to distrain the goods of the undertakers for payment; upon his distraining some cattle of James Postlethwaite, and driving them away, Postlethwaite, with a great number of persons, pursued the agent and his assistants 8 miles, set upon them and disarmed them, and took the cattle back. Thereupon we applied to Maj. Gen. Harrison, who promised a party of horse to fetch them in; but he being called away suddenly, could not perform it. Let Postlethwaite and the other principal actors be sent for by a special messenger, to appear before you to answer their contempt, or let some other exemplary course be taken for their punishment, whereby others may be deterred from the like attempts. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

46. I. *Depositions proving the forcible rescue of the said cattle.* 6—28 *May* 1651. [3½ *pages.*]

July 2. County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. In the case of Sampson Hele, now before you [as Committee for Advance of Money], his brother Thomas has accused us of corruption in taking money to defray our heavy charges in attending those tedious examinations. Before his case came on, we groaned under the burden of going from place to place to hear appeals, doing the enemy's work at our own charge, and often asked orders but got none. At Hele's request, we went to Exeter, were there 9 or 10 days, and Thomas was so active in excusing his brother of malignancy and making him out a zealot for Parliament, that we feared his tampering with the witnesses. When the business was ended, Hele gave us 40*s.* each for our expenses, which we said we would take with your leave; but as you disallowed it, we sat down contented and never touched a penny. [*G* 152, *p.* 397.]

July 2. **47.** Depositions before Thos. Monings and Alex. Roberts, Sequestration Commissioners for Kent, to prove that Thos. Grey, glazier, of St. Dunstan's, near Canterbury, and Abraham Upton of Kent, threatened to procure the sequestration of Hen. Paramore and Thos. Joyce of Whitstable, on private quarrels against them. [*Also G* 158, *pp.* 215, 216.]

July 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding to Wm. Hale or Thos. Hamersley, messenger, to take Henry Cooper into custody for detaining the rents of Oundle Manor. [*G* 14, *p.* 192.]

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July 4. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Notts. We have received a certificate from justices of the peace, ministers, and others living near Fulwood Fields, that it is in co. Derby, and has always paid taxes at Normanton. One of the county committee certifies the same, and as the county committee have much advanced the rent, you are to forbear meddling with it, let the County Committee for Derby dispose of it as formerly, and account for your receipts. Pay them for the timber you have felled and sold, and they will account to us for all the wood. [*G* 30, *p.* 323.]

July 4. Maidstone. Note by John Thatcher, clerk to the County Committee for Kent, of discharges granted by the Committee for Compounding in Kent. With note that they were long since returned to the Committee for Compounding by the late County Committee for Kent. [*G* 173, *p.* 741.] *Annexing,*

List of discharges as follows, all in G 173:—

I. *Rich. Masters, East Langdon, indemnified as having deserted before the coming down of the propositions for indemnity by the Earl of Thanet,* 19 *Aug.* 1648. [*Page* 743.]

II. *Rich. Jacob indemnified as having deserted the revolted ships before they went to Holland,* 31 *Aug.* 1648. [*Page* 759.]

III. *Arnold Brames, to pay* 800*l. and have his estate discharged, except some corn, and horses sold by the county committee to John Pollen for* 150*l., of which Brames is to pay* $\frac{1}{6}$, *if Pollen will relinquish his bargain; also Brames is to produce a judgment of* 620*l. due to Isaac le Gay, or pay in addition* $\frac{1}{6}$ *of the* 620*l.,* 20 *Sept.* 1648. [*Page* 745.]

IV. *Sir Hen. Palmer, discharged on fine of* 300*l.,* 11 *Jan.* 1649. [*Page* 751.]

V. *John Loome, jurat of Dover, discharged, the proof against him being insufficient,* 4 *July* 1649. [*Page* 753.]

The other persons named as discharged on compositions occur in the following list.

VI. *Note from Thatcher to Capt. John Browne, London, sending up copies of these papers,* 13 *Jan.* 1652. [*Page* 763.]

July 4. Names of delinquents who compounded with the late County Committee of Kent for their delinquency, with the amounts of their several fines.

		£
Appledore	Rob. Kennard	20
	John Hall	15
	Edm. Watts	20
Ashe	Thos. Peake	250
	Step. Solley	46
Ashford	Thos. Taylor	16
Aylesford	John Fowle	15
	James Richaut	10
	James Taylor	120
Aynesford	Wm. Paine	20
Barham	Step. Hobdee	50
	Rich. Hobdee	80
Beaksbourne	Thos. Harfleet	700
	Thos. Everard	30
	Sir Hen. Palmer	300
	Lewis Stockett	245
	George Chute	200
Bersted	Thos. Harlackendane	20
Bethersden	Fras. Whitfield	80
	James Bateman	16
Bexley	Sir Thos. Clarke	6
	George Cooke	150
	Hen. Bowyer	10
Birchington	Percival Turner	14
Blackheath	John Lock	5
Borden	Simon Greenstreet	20
Boughton	John Wybourne	40
	Reginald Shrubsole	6

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			£
Bourne	-	Sir Ant. Aucher - - - -	700
Braborn	-	John Wimble - - - - -	14
Bredgar	-	Thos. Fearne - - - - -	100
Bredgate	-	Jas. Tong, sen. & jun., and Thos. Tong of Tunstall - -	300
Brensett	-	John Heffenden - - - -	10
Bridge	-	Arnold Brames [*see p.* 745.] - - -	800
Bromley	-	Rob. Gransden - - - -	10
		Nich. Gardiner - - - -	10
Brook	-	John Chittenden - - - -	5
Brookland	-	Rob. May - - - - -	60
		John Owens - - - - -	50
Burmarsh	-	Ed. Harrison - - - - -	10
Calehill	-	Sir John Dorrell - - - -	400
		Ed. Dorrell - - - - -	250
Canterbury	-	Wm. Russell - - - - -	20
		Edw. Roberts - - - - -	300
		Mainwaring Hamond - - - -	80
		Edw. Masters - - - - -	400
		Sir Wm. Man - - - - -	500
		Thos. Hardress - - - -	15
		Jos. Roberts - - - - -	16
		Godfrey Pyard - - - -	10
		Avery Hills - - - - -	20
		Rich. Piseing - - - - -	10
		Robt. Turner - - - - -	7
		Fras. Vincent - - - -	20
		Dudley Wild - - - - -	30
		John Pownall - - - - -	20
		John Sloeman - - - - -	40
		Sir James Hales - - - -	350
		Edw. Pyard - - - - -	20
		George Austen - - - -	7
		Jos. Colfe - - - - -	113
Challock	-	Thos. Farbrace - - - -	68
		John Gyles - - - - -	100
		Thos. Hawker - - - - -	5
Charing	-	John Mors - - - - -	8
Chart (Great)	-	George Best - - - - -	400
Chartham	-	Francis Lovelace - - - -	50
		James Kent - - - - -	96
Chatham	-	Henry Thompson - - - -	140
Cheriton	-	Zouch Brockman - - - -	367
		Sir Wm. Brockman - - - -	500
Chilham	-	Thos. Osbourne - - - -	138
Chislett	-	John Bettenham - - - -	40
		Stephen Knowler - - - -	50
		Jarvase Rose - - - - -	25
		Edw. Huffam - - - - -	131
Cobham	-	Hen. Haslyn - - - - -	250
Dartford	-	Thos. Thistleton - - - -	50
Davington	-	John Bode - - - - -	70
Ditton	-	Wm. Brewer - - - - -	100
Dover	-	Nich. Roberts - - - -	50
		Peter Nepeu [*see p.* 747.] - - -	100
		Edw. Ranger [*see p* 757.] - - -	20
		John Goulder [*see p.* 761.] - - -	50
		Robt. Valley - - - - -	10
		George West [*see p.* 755.] - - -	40
		Michael Page - - - - -	13
East Malling	-	James Fletcher - - - -	100
		Wm. Burgess - - - - -	30

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		£
East Malling	Stephen Tomlyn	5
Eastry	John Austen	40
Egerton	Thos. Deering	50
Elham	Matth. Court	60
	Edw. Hogbin	80
	Rich. Harbert	15
	Wm. Tucker	140
	John Ginger	10
Elmstead	John Heywood	500
Erith	Wm. Hobbs	40
Farnborough	Philip Cooper	5
Faversham	John Cassock	300
	John Knowler	150
	John Upton	100
	Thos. Napleton	250
	Boys Owre	200
	John Preston	50
	Edw. Hales	40
	Nich. Wade	80
	John Kennet	18
Fordwich	Thos. Bix	40
	Ed. Young	34
Goodnestone	Jeremy Gay	20
Greenwich	Wm. Deane	25
	Robert Smith	20
	And. Coggan	150
	John Faucett	40
Harby	Thos. Smith	47
	Wm. Rigden	30
Hardress (Nether)	Sir Rich. Hardress	400
Harrietsham	John Francis	60
Hinksell	Kenneth Buck	60
	Thos. Buck	100
Hollingbourn	Rich. Ashby	20
	Wm. Reynolds	100
Kingsnorth	Humphrey Masters	40
Kingstone	Anth. Thompson	135
Knowlton	Sir Thos. Peyton	900
Leigh	Wm. Saxby	80
Lenham (East)	Capt. Robert Pordage	12
Linsted	Wm. Huggessen	600
	Edw. Platt	7
Lyming	Robt. Lushington	27
	Wm. Rigden	80
	Wm. Wellings	44
Maidstone	John Maplisden	100
	Ed. Maplisden	40
	Ambrose Beale	80
	Robt. Brooke	20
	John Harris	49
	John Bailey	20
	George Tomlyn	10
	John Best	226
	Rich. Hodges	20
	Thos. Hall	10
Marden	Thos. Swift	40
Mersham	Robt. Lobb	16
	Wm. Punnett	20
Milton	John Head	13
	Thos. Browne	20
Minster	Stephen Sayer	20
Monkton	George Skinner	114

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Northbourne	Thos. Marsh	65
Nunington	Anth. Hammond	640
Ospringe	John Platt	10
	Thos. Pordage	30
	John Pordage	30
	John Napleton	40
Oure	John Gates	40
Patrixbourne	John Reader	7
	Robt. Bargrave	350
	Thos. Taylor	10
Peckham (East)	Thos. Summers	7
Peckham (West)	Thos. Stanley	300
Pluckley	Henry Bettenham	3
	John Pell	50
	Wm. Post	70
Postling	John Turney	47
	Thos. Ireland	16
Preston	James Love	24
Reddered	John Jesson	20
Ripple	John Gooking	30
Rochester	Peter Stowell	10
	Barnabas Walsall	20
	Alex. Dirkin	100
	Zacheus Ivett	10
	Rich. Head	10
	Francis Clarke	200
	George May	10
	George Newman	700
	Rich. Lee, jun.	250
	Robt. Fowler	10
	James Newman	30
	John Walker	7
	Henry Wryothsley	20
	Edw. Whitton	10
	Henry Dirkin	5
	Morrice Eady	20
	Wm. Cobham	35
Rothered, or Sevenoaks	Ralph Petley	300
St. Clere	Sir Isaac Sedley	150
	Sir John Sedley	20
Sandwich	Phineas Elwood	40
	Rich. Selwyn	40
	George Wood, senior	40
Sarr	Rich. Hatcher	15
Selling	Robt. Thomas	40
	Rich. Spooner	10
Sevenoaks	John Farnabye	120
Shepherdswould	Wm. Merriwether	150
Sheppey Isle	Henry Ruffine	300
	Ralph Jeffery	150
	Henry Stringer	50
	Ralph Shields	15
	George Swan	250
	John Tice	66
	Sam. Carden	60
Sittingbourne	Silvester Harlackendane	50
	Rich. Jennings	14
	Thos. Bewty	7
	John Dade	6
Smarden	Robt. Pell	10
Snave	Thos. Brett	80

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Stanford	Wm. Smith	115
Stephens (St.)	Sir Christopher Harfleet	250
Stockbury	Wm. Knight	40
	John Knight	20
Stone	Capt. John Ware	400
	Rich. Lake	60
	John Allen	100
Stroud	John Woodgreen	100
Swingfield	John Symonds	150
Teynhan	Stephen Grimsell	12
Thanet Isle	Capt. Sandwell	80
	John Saunders	10
	Henry Pettit	400
	Thos. Quilter	10
	Sam. Morton	20
	Henry Parnell	40
	Wm. Clun	7
	Mark Ambrose	10
Tonge	Mark Finch	20
Trapham	John Solley	50
Trowleigh	Matt. Bunce	200
Tunstall	Edw. Hales	2000
Uffington	Christopher Boys	30
Westbere	Thos. Gilbert	300
West Cliffe	Thos. Gibbon	100
	Thos. Gibbon, sen. [*see p.* 749.]	200
Westenhanger	John Dawson	60
	James Jones	30
Westerham	Edmund Thomas	20
	Bryant Burton	20
	Thos. Lambarde	200
	Thos. Deane	10
Wickham (East)	John Smith	100
	Thos. Leigh	300
Willsborough	Edmund Sheafe	50
Wingham	Sir Thos. Palmer	1000
	Hen. Oxinden	20
Wittersham	Rich. Wells	50
Woolwich or Charlton	Hen. Gilbourne	160
	John Sturgeon	20
Word	John Paramore	100
Wormshill	John Bateman	100
Wye	Thos. Belke	80
	Percival Brett	15
Place not named.—		
	Nath. Besbeech	100
	Zachary Ware	20
	Thos. Knatchbull	160
	Thos. Southland	500
	Thos. Courthopp	300
	Wm. Norton	100
	Wm. Kingsley	50
	Gibbon Hawker	300
	Nevil Haull	200
	James Dorrell	50
	Philemon Pownall	70
	Wm. Rooke	50
	Edw. Diggs	50
	Wm. Warham	15
	Christ. Wood	30
	Mr. George	25

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July 4. Places not named.—(*cont.*)

	£
Walter Brames - - - - -	250
Rich. Hulse - - - - -	80
Marvin Walker - - - -	19
John Brodnax - - - - -	10
George Bettenham - - - -	15
Wm. Sawkins - - - - -	300
Alex. Norwood - - - - -	150

[*G* 173, *pp.* 765–783.]

July 4. Nottingham. **48.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We received your letters and instructions for making leases, to view and survey sequestered estates, and contract with those who will give the most rent, bearing the taxes, but we had long since done so, and certified you thereon, and posted up in several places the rent at which lands and tenements were to be let, and when, and where, and that whosoever would give most should have a demise for 7 years. We have returned all the money in our hands.

John Hough, our agent, and John Baker, our assistant, have taken the oath appointed by the Act. We will observe your directions in proceeding upon sequestrations suspended, if, within a month after the expiration of the time limited, an order of discharge is not produced. Nicholas Newton of Mansfield, and Joseph Curtis of Norwell, were summoned before us to testify as to the truth of some informations respecting delinquents' estates, but absolutely refused to give any evidence.

We request your answer to our last respecting Fulwood Fields, in difference between us and the County Committee for Derby, which it is evident, both by ancient records and the testimony of aged men, are in County Notts. [1 *page.*]

July 4. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Derby. We are fully satisfied that Fulwood Fields are within your county, and desire you to dispose of them to the best advantage, and to take account of timber sold. We have written to the County Committee for Notts, directing them not to trouble you further therein, and to account to you for the money received from the sale of wood. Send the money as soon as you can, by reason of Parliament's urgent occasions for it. [*G* 30, *p.* 28.]

July 5. York. Clement Reed to Thomas Bayley. I send you as promised copies of the propositions, and what was done last Easter term when I was in London, and in the name of the County Committee [for York], I beg your remembrance of those propositions I left with you; there is much haste about the fee-farm rents and the rest. The commissioners and treasurer here wish you to tell the Committee for Compounding that they have 5,000*l.* in hand, which they would gladly pay or return when they receive orders. [*G* 172, *p.* 581.]

[July 5.] County Committee for Suffolk, to the Committee for Compounding. We have your letter, with the printed instructions for making leases, but we want confirmation of those made on our late instructions, which have been before you since Easter, and which we entreat you to hasten, as we are called on for them. [*G* 169, *p.* 129.]

July 5. Winton. County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Having posted Long Parish Farm, sequestered from Sir Edward Nicholas, Leonard Green, the tenant, who has been a soldier for Parliament, bid 130*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, but Thomas Webb of Porton, co. Wilts, 131*l.* We think it hard to turn out the tenant for a difference of 15*s.*, which he is willing to make good, but we cannot do otherwise by our instructions. [*G* 167, *p.* 593.]

July 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding on the above letter, that Long Parish Farm be granted to Leonard Green, the present tenant, who bids 131*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.*, free from taxes, he having his stock thereon, and having been in arms for Parliament. This is not to be a precedent for the future.

With letter to the County Committee of Hants accordingly. 10 June. [*G* 30, *p.* 405.]

Order confirming a Parliament order given of 4 July 1651,—that the arrears of rent due to the State from James Nelthrop, for lands lately belonging to Thos. Becket, delinquent, which he holds on lease from the county committee, be discharged from payment of rent, and that he have the benefit thereof till they are sold by the contractors. [*G* 14, *pp.* 193, 194; 107, *p.* 551.]

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July 8. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Surrey. We confirm your contract with Mr. Bayles for Edw. Southcott's estate. Directions in cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 441.]

July 8. Winton. **48A.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Having posted the estates mentioned in the enclosed particulars, and agreed to let the same for 7 years, we desire your confirmation thereof. We have received the power to hold courts and grant estates; we have so done on the estate of Richard Cotton, in Bedhampton, the tenants whereof earnestly press for your confirmation, that they may manage their husbandry to the best advantage, they being loth to hazard charge before they stand upon certain terms. Confirmed 23 July. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 405.]

July 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding to the Chief Ranger of Caversham, Oxon, to permit — Plead and Phil. Starkey, to view the deer in the park, and certify. Also to deliver a fat buck to the bearer, and one to Henry Nevill, M.P. [*G* 14, *p.* 196; 72, *p.* 1005.]

July 9. Whitehall. Pres. John Bradshaw to his cousin Peter Brereton, Gray's Inn. I understand by Col. Crowne, who is brother-in-law to Col. Mackworth, governor of Shrewsbury, and one of the Commissioners for co. Salop, that Mr. Broom, his fellow-commissioner, is lately dead, and it is desired that Mr. Moseley, town clerk of Shrewsbury, may be added in his room. He is a person whom you and I know to be sufficient, and he would not decline the place. I therefore desire you to propound him. With note of his appointment, July 22. [*G* 115, *p.* 349.]

July 10. John Dury to the Committee for Compounding. Having enquired who are fit for your service in Devonshire, I recommend—

Major Edw. Ford, Ilsington;
Capt. Wm. Sunter, Collumpton;
Capt. Rob. Ridler, St. Thomas' parish;
Capt. Fras. Rolle, Exeter;
Sam. Slade, late commissary to Col. Gould, Exeter;
Nich. Eveleigh, Exeter, customer;

men of good report, abilities, and affection to the State. The justices and knowing men in these parts would inform you concerning them, and as to which would be most willing to be employed. The 4 first are thought most likely. He who named them to me is no relation to any of them, and has no other design than to advance the public good by reforming your subordinate agents, that your just orders may be duly executed. [*G* 81, *pp.* 524, 525.]

July 10. Newcastle. **49.** Henry Horsley to the Committee for Compounding. Being appointed treasurer for Northumberland, and having received 4,000*l.*, I want to send it, but cannot get it to London unless I give the merchants two per cent., and sending it by sea is hazardous. I desire you to get a bill of exchange for it from Sir John Wollaston, Major Rich. Salway, Stephen Estwicke, or Rich. Waring, at London, and charge it upon the rest of our commissioners and myself, and we will pay it here by your order. [¾ *page.*]

July 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the chief ranger of Caversham Park, Oxon, deliver the bearer one brace of very fat bucks of this season, fairly killed, for which he is to pay the commissioners. [*G* 14, *p.* 203.]

July 11. Preston. County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Mr. Ambrose has got to his accounts more seriously, and has promised not to leave off till they are perfected, which will be, he says, in two months. They would be delayed if we imprisoned him. After he has brought them in, you can dispose of him as you see cause. [Wm. Siddon to appear on Tuesday, and bring in the books wherein Mr. Ambrose is concerned. Ambrose's restraint to be respited on security for his forthcoming.]

We want commissions for John Case to be agent in part of Derby Hundred, and Rich. Whitehead in Lonsdale Hundred, in place of Capt. Adam Sands, who gave up 6 months since.

We have ordered levying the arrears on Col. Standish, but do not think it needful to complain to the Lord-General, as he has since been discharged, and is at his own house.

It is true we wrote to Rob. Massey, refusing to act with him as commissioner, but we conferred with him in private, and showed him other reasons, which we did not chose to write, he being a tradesman, and living on credit. We thought

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he would have been satisfied, but as he proceeds, we shall one of us come up with the accounts, and speak to you about him.

P.S.—Are we to secure the estates here of those gentlemen who still continue in places of trust in the Isle of Man, under the Earl of Derby?

With marginal notes of reply, 30 July. As we wish to give all reasonable liberty to Mr. Ambrose to make up his accounts, we respite for 2 months the restraint ordered on his person, on good security for his forthcoming. We send you commissions for John Case and Rich. Whitehead to act as agents *pro tempore*, in place of Ambrose and Capt. Adam Sands. We approve what you have done about Col. Standish.

We cannot revoke our order for Mr. Massey to act without some good reason, and therefore unless one of you comes up speedily as we expect, to perfect your accounts, send up in writing what you have against him. If you have proof of the gentlemen you wrote of being in the Isle of Man, you are to secure their estates, and to sequester them unless they appear to answer in 10 days. [*G* 159, *pp.* 127, 128; *also* 30, *p.* 210.]

July 12. Exeter. **50.** John Serle and Rich. Clapp to the Committee for Compounding. When all other commissioners for this service forsook it, we took it up, not eyeing the wages, but the necessity of the work; yet our endeavours seem to merit nothing but the admittance of a charge of corruption; and because the party and his friends are not pleased, we must be branded with strictness, so that the case may be re-examined. It will not be displeasing to us to see your work done by better hands, and we being thus branded, you may well wonder we meddle further in it.

Here are at present 300 persons in the condition of seizing, securing, and sequestering, and many coming in daily on new discoveries, though the prosecutors have little or no encouragement; there have been many packets of great concern sent you within these two months, which have not been acknowledged.

Three weeks have been spent in keeping courts, with one, and sometimes two of us, constantly waiting, for which an allowance is uncertain. In surveys and letting of lands, we appeal to your judgments as to the improvements, and if the business is continued with us it will be more orderly directed; but for any parties to have knowledge or copies of depositions or certificates, we utterly deny it except what you ordered in favour to Sir George Chudleigh.

We have returned all moneys received, and the little now here had been with you, but the merchants have of late been shy to take it, and to send it by the carrier would be expensive and dangerous.

Particulars of receipts from estates. We have made [Nich.] Tripp, now acting with us, our treasurer.

With notes of reply 30 July. We will always own your good service, and though we cannot refuse to admit complaints, we will examine them strictly, and take care to prevent injury, in person or reputation, to those employed. We cannot find any of your letters with us unanswered. We will endeavour to reward prosecutors and discoverers, when the persons are adjudged. Directions in cases. We leave the choice of treasurer entirely to you. [1½ *pages; also* *G* 30, *p.* 36.] *Enclosing,*

50. I. *Notes of three contracts for estates.* [½ *page.*]

July 16. **51.** Act for the sale of the lands and estates of 73 persons named, forfeited to the Commonwealth for treason, assigning them in trust to Wm. Skinner, Wm. Robinson, Sampson Sheffield, Sam. Gooking, Hen. Sealy, Wm. Lisle, and Art. Samuel, to dispose of them to the best advantage. All persons claiming rights thereon to prove them before Lislebone Long, and 48 others, being a committee for removing obstructions in the sale. [9½ *pages printed.*] Also

Instructions to be observed and form of oath to be taken by the surveyors, trustees, registrars, treasurers, comptroller, &c. Parliament needing money, 250,000*l.* is to be borrowed on security of these lands by way of doubling on public faith bills, &c., or on interest at 8 per cent. With numerous provisoes in individual cases relative to charges on the said estates. [49¾ *pages, printed.*]

July 16. Sir Hen. Vane, jun., to the Committee for Compounding. My father writes me that the sequestration commissioners press for the moneys to be paid in from farms

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in Pierce Bridge and Houghton, out of which fee-farm rents arise to me, and increase rents to my father. You have granted an order for mine, which I dare not send down till the other is perfected, lest I should be thought to mind myself more than him in his absence, which truly I desire not to do. I send this bearer with a certificate from the auditor, which I hope will satisfy you about my father's rents, which I can testify he has had many years, ever since his purchase from the city. He thinks it hard to be debarred from his own, and to be so long before he can get remedy. [1 *page, holograph; G* 125, *p.* 649.] *Annexing,*

I. *County Committee of Durham to Sir Henry Vane* [*sen.*], *Raby Castle. We are not to allow any rents from sequestered estates without order from the Committee for Compounding. Please to procure one for your rents out of Mr. Witham's lands, Pierce Bridge, and John Bradshaw's, Houghton, and let your receiver allow your tenant the monthly assessments. 9 June* 1651, *Durham.* [*G* 125, *p.* 647.]

II. *Certificate by Auditor Nich. Spackman of the grant by the late King of the said rents to Edw. Ditchfield and other citizens of London, who assigned them to Sir Hen. Vane, sen.* 11 *July* 1651. [*G* 125, *p.* 645.]

July 16. Order in the Committee for Compounding, that Sir Henry Vane, sen., enjoy the said rents, and that the county committee forbear to receive them, and discharge them from sequestration.

Order that Richard Chamberlain, late clerk of the Court of Wards, give account of what compositions for wardship were made at Oxford, and deliver up the contracts, writings, &c., made during the late King's being there. [*G* 14, *pp.* 206, 207.]

July 17. Order in the Committee for Compounding,—on information by John Thurloe, that several persons, on pretence of estates granted them by the co. Committee of Gloucester, parcels of the manors of Tydenham and Wollaston, which by Act of Parliament are granted to Lord General Cromwell, continue to hold possession thereof, because at the taking of those grants, they entered into bond to the said commissioners to pay the sums agreed for on their contracts, which bonds are now prosecuted by the commissioners, to the great prejudice of his lordship;—that the county commissioners return the bonds, with copies of the contracts, to the Committee for Compounding, and that they and all others surcease further proceedings.

Order that the Committee of co. Oxon enter Caversham Park, sequestered from Lord Craven, survey it, certify its worth, the value of the timber, number of the deer, &c. [*G* 14, *pp.* 208, 210.]

July 17. Armourers' Hall. **52.** County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. We have surveyed and let the following:—

	Late Rent.	Present Rent.
House in Cateaton Street, sequestered from Anne Crompton, recusant, to Mr. Dixon	22*l.*	15*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*
House in Goldsmiths' Alley, sequestered from Fras. Simpson, delinquent, to Mr. Clarke	8*l.*	5*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*
House in Leadenhall Street, sequestered from Lord Craven, to Mr. Leming	26*l.*	19*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

We have also requested several persons to take up their leases already granted, but they decline unless they are satisfied as to the amount of the taxes, which have lately increased from 60,000*l.* to 120,000*l.* a month, and may yet be higher. We let the houses to the utmost value, and shall hardly get the same rent again. [1 *page.*]

July 17. **53.** Queries of the County Committee for Middlesex and Westminster to the Committee for Compounding.

1. They desire an order for confirmation of their contracts.

2. To know what to do as to the rent in arrear from Lord Howard for Wallingford House, sequestered from the Duke of Buckingham.

3. What to do concerning Walsingham House, also sequestered from the Duke of Buckingham, wherein Sir Gilbert Pickering lives, pretending it belongs to Whitehall.

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4. Whether they should not have the counterparts of the leases and bonds which the Committee for Compounding have made, of several tenements situated within their jurisdiction, so as to know how to recover the rents.

5. What to do concerning Lady Crofts' house at Paddington, sequestered as Lady Conway's, a Papist, she claiming it as her own.

6. What to do concerning several members and ex-members of Parliament returned as indebted to the Commonwealth for delinquents' goods in their custody, and who reside in several counties.

With notes of reply July 23, that much business has prevented the earlier confirming of the contracts; Lord Howard's arrears to be levied, as enough will be found to pay them. We have written to Sir Gilb. Pickering, and on his reply will give further orders. We will order you abstracts of the leases, &c., of the York House tenements, but cannot part with the counterparts of the leases. The case of Lady Crofts' house is under hearing. Let us know who hold delinquents' goods, and the sums due, and you shall have our further resolutions. [1 *sheet*; *also G* 30, *p.* 256.]

July 19. Kendal. **54.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. Yours of the 17th ult. orders us to pay in all moneys in our hands; we have before certified that on account of the decay of trade we could not get so much as formerly, and desired an assignation to pay it here, or an order to the carriers to receive it, but we never had any answer. We sent up certificates of the taking of the oath appointed by the Act of 5 April 1650, of all of those named in the commission, and of our clerk and agent, save John Fallowfield, who was added to us by a special order, but has since taken it. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

54. I. *Certificate by Gervase Benson, justice of peace, that John Fallowfield has taken the said oath.* 19 *July* 1651. [½ *page.*]

July 22. Order in the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Fowle compare all returns in cases of delinquency with the returns remaining with the auditor, that the commissioners may know when such persons were first discovered, sequestered, or seized. [*G* 13, *p.* 40.]

Order that the county commissioners enquire whether compounders have any other estate in possession or reversion; if so, they are to certify it, and thereupon this composition is to be made void; this is to be inserted in letters of discharge or suspension.

Note that Lieut.-Col. Joyce presents a letter in which Thos. Hughes, late sequestrator for co. Dorset, says that he has 2 farms worth 200*l.* a year, sequestered from Lord Stourton, and ⅔ paid to the State before he bought them, but nothing has been paid to the State since for them.

Order to renew the request made in 1650 to the Army Committee for a travelling surveyor-general; the want thereof has lost the State thousands of pounds, they having no means to charge any of the commissioners, but what arises from themselves. [*G* 36, *p.* 121.]

The salary of William Hale and Thomas Hamersley, messengers, to commence from 1 August 1650.

Capt. Thos. Gorge appointed steward for keeping courts on sequestered estates in co. Somerset. [*G* 12, *pp.* 269, 272, 273, 275.]

July 22. **55.** List by John Reading of 47 cases remaining in his hands for report, 9 being composition cases, the remainder cases on the Act of 1 August 1650. [2½ *pages.*]

July 22. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Warwick. You are to repair to Basil, Earl of Denbigh, if he be in the county, administer an oath to him, examine him on the interrogatories enclosed, and send in his depositions. [*G* 14, *p.* 217.]

July 22. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Cornwall. We have dismissed Mr. Lower from his employment among you as sequestrator, his business in London preventing his attending, and have appointed Fras. Courtney in his place. [*G* 14, *p.* 218.]

July 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Devon. We approve your contracts, if the estates have been surveyed and posted according to directions. You have only let for 1 year, but if satisfied as to the value, you may contract for 7 years, and we will confirm your bargains. [*G* 30, *p.* 35.]

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July 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Norfolk. You certify contracts for sequestered estates, which you say were surveyed and posted according to directions; if so, we confirm them. [*G* 30, *p.* 294.]

July 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Notts. We confirm your contracts, as you affirm that you have surveyed and posted them according to instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 323.]

July 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Hants. We confirm all your contracts sent 8 and 15 July, that were surveyed and posted according to the Act. [*G* 30, *p.* 405.]

July 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Suffolk. We confirm your contracts, as you affirm that they have been surveyed and posted according to instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 434.]

July 23. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Monmouth. We have yours of 16 June 1651, and Baronet Morgan's of 1 July. We confirm your contracts, if you have surveyed and posted his estate according to our instructions. [*G* 224, *p.* 461.]

July 23. Petition of Rich. Wilcox, auditor, to Parliament. On 22 March 1648, Parliament ordered him 1,000*l.* from Haberdashers' Hall, but public employments prevented his soliciting payment, so he has only received 200*l.* Begs another order for receipt of the remaining 800*l.*, as without this the present Committee for Compounding cannot pay it. [*G* 132, *p.* 508.]

July 23. **55A.** Order in Parliament for payment accordingly by the Committee for Compounding. [⅔ *page.*]

July 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Hen. Cooper, late officer of the Sequestration Committee of co. Northampton, accused of detaining the rents of Oundle Manor, have 6 weeks time given to perfect his accounts, which he says are with the county commissioners, and that he and the informer, Mary Griffith, have leave to examine and cross-examine witnesses; the county commissioners are to certify the value of the manor. [*G* 14, *p.* 222.]

July 24. Faversham. **56.** County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding. We have surveyed Macknad Farm, and contracted with a tenant for it at 160*l.*, free of all charges except Parliament taxes. We desire your confirmation, that we may grant a lease, the house being in a ruinous condition, and if not speedily done it will be without a tenant. With note of contract confirmed, 31 July. [½ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 191.]

July 25. Petition of Joseph Collett to the Committee for Compounding, that as Edw. Rogers has paid the fine of 20*l.* ordered, the treasurer may be ordered to pay it to him, and that the Committee for Compounding would take such course to enforce Rogers to pay in the bribes he took that petitioner may be satisfied his expenses. [*G* 76, *p.* 333.] *Annexing,*

1. *Receipt by Richard Waring, treasurer at Goldsmiths' Hall, of the above* 20*l. from Rogers,* 10 *July* 1651. [*G* 76, *p.* 331.]

July 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding for payment to Collett of 20*l.*, for his charges in prosecution of Rogers and other services. [*G* 14, *p.* 224.]

Order, on request of Wm. Robinson, Wm. Lisle, and the other trustees for sale of estates forfeited for treason, allowing them the use of Drury House, with the hangings and furniture, for their sittings; the County Committee of Middlesex to see that they enjoy the same. [*G* 14, *p.* 225.]

July 29. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on request of Art. Samuel, one of the Drury House Trustees for sale of delinquents' lands, for a lease of the little white house in Drury House Court, that the county committee treat with him for it, on his paying the full rent, it being convenient for his occupation.

Order that Wm. Seddon of the Minories, bring in his books of account wherein Peter Ambrose is concerned, and answer questions touching him. [*G* 14, *p.* 227.]

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July 30. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Lancaster. We are willing to respite the restraint on Ambrose for 2 months, on security for his forthcoming. [*G* 30, *p.* 210.]

July 30. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for London. In yours of the 17th, you return a house of Lord Craven's, let to Mr. Leming for 19*l.*, late rent 26*l.* In such cases, enquire if there is no ancient lease by which the rent therein contracted for may be required from the tenant, the lease allowing taxes. As to those who refuse to seal their leases unless exempted from increase of taxation, take them at their word, and let the tenements to those that will give the most, the State paying the taxes. [*G* 30, *p.* 257.]

July 30. Estimate by Aud. Sherwin of moneys due from estates formerly vested in trustees for raising 50,000*l.* for Ireland, since 25 Jan. 1650, total 21,856*l.*; but about ¼ will have to be allowed to tenants, according to their leases from the late trustees. [*G* 63, *pp.* 705–707.]

July 30. Coventry. County Committee of Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 22 July to interrogate the Earl of Denbigh, we sent our agent to his house to know whether he was there, but we found he had gone towards London yesterday, and will not return for a fortnight; then we will execute your order, unless you examine him in London. [*G* 170, *p.* 341.]

[July 30.] **57.** Queries from the County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding; with answers to some by Mr. Squibb.

The tithes of Prestwich Rectory were sequestered for delinquency of Mr. Allen, the late incumbent, who long since appealed to the Committee for Sequestrations, but has not prosecuted his discharge; the inhabitants have many years past detained their tithes, and being this year required to set them out, or become farmers thereof to the Commonwealth, have refused. [The Committee of Plundered Ministers are to give order for the future, but what is in the parishioners' hands, as Allen's personal estate, the county commissioners are to receive.]

Several officers and soldiers have farmed sequestered estates and are in arrear for them. Is the county committee to levy the whole arrears, or only what has become due since 24 Dec. 1649? [All the arrears.]

Two commissions are required, for John Case to act as agent in Derby Hundred, and Rich Whitehead in Lonsdale Hundred. [To be prepared.]

How is the business to be prosecuted before the Committee of Indemnity against Major Jos. Rigby and his servants, who wounded the 2 men sent to levy his goods, so that they have some recompense? [A petition to be presented to the Indemnity Committee in the name of the agent and his assistants.]

In case the county commissioners refuse to join and act with Mr. Massey, are they to levy the rents now due, until they receive a discharge from the Committee for Compounding, or to cease to act at all? [The commissioners to give resolution in this.]

How to proceed in discovering a personal estate left by Thos. Walmsley of Dunkinhalgh to his grandchildren, who are all educated in Popery, and whether to examine the trustees for managing the estate for the children, and the executors? [If the trustees are in town, instructions to be given to Mr. Fowle to prepare interrogatories, and they to be examined upon them; but if they are in the country, the county committee can examine them, and proceed according to instructions.]

It is desired on behalf of Evan Wall, clerk to the county committee, that in regard of the multitude of business, whereby he is forced to employ others to assist him, some addition may be made to his salary of 2*s.* 6*d.* a day. [This the commissioners must give order in.]

Where ⅓ of the husband's estate has for several years been allowed for maintenance of the wife and children of a delinquent, whereby, or by some other means, she has a considerable personal estate in her possession, and the husband has lately been in actual arms with the Scottish King, are the goods in her possession, and improved by her, to be sequestered or secured for the late delinquency of her husband? [Whatever personal estate belongs to the delin-

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quent ought to be re-sequestered.] The passages between brackets are notes of reply. [2½ *pages.*]

July 30. **58.** Note that Mr. Squibb having answered some of these queries, Mr. Cunliffe desires that such answers may be sent, and that answers may be obtained to the rest. Also that the committee will give other order with respect to those queries referred to the Indemnity Committee. [¼ *page.*]

July 31. Parliament order that the 60,000*l.* charged on Goldsmiths' Hall, on the 10th inst. be paid next after the 20,000*l.* charged 1 April last for supply of the stores; to be issued on warrants from the Council of State. [*G* 107, *p.* 643.]

July 31. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Derby. We have requested the County Committee for Notts to send us copies of all records and proofs of their claim to Fulwood Fields, in order to settle the difference between you, and we desire you to do the same. [*G* 30, *p.* 28.]

July 31. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Notts. We approve of all your contracts, as the estates have been surveyed and posted. As to the refusal of Newton and Curtis to answer [*see 4 July, p.* 462, *supra*], you have the Act and ordinances enabling you to compel them, and in case of refusal, to take them into custody till they conform, which course you are to pursue in such cases. As to Fulwood Fields, we have written to the County Committee for Derby to send proofs of their pretences, and we wish you to do the same, viz., to send copies of the records and evidence. [*G* 30, *p.* 323.]

July 31. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Westmoreland. Your returns of undervalues and concealments are to be made, not to the commissioners at Newcastle, but to us, as we cannot delegate our power, and know of no others authorized by Parliament except ourselves. As to the manner of making discoveries set down by yours, we do not think it just to admit of any petty advance of rent offered by any one as a discovery; but where information is given of an undervalue, and the person does not confess it, survey should be made, and the party allowed to defend himself; no information should be received unless it be an advance of 20 per cent. or more on the value of the estate discovered. [*G* 30, *p.* 459.]

July 31. Arundel. **59.** County Committee for Sussex, to the Committee for Compounding. The late Sir Thomas Bowyer, Bart., being seized of land called The Hundred Acres before his sequestration, demised it to Hen. Barlow for 21 years, reserving to himself and heirs a rent of 50*l.* Barlow assigned his interest to Mr. Porter, and he to John Smith, reserving the said rent to himself. Smith has held it 12 years. Sir Thos. Bowyer was sequestered about Michaelmas 1644 for delinquency, and so continues.

Abraham Dowcett, executor to Barlow the grand lessee, has received the said rent of 50*l.* until Ladyday 1650, and has converted it to his own use, Smith affirming he had no notice by the former committee to detain the rents. Between Ladyday and Michaelmas our agent warned Smith not to pay Dowcett but the State, yet he has paid the Michaelmas rent to Dowcett, and denies the warning. As Dowcett is not responsible for payment of the rent so received by him, we desire your directions for obtaining it. [1¼ *pages.*]

July 31. **60.** County Committee for Sussex, to the Committee for Compounding. Some of the tenants of Sir Thos. Bowyer, Bart., deceased, are three, and others two years in arrear with their rents, but claim allowances for taxes, repairs of breaches made by the sea, &c., also fees to the officers of the Committee of Revenue, messengers, and moneys paid to the Commissioners of Sewers, part of the estate lying in a level where there has been a sea breach; of all which, amounting to a large sum, they were promised allowance by the late county committee. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 1. **61.** Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Berks. You have not returned, as required, particulars of the estates in your county formerly vested in the Irish Trustees, apart from other accounts; therefore we request you to

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certify their value, with the receipts since 25 Jan. 1650, and the arrears in the tenants' hands or unpaid, and to hasten their payment. [1 *page, printed, with MS. signatures; also G* 14, *p.* 238.]

Aug. 1. Note of like letters to the committees of counties

Chester.	Leicester.	Suffolk.
Cambridge.	Lincoln.	Salop.
Derby.	Monmouth.	Warwick.
Devon,	Northampton.	Westmoreland.
Dorset.	Norfolk.	Wilts.
Essex.	Oxon.	Worcester.
Gloucester.	Southampton.	Brecon.
Hereford.	Somerset.	Glamorgan.

[*G* 14, *p.* 238.]

Aug. 1. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Cumberland. We have ordered you to levy 20*l.* each on those of the former committee who refuse to return duplicates of their accounts, and have urged the necessity of them, and the prejudice caused by the want of them; but yet we have not received them, or so imperfect, that we cannot use them, nor do we hear of your levying the fines. Two years have now almost expired since our first orders therein, and yet this proceeding, which should have been the very first step, is omitted, which neither you nor we can answer for to Parliament. Therefore we once more order you to require the duplicate, and in default to levy the fines. If this be not done, we must acquaint Parliament with your remissness, and appoint others who will pursue the Act and our instructions. [*G* 14, *p.* 238.]

Aug. 1. Note of like letters to the county committees of

Devon.	Lincoln.	Stafford.
Somerset.	Monmouth.	North Wales.
Berks.	Northumberland.	South Wales.

[*G* 14, *p.* 238.]

Aug. 1. Order in the Army Committee for the Committee for Compounding, or some of them, to attend on Tuesday to confer about the propositions for quickening the receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 63, *p.* 616.]

Aug. 2. Exeter. **62.** John Serle and Rich. Clapp to the Committee for Compounding. We appointed this assize week at Exeter, the country then more readily attending, to perfect the former agents' accounts and to order the clearing of those arrears, to receive in the rents, and to summon the tenants to take leases, and give security for the rents, &c. The sheaf and glebe formerly belonging to Hen. Ayshford, and compounded for at 112*l.*, with the head rent of 32*l.* issuing out of it, is now upon this discovery set at 252*l.*, with only the same head rent and army taxes deducted, which is 140*l.* improvement. There are several other new discoveries of delinquents' estates to be examined, and those already proved are much cheered, as being now likely to be freed from such a narrow scrutiny.

Many who are well affected and freely act for the present Government are stumbled upon a base and scandalous report, as if we intended to bring in all upon the stage for some small and trivial infirmities relating to those unhappy differences; this is intended to bring us into the odium of good men. All are at a stand upon a general report that a heavy charge lies on us before you and the Committee of Accounts, and that new commissioners are appointed. The chief instrument to bruit this is John Westcomb, against whom we have formerly complained for abusing the Commonwealth in Mr. Windham's estate, long under sequestration; his and others' acting to remove us from this service has brought us some orders which we enclose, as also a statement of our case, and of money received this week; we desire your speedy directions, so that neither the service may be neglected nor we prejudiced. The late Committee for Sequestrations have been summoned, and have promised to perfect the duplicates of their accounts with all speed. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

62. I. *Order by the Commissioners for taking Accounts, that John Serle attend to answer an information of a surcharge in his account, and bring with him all such vouchers and other papers as may clear the matter. Duchy House,* 26 *June* 1651. [½ *page.*]

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62. II. *Statement of the case of John Serle. He was a treasurer, muster master, and commissary of a magazine of arms in the brigades for relief of Taunton and the West, and has given in his accounts first to the Committee of Accounts at Alderman Freeman's house in London, next to the committee of the county for free quarter money given by the army to co. Devon, and lastly to the Committee of Accounts at the Duchy House, Westminster, all which have been given in upon oath, and within the time limited by the Act. He spent almost a year in London waiting to clear his accounts, and his petition, praying to be discharged, is now in the House; any pretended surplusage is but a trick to carry on a design, but his estate is liable to satisfy the penalty; if he may be dealt with as others that have been all along faithful, he cannot but hope that much money will be coming to him.* [½ *page.*]

62. III. *Order in the Committee for taking Accounts, that Rich. Clapp, late commissary in Plymouth Garrison, and one of the County Committee for Devon, bring in* 10 *days a perfect and signed account, on oath, of all moneys or goods he received by virtue of any Act, ordinance, or order, or for which he is chargeable or accountable since* 3 *Nov.* 1640. *Duchy House,* 8 *July* 1651. [⅔ *page.*]

62. IV. *Answer of Clapp that he was not entrusted as commissary to receive any money for the State's use immediately, but under others, being never other than a sub-accountant, and has already accounted to them; no man can justly charge him with having any money in hand.* 2 *Aug.* 1651. [⅛ *page.*]

62. V. *Account* [*by Serle*] *of rents received from the estate of Thos. Wood and six others.* 31 *July* 1651. [¼ *page.*]

Aug. 2. **63.** County Committee for Worcester to the Committee for Compounding. We have received the form of the lease we are to make for those estates which [Abel] Richardson presented to you. Thanks for your promise to present our petition to Parliament for an allowance of 1*s.* in the 1*l.* from the money received from delinquents on their discharge. Relying on the equity of our demand, we take the 1*s.* in the 1*l.* of the delinquent, or so much thereof as without constraint, according to the fine imposed on him, he will pay. We will observe your directions as to returning any money we receive; we have already sent a certificate, signed by Gervase Buck, justice of the peace, of our taking the oath. [1 *page.*]

[Aug. 3.] Proposals presented by the Committee for Compounding to the Army Committee, for increasing the receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall.

That the delinquents' bill being now passed, those who have elapsed the time for compounding may be admitted to compound at a higher value; those who would have paid 3 years' value, to pay 4, &c., limiting time for payment, and allowing others not excepted to compound at the same rates.

Those who discover themselves to compound at ⅙, or 3 years' value, for estates in fee; those discovered by others at 3½, but those who stand out, to pay 4½.

Such as are hereafter discovered, if they compound before judgment, to pay at 3½ years; but if they stand out, at 4½.

Parliament men, clergy, or lawyers, who before had to pay ⅓, or 5 years' value, to compound for 6, provided their delinquency was not since 30 Jan. 1649.

Those who lapsed the time of payment to pay with interest at 8 per cent.

For undervaluations and concealments, compounders who paid $\frac{1}{10}$ are now to pay ⅙; those at ⅙ now ⅓, and those at ⅓ now ½.

Many purchasers of sequestered recusants' estates were admitted without Parliament authority to fines for discharge of sequestration, and Parliament has confirmed them. Others who have obtained suspensions request discharges, and Parliament orders are requested to prevent abuses by discoverers, who are allowed ⅕ of their discoveries from 8 Aug. 1650. Exemption is requested for those who, though led aside at first, have been well affected since Nov. 1643.

Leave to punish malicious accusations by imprisoning those who cannot pay costs.

Money paid into the county committees to be accepted as part of the fine payable at Goldsmiths' Hall.

All delinquents' estates, as well as those in the bill of sale, to be surveyed.

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The profits of sequestrations in some counties being so small that they will not pay expenses, and the commissioners therefore anxious to lay down the employment, leave is requested to increase the salary, or to unite several counties under one committee.

Parliament orders requested in cases which concern the power of compositions in counties Essex, Kent, Sussex, and the Northern counties, with such as were engaged in the latter war, viz. :—

John Scrope, Bolton, York.
Sir Edw. Bishop, Parham, co. Sussex.
Hen. Hastings, Woodlands, Dorset.
Wm. Jervise.

These are in the Speaker's hands. Also petitions and cases of

Thos. Starkey,
Hum. Berrington,
Ant. Hastings,
Wm. Farrington,
Rich. Dutton,
George Smith,
Rich. Coke,
Wingfield Bodenham.

The House to be requested to call for the reports in the Speaker's hands about

Sir Thos. Jervis,
Mr. Wallop,
Mr. Kemp,
Lieut.-Col. Gerard.

[*G* 63, *pp.* 614, 763–772.]

Aug. 3. Draft of the above, and details of the cases of the first 3 persons in the above list. [*G* 63, *pp.* 677–681, 723–736.]

Aug. 3. Drafts or copies of portions of the above, or abstracts, with variations, and queries thereon. [*G* 63, *pp.* 617–620, 622, 625–629, 663, 667, 674, 751, 781, 794.]

[Aug. 3.] Queries upon the order in Parliament of 7 May 1649, giving power to the Committee of Essex to compound with delinquents in the insurrection there according to the directions given to the Committee for Compounding, and to use the money for maintaining the forces raising to defend the country, first to pay 5,000*l.* given by Parliament to Sir T. Fairfax's army, and the rest to go towards satisfying the losses of the well affected in Colchester.

1. As to whether the present Committee for Compounding have power to rectify omissions or under-valuations in such compositions, the powers of the Essex Committee equalling their own.

2. What they shall do about persons persuaded to submit to small fines for quietness sake, but who would else have stood on their justification. [*G* 63, *pp.* 666, 670, 672, 676.]

Aug. 5. Certificate by Ald. Thos. Basnet, J.P. for Coventry, to the Committee for Compounding, that he has this day administered the required oath to Edw. Chamberlain, Lieut.-Col. John Halford, and Major Wm. Thornton, County Commissioners for Warwick and Coventry, and to Leonard Piddock, their clerk, and Wm. Smith, their agent. [*G* 170, *p.* 489.]

Aug. 5. Armourers' Hall. **64.** County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. Last year we surveyed several tenements in Fleet Street, in the tenure of [Thos.] Wandell, and valued them at 85*l.* a year, which was 15*l.* more than the old rent, but by your order we re-let them to him at 80*l.* for one year, which expires on 29 Sept. next. The taxes since then having been raised from 60,000*l.* one month, and 90,000*l.* another, to 120,000*l.* a month, accounting 13 months to the year, and two of the houses being much decayed, he complained of not being able to hold them at such rent, and we have therefore taken off 7*l.* The additional taxes amount to 6*l.* 10*s.* a year, so that he has 10*s.* to help him towards reparations.

We before certified a contract with Mr. Benson for houses of Rob. Dormer, recusant, in Blackfriars, at 26*l* a year, which you confirmed, but he finding the taxes very heavy, and 37*l.* required for repairs and rebuilding, we have been compelled to take off 5*l.*

Noted that these contracts cannot be confirmed, but the estates are to be let at their utmost value, and the Parliament to bear taxes. [1¾ *pages.*]

Aug. 5. Durham. **65.** Thos. Delavall and Col. Fras. Wren to the Committee for Compounding. Having been employed in viewing estates for the last 3 weeks, we could not attend our weekly meetings as formerly. We have finished all that lie in the

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bishopric, but have yet to survey those in Northumberland, 50 miles beyond Newcastle, and so great are the employments upon sequestration and other public services, that it is impossible for us, being the only two commissioners resident in this county, to carry on the whole work, though we devote our whole time and neglect our own private affairs, in our zeal for the public good.

We have 3,000*l.* of the rents of sequestered estates in the treasury, which we have endeavoured to return up to London, but cannot effect it, and therefore desire to be eased of this great charge of money; as we lie so far remote, we beg you will procure order for its payment in the county. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 6. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on an order by the trustees for sale of delinquents' estates of 30 July given, that the clerk send particulars of the estates, in what county and parish they lie, their value, and to whom let;—that as none of the said estates have ever been compounded for, the cognizance of them is not in the hands of the clerk, but of Aud. Sherwin, who has custody of the returns of the county sequestration commissioners, and that therefore he must send the trustees the required particulars. [*G* 14, *p.* 243; 81, *pp.* 755, 756.]

Order on the letter from the Committee of co. Hereford of June 6, about an estate held by Hen. Williams of Lord Craven, that they examine whether the taxes were paid, and no more than was assessed; on proof of payment they are to be allowed, and Williams freed from his Ladyday rent. [*G* 14, *p.* 243.]

Aug. 6. Petition of John Leete and Rich. Pigott, Commissioners for co. Hunts, to the Committee for Compounding. The revenue coming in is but 400*l.* a year, so that their salary does not meet their expenses. As their agent is to be dismissed, beg that his stipend of 4*s.* a day may be added to their salary, they carefully performing his office. With note for the dismissal of the agent to be considered, the revenue being small. [*G* 135, *p.* 369.]

Aug. 6. Petition of Elizabeth, wife of John Coole, seaman of York, to the Committee for Compounding. Petitioned the county committee, for allowance of 6*l.* for weighing and trimming a boat of her husband's, which was sunk with others to make a bridge over the Ouse, when York was beleagured, and 6*l.* for hay for Lord Fairfax's horses; but they cannot relieve, though they recommend her, as does Lord Fairfax. Her husband has been in arms through the war, and now serves in Scotland. Begs an order for payment. Noted that the Committee for Compounding have no power to relieve her. [*G* 76, *p.* 401.]

Aug. 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Fras. Courtney, of Lanevett, Cornwall, be a sequestration commissioner there in place of Mr. Lower.

That Elias Wymond, of Lanevett, be steward for keeping courts in sequestered estates in Cornwall.

That Geo. Charleton be agent to the County Commissioners in Cornwall.

66. Order on a Parliament order prefixed of 10 July 1651, charging 60,000*l.* for the navy on the treasurers at the Goldsmiths' Hall, that the said treasurers pay the said sum to persons directed by warrant of the Navy Committee. [*G* 12, *pp.* 288, 290.]

Order on deposition of Chris. Cheesman, that Thos. Bateman of Reading, the sequestration treasurer, refused to pay him more than 25*l.*, saying that the Committee for Compounding had no power to allow more, that they pay him 8*l.* more, to make the full sum of 33*l.*, as ordered. [*G* 14, *p.* 246; 74, *p.* 275.]

Aug. 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding to the chief ranger at Hampstead Park, Berks, to deliver a fat buck of the season to Thos. Hussey, M.P. [*G* 14, *p.* 249.]

Aug. 8. Preston. **67.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We could not wait upon you with our accounts as we intended, for the business of surveying estates has wholly taken up our time for 5 weeks, and another month will not perfect them. This week we have been hearing the complaints of farmers of sequestered estates, and taking examinations; but before we had finished, we were taken up with a sudden alarm of the Scots' advance into England, confirmed by letters from divers well-affected persons, and by the report of some ministers and other gentlemen who have fled out of Cumberland and Westmoreland; all the commissioners and others that stood well-affected to the present Government in Kendal have fled from their houses.

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We have sent all our books to a place of more security, and have hid 2,000*l.* of the sequestration money, which, if this broil had not happened, we intended to have speedily returned to your treasury; we desire your directions how to dispose of it. We are providing for our own security until this northern storm be over, and then we shall fall upon business. After our surveys are perfected, one of us will wait upon you. [1¼ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

67 I. *Statement of the said Committee's requests—*

1. *For redress of wrongs against Col. Rich. Standish, Major Joseph Rigby, Messrs. Hesketh and Girlington, and the inhabitants of Dalton, for assaulting the agents in collecting money.* [*The cases in general to be stated to the Army Committee.*]
2. *For like redress against Murgatroyd, Husband, &c. Also against the sheriff's officers, for distraining upon the tenants of the Commonwealth for pretended rents and rent-charges, or annuities on sequestered estates.*
3. *That estates may continue to be farmed at a clear rent, without abatement of taxes, &c., as such abatements cause much trouble, make the revenue uncertain, and prejudice the public.*
4. *Enquiries in particular cases. As to Mr. Carus, a certificate from Mr. Cunliffe is to be shown to the commissioners.* [1⅔ *pages; see the reply to the cases under* 25 *Nov.* 1651; *p.* 506 *infra.*]

Aug. 9. Exeter. **68.** Henry Fitzwilliams, steward to the County Committee for Devon, to the Committee for Compounding. For nearly 7 weeks I have been keeping courts for estates under sequestration, and find divers tenants very timorous in showing their leases and copies, doubting what the issue may be; many excuse themselves, some pretending that their deeds are pawned for debt, others that they are secured in friends' hands upon trust for wives and children, and others that the rentals are very imperfect, so that I cannot give an exact account.

Being at a court of Slapton Manor, sequestered from the Earl of Shrewsbury by the former committee in 1646, I find 1,657*l.* 15*s.* raised within the manor since 21 Charles, and the steward of the manor showed me an order which I enclose. Being at Ipplepen Manor, formerly sequestered from Thomas Savage, I received your order to forbear keeping courts there until the title claimed by Edw. Reddon was allowed by you; Mr. Savage has another manor called Torbrian, upon which, as also Ipplepen, great sums have been raised.

Several tenants have purchased the fee of their tenements, and were in London last term to have their bargains confirmed. Your order has stayed me in keeping courts on 8 manors sequestered from John, Marquis of Winchester, as by Act of Parliament of 14 Sept. 1649 Rob. Wallop is to receive the rents and profits of certain manors. Whether these manors are comprised in the Act I cannot say. Several tenements are in hand and others are not fully stated, but the tenants are very shy in purchasing estates of Parliament, believing that their landlords will be admitted to composition, and then they or their posterity may suffer. The rentals shall be perfected and sent up with speed.

Some stewards have lately taken upon themselves to keep courts on sequestered estates. I desire directions therein. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

68. I. *Order by the standing committee for co. Devon, on an order of the Committee for Sequestrations, and the report of Justice Bradshaw, that the several collectors and agents for sequestrations in whose divisions the lands mentioned in the report are situated forbear to collect any of the rents, heriots, or services belonging to the Earl of Shrewsbury, but permit three trustees named to receive them; John Cole, the agent, is to give in his account of the profits of Slapton Manor for the year ending* 25 *March last.* 9 *June* 1648. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

68. II. *List of* 57 *manors or parts of manors in co. Devon under sequestration from* 27 *owners named.* [1 *column.*]

Aug. 9. Taunton. **69.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We have made some progress in granting of estates upon copyhold tenements under sequestration, and will proceed therein, and the moneys raised shall be paid in. In the disposal of recusants' estates, must we divide and set out the third part in case the recusants refuse to join in the sale, or what other course shall we take? [¾ *page.*]

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Aug. 11. Chichester. **70.** County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. John Stalman, our clerk, the bearer, presses us for an allowance for disbursements in 5 journeys to London, sometimes staying several weeks, and once losing a horse; also for other journeys, account books, &c., but we have no power without your special order. [1 *page.*]

[Aug. 11.] **71.** Statement by Step. Humphrey, one of the commissioners, of 6 points relating to sequestration business in Sussex for which directions are required. With brief notes of reply. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 12. Committee for Compounding to the Navy Committee. The Committee for Monmouth have 1,000*l.* sequestration money which they have no opportunity of sending without great expense and hazard. We should be glad if you could order its payment in Bristol, as part of the money assigned by Parliament to the navy, the rather as we fear mis-carriage by the approach of the Scotch army to those parts. Send a reply by bearer, that we may give them orders by this post. [*G* 14, *p.* 251.]

Aug. 12. Winchester. **72.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Enclosed are particulars of estates [of Geo. Philpott and Mat. Cuffand] which have been posted to be let for 7 years, also the rents offered, and the names of the persons desiring to be tenants; we desire your confirmation of the contracts made for the same, as also of those already certified, as much time is lost in preparing the leases. Confirmed 10 Sept. [½ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 406.]

Aug. 12. Redcastle. **73.** County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We are charged with not having paid in any money out of sequestered estates, co. Montgomery, whereas we have paid 500*l.* to Capt. Rich. Price, by your order, and our treasurer wrote you a month since that he had 550*l.*, and desired instructions as to sending it up; the letter was delivered by Mr. Jones, living at the Goat in Paternoster Row, but no answer has been received; 350*l.* of this amount is out of the estate of Sir Percy Herbert, Lord Powis' son. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 13. Arundel. **74.** County Committee for Sussex, to the Committee for Compounding. By your instructions for letting sequestered estates for 7 years, we observe that we are to enter into all sequestered estates, survey, contract, and certify according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650. But though we have done this, and returned a certificate to you of several estates contracted for, and have yet more to return, we have never received your approval.

We perceive we are not to let any manors whereby the keeping of courts may be transferred to other persons, but it is to remain in the hands of the commissioners. When we first entered into this service we let estates in gross, and let the manors and all the profits and perquisites thereof, with consideration of the rent of the manors, number of tenants, and casual profits, as near as we could by perusal of the court rolls, and enquiry, the same being so let by the old committee. Do you allow or disapprove of the returns made to you, and shall we let such estates to the particular tenants, and reserve the manors in the Commonwealth, or make such abatement as we conceive necessary, and continue the demesnes still in gross, which would bring in moneys in greater sums, and avoid much trouble in collecting thereof? We have contracted with most of them for 7 years, which we will determine at Michaelmas if you so order.

Shall we let the whole estates of recusants, and pay them their ⅓, or assign them ⅓, or receive the whole rents and profits, and allow ourselves 1*s.* in the pound out of their ⅓ parts for receipt thereof, or shall they receive it from the tenants of their estates?

With notes of reply, 24 Sept. We confirm all contracts so far as let according to instructions. Where you let manors, reserve the power of keeping courts, and making estates on fines, and let only the lands, and make void any leases made otherwise; ⅔ only of recusants' estates to be sequestered, unless they consent to receive ⅓ of the rents. [2 *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 447.]

Aug. 13. Arundel. **75.** County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. We are informed by Capt. Hen. Stalman that Edw. Wade, late of Angmering, died indebted to Edw. Lewknor, a recusant, 132*l.*, and that Wade left a considerable personal estate, to which Rich. Williams of Chichester administered. In his

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account this 132*l.* is charged to be lately paid to Lewknor, which we do not believe; and Williams, at his death very lately, made over all his personal estate to Thos. May and Robt. Anderson, for the use of his wife, whereby he endeavoured to defraud his creditors, and the State will lose ⅔ of this 132*l.* We therefore desire your directions herein.

With note of reply 24 Sept. that May and Anderson are to show cause why they should not pay in the ⅔ in 14 days, or on oath of the notice being given them, further order will be taken. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 447.]

Aug. 13. Chichester. **76.** County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. There are in the Deanery House in Chichester a considerable number of books, long since sequestered by the former committee from the late bishop, dean, and chapter, and other delinquents, which belonged to the cathedral. If you approve, a waggon should be hired to bring them up to London, so as to have them appraised and sold for the use of the State, as they have received much damage, and will do still more by lying where they are.

With note of reply, 24 Sept., that the books are to remain at the Deanery, but that they are to be inventoried and appraised, and the certificate sent up. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 44.]

Aug. 14. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Hants. We confirm your contracts returned 12 Aug. if surveyed and posted; but as to issues, we can allow none till the parties prove them before us. [*G* 30, *p.* 405.]

Aug. 14. Chepstow. **77.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose our contracts for estates of Papists and delinquents. We used our utmost endeavours to inform ourselves, by surveys and otherwise, of their true value, posted them up in the several market towns, and contracted with such as offered most. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 15. Durham. **78.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We have called for the accounts of the treasurers, sequestrators, and others employed by the late county committee, and have received several of them, and cannot surcharge them. We desire further instructions therein.

With note of reply 21 Oct. that they are to send up all the accounts, whether surcharged or not, and quicken all other accounts. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p* 64.]

Aug. 15. Durham. **79.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We find in the papers, &c., of the old committee, that the persons in the enclosed list compounded with Sir Wm. Armyne, Sir Hen. Vane, and the former county committee in 1645, and had their discharges, and none of them have acted against Parliament since; yet we have secured their estates till they plead their discharges before you. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

79. I. *List of* 39 *persons who compounded with the late Commissioners of Parliament, Armyne, Vane, &c.* [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 16. Worcester. **80.** County Committee for Worcester to the Committee for Compounding. We will endeavour to give you full satisfaction in every particular contained in your letter; and as [Abel] Richardson, our treasurer, is now in London, we have directed him to attend you thereon. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 16. Exeter. John Serle and Rich. Clapp, Commissioners for co. Devon, to the Committee for Compounding. Hearing of the appointment of other commissioners, and being summoned to attendance by the Committee of Accounts, we are in difficulty, as one of us is a Militia Commissioner, and the other lieutenant of a foot company, and required here in this juncture. Thus we are discouraged and have a poor reward for our faithfulness. We sent our affidavit to the evidence against us, but know not whether we stand acquitted. Capt. Thornton is a great prosecutor against us, and John Westcombe, a notorious malignant, spreads ill reports, and has made public one of our letters to you. Your letter of 30 July refreshes us by your acceptance of our faithfulness. You added [Nich.] Tripe to us; but as we did not want him, we made him treasurer; we hope you will not make us responsible for his receipts. [*G* 30, *p.* 503.]

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Aug. 19. Order of the Committee for Compounding, referring to Auditor Sherwin the letter of the commissioners of Berkshire, to receive Cheesman's answer thereto and report. [*G* 14, *p.* 259; 74, *p.* 287.] *Annexing,*

1. *Thos. Bateman to the Committee for Compounding. We conceive that no more than 25l. is due to Cheesman on your order of 29 May, that being at the rate of 4s. a day during the time he served. Therefore we suppose the order to pay the 8l. is a mistake.* 12 *Aug., Reading.* [*G* 74, *p.* 291.]

Aug. 19. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. York. We hear you have money in hand. You are to pay sums not exceeding 5,000*l.* to the orders of Sir John Wollaston and the other treasurers-at-war. [*G* 14, *p.* 258.]

Aug. 19. Note of like letters to the
Commissioners of Durham for 4,000*l.*
,, Lancaster for 2,000*l.*
,, Monmouth for 1,000*l.*
,, Salop for 1,000*l.*
[*G* 14, *p.* 258.]

Aug. 23. Durham. **81.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. The Commissioners for the Militia are again raising forces for the defence of this county, and as formerly, charge all the estates under sequestration to find light horse or dragoons, although we have acquainted them with your order not to admit such charges. As we are not able to oppose, and they have resolved to distrain upon the tenants, we desire further directions.
With note of reply 21 Oct., that the Committee for Compounding have formerly given directions in this case, which they are to observe. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 64.]

Aug. 26. Winchester. **82.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose particulars of estates under sequestration, they having been duly posted to be let for 7 years; also the rents offered, and the names of the persons desiring to become tenants; we require your confirmation as well to these as those transmitted on the 12th inst., that the leases may be prepared. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Aud. Sherwin speedily view the duplicates returned from each county, and certify what estates are discharged from sequestration without order from one or both Houses of Parliament or the Committee for Compounding, and collect the names of such as he finds in each county. [*G* 13, *p.* 42.]

Aug. 27. Derby. **83.** County Committee for Derby to the Committee for Compounding. By your order of the 1st inst., you required us to certify the estates in this county late under the management of the Irish Trustees, their value, and what has been paid thereupon into the Treasury since our acting. This we did on 9 Oct. 1650, and have since given an account to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall of what has been subsequently received and returned, every rent-day. The lands in this county so settled are—

		£	s.	d.
Litchurch -	worth yearly	482	5	6
Windley -	,,	170	11	4
Great Longstone	,,	49	0	0
Great Hucklow -	,,	90	0	0
Blackwell -	,,	146	0	0
Stoke -	,,	130	6	8
Greenlow -	,,	88	0	0
	TOTAL	£1156	3	6

The money paid into the Treasury from these estates since 10 Feb. 1650 amounted to 1,734*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on a certificate given by Aud. Sherwin of 27 Aug. on Cheesman's case referred 19 Aug.,—that he has been paid all due to him at 4*s.* a day, but that he complains that the county commissioners employed Earlett 50 days longer than they should have done, viz., from 6 March to 25 April 1651; therefore Earlett has received 10*l.* more and he 10*l.* less than

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he should have done;—that 8*l.* be paid to Cheesman as before ordered, and the Committee for Compounding will consider whether it shall be out of the 20*l.* paid to Earlett or not. [*G* 14, *p.* 264; 74, *p.* 285.]

Aug. 29. Warrington. Thos. Fell and Col. Thos. Birch [M.P.s] to the Committee for Compounding. Peter Holt, one of your county committee, and "a very precious instrument in the service" having died, we recommend Evan Wall, a gentleman of large experience in sequestrations, who has served many years as clerk, in his place. We hear that you have commissioned Mr. Massey of Warrington, but we do not think that he has experience or estate enough to be responsible. [*G.* 127, *p.* 121.]

Aug. 29. **84.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a list of persons not formerly sequestered, with particulars of the charges and depositions against them; we have seized and secured their estates, and desire your further order therein.

With marginal notes of reply, 21 Oct., that they are to proceed according to their instructions against the persons so returned, and to enter the charges and evidence fully in their books. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 112.] *Enclosing,*

84. I. *List of* 14 *delinquents, with abstract of the depositions taken against them, Aug.* 29, 1651. [2½ *pages.*]

[Aug.] Request by Capt. John Ley [of co. Stafford] to the Committee for Compounding for directions in several cases. Also

Am I to receive Mr. Grey's rents, or are they to be detained in the tenants' hands, no publication being obtained? [To proceed according to instructions.]

Mr. Blackmore has 94*l.* in hand belonging to [Mary] Alexander, recusant. She discovered it to me. As he has no visible estate, I beg that it may be stopped from the ⅕ due to him for discovery of Sir Edw. Seabright, and paid ⅘ to the State, and ¼ to Mrs. Alexander. [Mr. Bayley and Dallison to certify whether Blackmore has a fifth, and if so, to make stay of it.]

Divers letters have been sent to you but no answer returned; also divers requests for 7 years' leases, on which directions would be advantageous. [Mr. Bayley to prepare a confirmation according to instructions, as in other cases.] [*G* 168, *p.* 561.]

Sept. 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on information of great undervaluation in the letting of sequestered estates, co. Berks, that Sam. Bellingham and Wm. Hale go there, with power to enter any of the said estates, view them, and take depositions as to their value, giving weekly account of his proceedings. Also that the county committee give him a particular of the estates, their present rental, and their rental in 1642; allow him to examine their books and papers, give oath to his witnesses, examine them in his presence, and send the depositions to the Committee for Compounding. All mayors, bailiffs, &c., to assist. [*G* 15, *pp.* 1, 2.]

Like order that Mr. Fowle, the solicitor, note all fines as they are set, acquaint us if any be not paid within the limited time, and take care that orders are issued for sequestering the estates of such persons. With note that a copy of this was delivered to Fowle. [*G* 13, *p.* 42.]

Sept. 3. Petition of John White, of Reading, Berks, to the Committee for Compounding, for an order for sequestering the estates of Rich. Stuckey, Thos. Stuckey, and Rich. Browne, against whom petitioner on 14 March entered a discovery. Their fines were set 13 May 1651, but none of them have paid in their first moiety. Noted, "Search and sequester, and so in all other cases of elapse." [G 130, *p.* 306]

Sept. 3. Exeter. **85.** County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. As to Sir John Hendon's delinquency, the day we appointed to take the testimony of John Harman of the Amity, the ship sailed, and he is not now in these parts. We have received several orders from you respecting delinquents, but they have been respited by us, being returned upon old agents' accounts to the former committee as sequestered persons, whose charge, if [Nich.] Rowe delivers it to us, shall be speeded to you. Notwithstanding our keeping courts on some Papists and malignants' estates, they also keep theirs, and make estates at pleasure. [¾ *page.*]

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Sept. 3. Exeter. **86.** John Serle and Rich. Clapp to the Committee for Compounding. We hoped we should have been preserved from the malice of our enemies, and especially from what they have obtained by some unjust information from the Committee of Accounts; their whole design is to remove us from this work, and thereby secure themselves from the Parliament's justice, and one of them has vowed to spend 500*l.* rather than fail of his purpose. We have often declared our readiness to lay it down at your pleasure, and have called upon the gentlemen presented and said to be commissioners appointed to carry on the work so well prepared by us, but forbear to give you their answers.

We have made known to you who are our prosecutors here, viz., John Westcombe, a notorious Cavalier, who is too well acquainted with our transactions with you, and who publicly reported, in the last assize week at Exeter, that he had an order to dismiss us. Capt. Thornton, in London, has lately threatened to send a serjeant-at-arms to take us into custody, though we are now required to attend in the business of the militia of this county. We therefore desire to know our duty and danger.

We have many cases of concern ready for your view, and many more were promised to be brought in by the well affected, until they heard how we were abused, but we dare not send them by the post as things stand at present, lest they should miscarry. We received your order and letter for securing [Nich.] Rowe and [Hen.] Mills, but since then we have had some compliance and fair promises from Rowe, though not satisfactory in all things. Where shall they be secured and by whom, we having neither marshal nor place allotted for that purpose, as others have? Our orders were out long since to levy the penalty; we would say more, but our addresses to you are made so public, and we so slighted for our faithfulness, that we know not how to tender our discoveries.

Many malignants of mean condition rejoice at your acceptance of their petitions and particulars, so as to save the great cost and pains in attending in London, and declare their willingness to submit to their fines, presuming on your justice, but there is great oppression practised by some in these parts who, as solicitors, undertake their compositions. Many persons who have paid in several sums to the late committee, as ordered by them for their malignancy, having their estates again seized to perfect their composition, these solicitors put them upon appeals, and procure your orders to cross-examine witnesses. Very many cases are now before us, in which they take 3*s.* for every such order; as to those presented to us on new discoveries, after we have freely given them their charge, which is delivered them at the seizure, and admitted them to examine and cross-examine all witnesses according to your instructions, your orders are again brought for that work. Some of these solicitors are Wm. Isaack, a captain for the King, and the said John Westcombe and others. We leave it to you to consider the trouble and dishonour this creates, and the injury it inflicts upon the persons concerned.

Particulars of cases. John Westcombe keeps back particulars of [Roger] Drake's estate, for which [Edm.] Windham desires to compound, and much money is in his hands due to the State, but we do not know how to proceed therein.

Since the Irish Trustees lost that work, we have paid into your treasury out of the Earl of Worcester's estate 115*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*, as also other moneys, but we never received any out of the Marquis of Winchester's estate, as Rob. Wallop claims it by an Act of 14 Sept. 1649, for raising a sum of money; his agent can inform you what was raised, as we have been denied to meddle therein, and we kept no courts in the manor. The Earl of Bristol has only one manor in this county, the rental of which is 30*l.*, of which we have paid your treasurer 26*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* [1 *page; see reply, p.* 480.]

[Sept. 4.] **87.** Desires of the County Committee for Rutland, signed by Capt. Matt. Barry, to the Committee for Compounding. Requests on cases.

That Lord Denbigh be desired to deliver up the estate of the Free Stone Quarries at Ketton, and the lands belonging thereto, it appearing by the oath of Lady Lane, that he has acknowledged them to be security for payment of her annuity, which she has recovered of the sequestration of Sir Geo. Benyon.

With note of reply, that if there be no other [security], the rents and profits of these estates have not yet near satisfied the 800*l.* [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 371.]

Sept. 4. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Somerset. Notes of cases. As to recusants, ⅔ only of their estates is to be sequestered, the

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⅓ and the mansion house to remain to them. We cannot compel them to join in letting leases, therefore make the most equal division you can. [*G* 30, *p.* 392.]

Sept. 4. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Stafford. Directions in cases. You sent us in June a list of estates let, but we do not find that they were viewed or posted. We can therefore only confirm such as were let according to instructions; the rest you must let anew. [*G* 30, *p.* 427.]

Sept. 4. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for County Berks. We hear that the sequestered estates in your county are let by you at far below their value, whereby much loss is sustained, which we cannot pass by without notice. For prevention whereof, we have sent Wm. Hale, one of our officers, to view the estates, and expect you to afford him your best assistance. [*G* 15, *p.* 5.]

Sept. 5. Committee for Compounding to Sam. Bellingham, co. Berks. Having heard of your affection to the State, we have named you a commissioner with Wm. Hale, to discover the value of sequestered estates in your county and their underletting, and we doubt not but you will undertake it. [*G* 15, *p.* 7.]

Sept. 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all persons receiving profits of delinquents' estates towards payment of debts by mortgage, statute, or otherwise, shall pay the full taxes and assessments, without allowance on their accounts. [*G* 15, *p.* 7.]

Sept. 5. Committee for Compounding to the Barons of the Exchequer. We are obliged to remind you of our request of 6 March, for the certificate ordered in the Act of 25 Jan., the want of which is a great prejudice, and by the Act it was to be sent us by 25 Feb. 1650. [*G* 15, *p.* 7.]

Sept. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners for Devon. You stand so fairly in our opinion that whatever rumours are blazed abroad by your and our enemies, we retain our confidence in your integrity and discretion, and shall do nothing to disparage you. Proceed cheerfully in your work.

We send you a warrant to apprehend Nich. Rowe and Hen. Mills, and send them up in safe custody unless they give in their duplicates in 9 days. Call your agent to account for not levying the 20*l.* long since charged on them for their default. If he has been remiss, we will stop his salary till this is executed.

There was never any marshal or prison assigned to any former committee, nor can we appoint one. None of your returns are made public that we know of, but if you will inform us how it has been done, we will redress it, and reward the detectors of such dishonesty.

We have been surprised and abused in cases where persons have obtained orders from us for examinations on false suggestions, but the sequestration is to be continued till you have acquainted us with the particulars and received our directions. We know nothing of the solicitors you name, but if you will charge them, we will proceed against them. Directions in particular cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 37.]

Sept. 9. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Bucks. We find by returns from your county that 7 estates named are discharged by the late Committee for Sequestrations or the Barons of Exchequer, and that the delinquents enjoy their estates without our approval. This would not have been had you carefully observed our instructions. You are to send for them and order them to produce their deeds and discharges before us in 28 days; Henry, Lord Wilmot, is also to show cause why his estate is not sequestered. You are to give like orders to 20 named, who are discharged. Particulars of cases. [*G* 15, *p.* 10.]

Sept. 9. Wallingford. County Committee of Berks to the Committee for Compounding. As there are many courts to be kept on sequestered estates, we have appointed Walter Knight of Reading steward thereof, and desire your confirmation. He has kept some courts, and given warning for the rest. [*G* 146, *p.* 393.] *Annexing,*

1. *Appointment by the county committee of Knight as steward.* 25 *March* 1651. [*G* 146, *p.* 395.]

Sept. 9. The Bush, Kingston. **88.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases, all calendared under their respective dates. [1½ *pages.*]

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Sept. 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on a letter from the Committee for co. Worcester, confirming the letting of ⅔ of the estate of Rich Read, recusant, at 20*l.*, 30*l.* being the total value, though their mistaken contract for it at 30*l.* had been confirmed. [*G* 15, *p.* 12.]

Like order that Capt. And. Yarranton and John James be Commissioners of Sequestrations for co. Worcester.

Also that Edw. Aspinwall be a Commissioner for co. Lancaster. [*G* 12, *p.* 306.]

Sept. 10. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Lancaster. Finding by Mr. Fell and Col. Birch's letter that Mr. Holt is lately dead, lest the service should suffer we have appointed Edw. Aspinwall, on good assurance of his prudence and integrity, to the place, and desire you cheerfully to join with him in the service. We will explain at our next meeting with Fell and Birch why we do not appoint the man they recommended. [*G* 15, *p.* 12.]

Sept. 10. Committee for Compounding to Edw. Aspinwall, requesting his acceptance of the employment. [*G* 15, *p.* 13.]

Sept. 10. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Monmouth. We confirm each of your contracts that has been surveyed, posted, and let according to our directions. [*G* 30, *p.* 269.]

Sept. 12. Taunton. George Searle and John Palmer, M.Ps. to the Committee for Compounding. Our long experience of the honesty and fidelity of John Wyatt of Taunton James leads us to recommend him to you as a sequestration agent for co. Somerset, he being desired by the County Committee. [*G* 116, *p.* 315.]

Sept. 13. Chelmsford. County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. Yours of 11 August, though requiring haste, only reached us to-day. When we paid in our money at Goldsmiths' Hall, our treasurer directed the registrar to enter by themselves the moneys from estates in management of the Irish Trustees, which you can have from him, and we will send our own particulars. [*G* 155, *p.* 477.]

Sept. 15. Chepstow. **89.** County Committee for Monmouth, to the Committee for Compounding. We received the rents due from Crym land because it formerly belonged to the Earl of Worcester, and was leased out by the trustees [for Ireland], but understanding of the passing of it by Act of Parliament to the Lord General, we have forborne to receive any more rents, and upon your order, will repay what you conceive to be of right belonging to him, whose right indeed ought to be much respected. We beg your answer to divers certificates, the tenants being very urgent for their leases. Pray procure a return of the money in our hands by way of Bristol, or other ways of less charge and danger. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 16. Order of the Committee for Compounding for Walter Knight of Reading, Berks, to be steward for keeping the courts on sequestered estates in that county. [*G* 12, *p.* 308.]

Sept. 16. Reading. **90.** County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. We have examined the value of some sequestered estates, and have almost perfected our discovery as to those belonging to Anthony Englefield, recusant, and the Earl of Shrewsbury. Two-thirds of the former estate is let for 63*l.* a year, and the State's due rent will amount to as much more, a great part thereof being hitherto concealed, which we have now found out.

Most of the recusants here have the estates in their own hands, only some one man's name made use of for the conveyance of 3 or 4 estates; so though tenants whom we summon inform us what they themselves rent, yet they cannot certify upon oath what their landlords detain. This notwithstanding, we have by diligent enquiries found out near the true value of them, though the recusants themselves will not appear upon our summons, nor give us a particular of what they themselves hold, but persuade their tenants that we have neither power to force their appearance before us, nor to examine them upon oath when they are present.

These, and far greater obstacles of the same kind, we may continually meet with, if you do not direct us what to do with those who refuse to give particulars, and to appear on summons to give evidence.

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Mr. Cheesman has not yet been with us, neither have we need of him, having the assistance of your agent, Mr. Gardner.

With a marginal note in reply, that the Committee are satisfied with their endeavours, and are glad to see the first fruits of it; they have sufficient power to summon and examine persons, and if any refuse, they are to send up their names and particulars, and this committee will commit them to safe custody. [1¼ *pages.*]

Sept. 16. Taunton. **91.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We have used our best endeavours as well for surveying such delinquents' estates as were to be sold in this county, as for the speedy raising of money by way of fines, by letting copyhold estates. We have granted several such estates since 16 July, and received the fines, when we now perceive by the Act that trustees were empowered for their management, so that our proceedings seem to be rendered fruitless and invalid. Are our grants since July to be allowed? If not, it will very much prejudice the admitted tenants. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 17. Petition of John Stalman to the Committee for Compounding, for increase of salary in future, and some allowance for the past, as clerk to the Sussex Committee. Has had charges in travelling to London, when he lost a horse worth 10*l.*, and has had many letters to write and depositions to take, by their orders as Commissioners for Advance of Money. [*G* 120, *p.* 373.]

Sept. 17. Order thereon that he be allowed 20*l.* for the past, besides his 2*s.* 6*d.* a day. [*G* 15, *p.* 23.]

Sept. 17. Committee for Compounding to the Committee [for South Wales.] You are to sequester the estates of Wm. Phillips and Lewis Barlow, and give notice to Abraham Wogan, late high-sheriff for co. Pembroke, to pay the 35*l.* he received of [John] Bowen for a debt of Wm. Phillips, in 20 days, or show cause. [*G* 15, *p.* 23.]

Sept. 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all affidavits taken before them be delivered to the registrar on the giving of the oath, and none read unless recorded here, and the copy produced attested by the registrar. [*G* 13, *p.* 42.]

Sept. 18. Committee for Compounding to Sam. Bellingham and Wm. Hale, discoverers of undervalues, co. Berks. We are satisfied with your endeavours, and thank you for the first fruits of your labours. You have power to examine others beside the recusants or delinquents, but none to examine on oath. If any refuse to appear, the county committee are to commit them to custody; tell us any further obstruction, and we will try to remove it. [*G* 15, *p.* 25.]

Sept. 19. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of cos. Cambridge and Suffolk. We beg your best assistance to the bearers, being surveyors appointed by the trustees for sale of traitors' estates, to discover such estates. Give them extracts from your books and papers when needful. [*G* 15, *p.* 26.]

Sept. 19. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for cos. Herts and Hunts. Like letter. P.S.—We find no duplicates returned from you, notwithstanding our importunity; we hope we shall not be put to use the means we shall be forced to, if you persist in your neglect. [*G* 15, *p.* 26.]

Sept. 19. Salop. **92.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. There is an Act dated 12 Aug. 1651, making all that keep correspondence with Charles Stuart or his party traitors; and another of 13 Aug. 1651, enacting that all masters of families within the limits of the late lines of communication, whose sons or men-servants shall depart from their parents or masters, and continue absent 12 hours, are to give notice thereof to the Militia Commissioners, under penalty of sequestration, and the Militia Commissioners in the several counties are required to see this Act executed. May we on the former Act proceed against the persons as against other delinquents, or, they being such high delinquents, may we not secure their estates on the testimony of a single witness?

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May we allow the wife ⅓ and proceed against the persons guilty as against other delinquents, though the Act does not empower the county committee to do so, but the Militia Commissioners?

We have many prisoners of war with us, and many against whom we have proof by single testimony of their delinquency within these Acts, but if we stay till we have 2 witnesses, they will have received their rents and conveyed away their personal estates; we therefore desire your speedy resolutions.

With notes of reply, 21 Oct. Mr. Leech is to send the declaration of 15 Aug. 1650, and the votes when Lord Craven was sequestered.

You are to proceed against these new delinquents with vigour as against the former, and if there is a probability of making away with estates, you may secure upon the evidence of one clear witness, but not otherwise. As to allowing ⅓, there will be time enough to consider.

You must be sparing as to the later Act, unless sons and servants were sent to the enemy by the parents and masters. As to prisoners of war, you need make no scruple in securing their estates. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 380.]

[Sept. 20.] **93.** Capt. John Ley, agent for co. Stafford, to the Committee for Compounding. In yours of 4 Sept. you say you are not satisfied about a list of those who wish 7 years' leases of delinquents' estates. No estate has been let unless first surveyed by a court of survey, then by 2 honest men, and then posted and boxed, except Mr. Fowler's, and he offered 1,000*l.*, which was 200*l.* more than any rent-roll could reach. Notes of cases. We have sent up sundry depositions 6 months since, requesting speedy replies, but have received none. [To take care that there be no tampering with witnesses by the delinquents.]

Col. Lister took Col. Leveson's estate this year of you, and now rents being demanded, the tenants say the colonel has warned them not to pay, for he has taken course with you. [If they do not bring an acquittance within a fortnight's time after notice, to seize. First to send to Col. Lister.]

Mr. Blackmore has 94*l.* in hand of Mrs. Alexander, a recusant, which she discovered to the county committee, but he has no estate here, and as he has to receive ⅓ for discovering Sir Edw. Seabright, I beg it may be continued in the treasurers' hand. [Mr. Collett to be examined concerning Blackmore's share.] [1 *page.*]

Sept. 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding that if upon hearing a case it be adjudged against the party, any order of suspension granted him be made void.

That the registrar present every Tuesday the papers of the fines unconfirmed, and that they be put into a paper for that purpose. [*G* 13, *p.* 42.]

Sept. 23. Wallingford. **94.** County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. You order us 1 Aug. last to obtain duplicates from the former committee of the estates and proceedings in the business of sequestrations, according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and we have requested some of them to prepare and return them to us within 20 days. If they refuse or neglect, we will speedily proceed to levy the fine of 20*l.* upon the persons making default, and give you an account with speed. [¼ *page.*]

Sept. 23. Armourers' Hall, Coleman St. Committee for Sequestrations for London to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of the second, we have examined several drapers, merchants, &c., of London, concerning the discovery and securing the estates of Worcester persons, but we have had so many certificates of the good affection of some that we request orders to discharge them from seizure, as we do not wish the well affected to suffer. [*G* 133, *p.* 333.]

Sept. 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the London Committee transmit at once the names of those inhabitants of Worcester whose estates they have secured for adhering to the King of Scots in the late treason. With note from Bayley enclosing the order to them. [*G* 15, *p.* 29.]

Sept. 24. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Worcester. We send you a list of inhabitants of Worcester whose estates have been seized in London. Say which of them are well affected, and have not been engaged in the late treason, that the seizure of their estates may be taken off, and they freed

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from further trouble; examine witnesses on those suspected. Send us the names of those with whom they traded in London when the enemy was in Worcestershire. [*G* 15, *p.* 31.]

Sept. 24. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Stafford. We do not find enough in the examinations you return to sequester John Hall. Examine more particularly whether he confessed that he had been in arms. Directions in cases. As to contracts, we only add to ours of 4 Sept., that if you have given liberty to any one, in letting estates, to keep courts and make estates, you are to revoke it, and reserve these powers in letting the lands. [*G* 30, *p.* 428.]

Sept. 24. **95.** County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. You ordered no sequestered estates to be distrained for rent-charges, but the sheriff's officers have lately distrained the estate of Sir John Carill, recusant, for the first-fruits of Harting Parsonage, and have received 36*l.*, though we find no minister of Harting; yet the sheriff will not discharge it except by plea in the Exchequer. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the registrar take special notice of any motion or petition answered by 1, 2, or 3 commissioners, and subscribe the orders granted thereon with their initials only, in order that in signing the orders made thereon, such may be distinguished from those granted by a full committee. [*G* 13, *p.* 42.]

Sept. 26. Ipswich. **96.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. We send accounts of the estates of Lord Capel and Sir Hen. Bedingfield, granted to the Trustees for Ireland. The arrears are very small; the money is in our hands. As soon as we receive a good sum, it shall be paid in. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

96. I. *Note of receipts from Capel's estate of* 93*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*, *from Bedingfield's of* 840*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*; *of this money* 900*l. being paid, the balance is* 34*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*; *the arrears due are* 96*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* 10 *Sept.* 1651. [1 *sheet.*]

Sept. 27. Salisbury. **97.** County Committee for Wilts, to the Committee for Compounding. We have not received your particular of estates here formerly in the power of the Trustees for Ireland, or we would have answered your expectations. We have several old rents. Notes of cases. Geo. Browne of Ludgershall, recusant, was discharged of delinquency by the Barons of the Exchequer, and his estate at a rack-rent is 250*l.* a year, out of which we have allowed taxes and repairs, the house being very ruinous. The ⅔ will not amount to 200*l.*, but for your satisfaction, we sent for Browne, and those with whom he was at law about part of the land, who we suppose were your informers, and they have both made their proffers. The tenant in possession of Mr. Browne's part, who has constantly paid his rent, has offered 110*l.* for the ⅔, and the others have offered 130*l.* but without security; as they are of mean condition we dare not hazard the rent on their security without your sanction.

With notes for reply, to ask the account of the estates from the auditor, who is to send it speedily. There should not be so great an abatement in Browne's estate; ⅓ is too much to go in taxes and repairs. Send the names of the parties that offer, and their security, and we will give further orders. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 465.]

Sept. 27. Wrexham. **98.** County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We demanded the duplicates of the sequestrations from the former committee, but as they and we were commanded out in person with the militia in the late commotion, we have not received a satisfactory answer. We will send a copy of your last letter requesting such duplicates, and in case of a refusal, levy the fines as directed. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 30. Committee for Compounding to Col. Whichcott, governor of Windsor Castle. We desire you to give an account on oath of what arrears are really due to the garrison and the horse forces in co. Bucks, that they may be paid as ordered by Parliament 8 July 1651, from the sale of trees in Whaddon Chase. [*G* 15, *p.* 35.]

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Sept. 30. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Bucks. To like effect. Certify us what money has been received from the sale of timber, upon the said order of Parliament, and what you have disbursed as therein directed. [*G* 15, *p.* 35.]

Sept. 30. Winchester. County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. We send particulars of estates let for 7 years, and beg you to confirm these and others let 12 Aug., viz., the estates of Sir John Webb, recusant, and Kath. Tichborne, widow, that leases may be prepared.

With note of reply 8 Oct. confirming the former, if surveyed and posted according to instructions. [*G* 167, *p.* 607; *also* 30, *p.* 406.] *Annexing,*

I. *Valuation of the estate of Rich. Ayliffe,* 90*l. a year; he offers* 45*l. clear for* 7 *years for the* ⅔ *sequestered for his recusancy.* 1 *Sept.* 1651. [*G* 167, *p.* 611.]

II. *Valuation of the estate of Philadelphia, Lady Mill, widow, total,* 153*l. She offers for the* ⅔ *sequestered for her recusancy,* 72*l. clear for* 7 *years, requesting allowance of* 20*l. for each of the first* 2 *years to rebuild Colbury Manor House, near Redbridge, which fell down in the winter.* 13 *Sept.* 1651. [*G* 167, *pp.* 609, 610.]

[Sept. 30.] **99.** Account of the leases granted for 1 or 7 years from Michaelmas 1651, of the estates of 86 recusants, co. Hants, giving the names, places of abode, date and period of lease, and amount of rental; the total being 2,249*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* [6 *pages.*]

Sept. 30. London. Henry Linch and Wm. Haslope, Commissioners for Sequestrations in London, to the [Committee for Compounding].

We certify the names of 79 persons named living in Worcester, and others whose estates [in London] we have secured on your orders of 2 and 24 Sept.

We have summoned divers persons to certify what they know of the estates of the afore-mentioned persons, but they have not appeared. We desire your direction what to do. We have secured some cloths as belonging to persons in the city or county of Worcester whose names we cannot discover. [*G* 133, *pp.* 321, 322.]

[Sept. 30.] ——— to ———. On particular enquiry, I find the above-named persons took up arms themselves, or by their servants at Worcester, and therefore think their cloths seized should be returned. I add 12 more to the list; I have heard of them since.

Also list coinciding mainly with that in the preceding paper. [*Damaged. G* 133, *pp.* 313, 314.]

Sept. ? ——— to ———. I omitted Wm. Cox from my list, but he is an honest man, and I have heard no evil of Jonas Demetrius, also omitted. [*G* 133, *p.* 327. *Much damaged.*]

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Oct. 1. Newcastle. **1.** County Committee for Northumberland to the Committee for Compounding. As to the duplicates of the late committee's proceedings, we requested further time to put them in some perfect way, but we find such difficulties in it that all our labour will not give you so exact an account as you require; we therefore beg you will accept the books only. [Query what books came with this?]

At the first reducing of this county, the ordering of sequestrations was in the then Commissioners of Parliament resident here with the Scottish Army. In Whitsuntide 1645, the County Committee took upon themselves the letting of sequestered lands, according to the ordinance of Parliament, but in regard of the distractions in these parts, little or no profit could be made of them for 3 years after, all the rents being taken up in assess, billeting, and free quarters by the Scotch Army.

Through distractions, &c., the committee could not follow any direct rule in their proceedings, nor keep the books exactly, disturbances often interrupting their service.

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In 1648 this county was invaded by the enemy, who took up all the rents and profits of sequestrations, beside the great loss it sustained otherwise when the enemy had the command. In the retreat of the Cavaliers and Scotch Army from Preston, they so plundered and spoiled this county that Parliament granted the benefit of the sequestrations towards repair of the county's losses, and discharge of other public engagements, and it was disposed of accordingly.

We therefore conceive it cannot be expected that a perfect account can be given of all the former sequestrations, yet we presume to say that the late committee have been so faithful and honest in their trust that none can justly tax or impeach any of their proceedings.

With marginal notes of reply that they mistake concerning duplicates; these reasons are only of force touching the return of accounts. They are to send the duplicates, and be taught the difference between them and accounts. These latter are to be returned, and the losses will be considered thereon. A pattern of the duplicates required is sent, and they are to return the names of the persons formerly acting. [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 1. Request by N. Lechmere, M.P., that Capt. Wm. Collins may be added to the County Committee for Worcester, [John] Latham being ill, Col. [John] James not attending, and the work requiring expedition. With note for a commission on Major Salway's recommendation. [*G* 75, *p.* 857.]

Oct. 2. Coventry. **2.** County Committee for Warwick, to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 22 July 1651, we repaired to the Earl of Denbigh, to examine him on your interrogatories, but he wished to be spared, saying that in 10 days he would repair to the Parliament, the Council of State, and yourselves. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 2. Coventry. **3.** County Committee for Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. Wm. Fortescue, deceased, a Papist, owned Weethley Manor, all but 4*l.* a year chargeable thereon. It has now been let at 120*l.* clear, but the ⅓ are to be paid thereout if required. We could not obtain more, as Fortescue and his ancestors, being much indebted, made several leases, rent-charges, and annuities on the estate, and the late county committee never obtained more than 69*l.* 11*s.* [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Hants. Certify us why you have stayed the rents of Freemantle Park, held by Sir John Hippesley, late the inheritance of Lord Cottington, but given by Parliament to President Bradshaw. [*G* 15, *p.* 40.]

Oct. 4. Nottingham. **4.** County Committee of Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We beg your favour for Abraham Cornish, who has informed against Walter Faunt for delinquency, that the business may be expedited, because of Cornish's great charge of children and constant zeal in the service. He has also prosecuted Sir John Isham and Wm. Cooper. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 6. Chichester. **5.** County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. Lord Morley, delinquent, is the owner of Knep Mill in Sussex, and as it is very much out of repair and there is no timber on the estate, it will cost 50*l.* to procure materials and labour. The mill would let for 33*l.* a year. Beg directions. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Capt. Wm. Collins be one of the Commissioners for co. Worcester. [*G* 12, *p.* 319.]

Oct. 7. Warrington. Edw. Aspinwall to the Committee for Compounding. I gladly embrace your commission to be one of the Committee for co. Lancaster, and have been to a meeting at Preston, where the other commissioners cheerfully accepted me. I will show fidelity in public business. [*G* 64, *p.* 502.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Certificate by Col. Thos. Birch to Aspinwall's taking the oath as a sub-commissioner for Compounding, Sequestration, and Advance of Money.* 1 *Oct.* 1651. [*G* 64, *p.* 504.]

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Oct. 7. Note by Geo. Charleton, sequestration agent for Cornwall, of the valuation on survey of delinquents' estates which are posted to be let for 7 years or under, on 23 Oct. for the following rentals:—

John Arundel,	Sithney	40*l.*
Do.	Trerise	473*l.*
Do.	Lanherne	198*l.*
Nich. Borlase		114*l.*
Renatus Bellott		44*l.*
Thos. Robinson		30*l.*
Fras. Robinson		28*l.*
Nich. Jolly		7*l.*
Thos. Jacke		20*l.*
Fras. Flavell		12*l.*
Chris. Grosse		6*l.*

[*G* 114, *p.* 98.]

Oct. 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Freemantle Park, co. Hants, late Lord Cottington's, be discharged from sequestration, and delivered to President Bradshaw, to whom it is granted by Parliament. [*G* 15, *p.* 44.]

Oct. 8. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Worcester. Send us a list of those against whom you have proceeded in the late rebellion, and particularly how you have proceeded against Col. [John] Birch, who is committed to prison by the Council of State. Also report your proceedings on further discoveries. [*G* 15, *p.* 43.]

Oct. 8. Affidavit of Edw. Rich to his faithful discharge of the trust committed to him as counsel for the settlement of allowances to preaching ministers, according to the powers given to the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 113, *p.* 725.]

Oct. 8. Exeter. **6.** Rich. Carter to the Committee for Compounding. Lieut. Nich. Denham, a lieutenant in the Parliamentary service in the garrison at Exeter Castle under Major Saunders, and known to the County Commissioners for Devon, who are now in London, has offered to discover an estate belonging to Sir Rich. Grenville, worth between 400*l.* and 500*l.* a year, if properly remunerated, he having lost all for Parliament and having many children; I desire your directions as to employing him. He will give security for the due prosecuting of the business. With marginal notes as to whether it was this Sir Richard who was excepted; Sir John Grenville was included in the Articles, but not Sir Richard. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding,—on complaint of Bellingham and Hale, that they are hindered in their discoveries of under-valuations in co. Berks by the non-attendance of Edm. Gardner, agent to the commissioners—that Gardner attend them, and proceed by their directions. [*G* 15, *p.* 46.]

Oct. 9. Committee for Compounding to Bellingham and Hale. We approve of your proceedings touching the estates of the Earl of Shrewsbury and [Ant.] Englefield. We give you absolute power to imprison any who refuse to give testimony, till they conform. Procure what tenants you can to give the value of the estates you discover, and certify us with speed. We send an order for Mr. Gardner to attend you. [*G* 15, *p.* 46.]

Oct. 9. **7.** List by the Commissioners of co. Durham, of 43 persons who compounded in 1644 and 1645 with the late Commissioners of Parliament and committee for the county; with their addresses and the amount paid. [3 *sheets.*]

Oct. 9. Chester. **8.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. We find by the resolutions of Parliament of 11 Oct. 1649, that all such ministers as have augmentations from any committee of Parliament, or of the several counties, and shall not subscribe the engagement, and cause the same to be certified within three months next coming to the Committee of Plundered Ministers, be thenceforth incapable of receiving augmentation. Also by an Act of 31 May 1650, all augmentations to any minister that produces a certificate of having subscribed the engagement are to be paid.

The tithes of Wrenbury parish belonged to Lord Kilmorey, who gave up his right in part of his fine, since which, either by grant by the former commissioners to trustees, or by order from the Committee of Plundered Ministers, 50*l.* a year is allowed to the minister at Wrenbury, 30*l.* to that of Acton, and 40*l.* to that of Burleydam chapel in Wrenbury parish. As Mr.

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Crafton, minister of Wrenbury, and [Edw.] Burghall, of Acton, have not subscribed the engagement, nor own the Parliament and present power, we have secured their proportion of the tithes till they produce certificates of having subscribed the engagement. Mr. Crafton had sold his proportion to a widow of Wrenbury for 10*l.* before our agent could secure them, but not having delivered them, they stand secured with the rest, and the widow is in danger of losing her money. There are other ministers in this county who undeservedly receive the Parliament bounty in way of augmentation, out of the tithes belonging to Lord Brereton, and have not subscribed the engagement. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 10. Order in the Committee for Compounding that Thos. Baker is to appear before them at Haberdashers' Hall at 3 to-day.

That Rob. Jenner, M.P., who is 2½ years in arrears of a rent of 25*l.* for a house in Aldersgate Street, sequestered for recusancy of Bridget Fryer, and who pleads that he has paid her 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly for her ⅓, and 8*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* taxes for the ⅔, pay in the balance, being 32*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, to the London Committee. [*G* 15, *pp.* 45, 47.]

Oct. 10. **9.** County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. We never contract with any tenant but we first enquire whether there is any ancient lease unexpired. We did so in the case of Mr. Leming, whom we found to have no lease at all from the delinquent; we surveyed his house, which we found so much out of repair that we could not value it at more than 19*l.* a year, he paying all taxes. Say whether he may have the lease.

We have surveyed a tenement in Long Lane, part of the sequestered estate of Rob. Peckham, a recusant, in the occupation of Thos. Young, and contracted with Young for ⅔ at 5*l.* a year, his old lease by which he paid 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, having expired.

With note of reply 6 Nov. that the Committee for Compounding have before answered that if any will not stand to their bargain, the commissioners are to let the estate to any other at the full rent, and the State to pay all taxes. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 257.]

Oct. 11. York. **10.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We have yours of 19 Aug., noticing the 6,000*l.* in our treasury ready to be paid in as you shall direct, and ordering its payment in London. But immediately after, the report being hot that the Scots intended to invade the nation, fearing that if there should be a tumult, the treasury might be the first place attempted, we used all possible means to get it returned, and were forced to solicit divers persons to bring it up to your treasury upon their own terms, being sensible that upon return of our own army, there would be special occasion for money; so that by one and the other, then and since, we have returned 8,000*l.* as will appear by the list enclosed. Since then some officers of Major-Gen. Lambert's horse and foot have been to us, and demanded it; we informed them that we had sent it up, but we would pay them their money out of the Michaelmas rents, or out of the first money that shall come in; the horse officers agreed to wait, but the foot have resolved to send back their orders.

Noted, "The list to be sent over to the Treasury to see whether this money be all paid in." [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

10. I. *Account of moneys returned to Goldsmiths' Hall by the Committee for Sequestrations for co. York, with the names of* 16 *persons, to whom it was paid. Total* 8,330*l. With note of* 500*l. returned by Mr. Wright to Haberdashers' Hall.* [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 14. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Jas. Peirce be agent to the Committee of co. Somerset.

Like order for John Wyat of Taunton James. [*G* 12, *p.* 323.]

Order in the case of the Worcester men, that the lists sent from the county committee be sent to the London Commissioners, to show cause, if they can, why their estates should not be discharged.

Mr. Squibb to attend the Lord-General with the list, to know if he has anything against the said persons. With letter accordingly. [*G* 15, *p.* 48; 133, *p.* 319.]

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An order to go to the Commissioners for co. Hants to discharge Freemantle Park, it being granted to the Lord President by Act of Parliament. [*G* 36, *p.* 245.]

Oct. 14. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Stafford. You are to certify your proceedings in the cases of Sir Rob. Shirley, Mr. Offley, and divers others about whom you long since received particular orders, and return examinations without further delay. [*G* 15, *p.* 48.]

Oct. 14. **11.** Wm. Eccleston and James Smith, two agents for sequestrations, co. Lancaster, to Robert Cunliffe, commissioner. Understanding that you are going up to London to the Committee for Compounding, we desire you will acquaint them what our undertakings are about the sequestrations. You know the largeness of our divisions, and the great number of small estates and lease rents which belong to Papists and delinquents, and which are a greater charge than we are able to undertake for so small a pay as they allow. There were 4 times as many agents in the county as there are now, besides clerks, collectors, and assistants, all taken away, and our charge is likely to increase by reason of the risings lately with the Scotch King and the Earl of Derby. Move the commissioners to allow each of us 3*s.* 4*d.* a day, or what more they please; under that sum we cannot undertake the work, but desire to be discharged, as we shall be forced to spend our own money. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 15. Order of the Committee for Compounding that further proceedings be forborne against Henry Potter, late of London, apothecary, sentenced to death by the High Court of Justice for treason by him confessed, and pardoned under the Great Seal 17 Sept. 1651. [*G* 15, *p.* 51.]

Oct. 16. Somerset House. Herbert Morley, M.P., to the Committee for Compounding. I and other Surrey gentlemen wrote you on behalf of Mr. Raines, as steward to Lord Craven's courts in Sussex. I was not, as you are informed, surprized into signing the letter, and I renew my request, as he has always demeaned himself well. With order, 21 Oct., for his appointment. [*G* 112, *pp.* 1025, 1027.]

Oct. 16. Committee for Sequestration for London to the Committee for Compounding. We know no cause why the persons mentioned in the list from Worcester should not be discharged. The prosecutors have no charge except against Hen. Ford, about whom they will speak with the Lord-General and other Parliament men. There are others not in the above list about whom we desire your orders. [*G* 133, *p.* 315.]

Oct. 16. Preston. **12.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Having received a certificate from persons in Burnley Parish, Blackburn Hundred, that houses in Burnley sequestered from John Grimshaw, a recusant, were in great decay, and that the lands thereto belonging near the river were like to be washed away if not speedily prevented, we ordered our agent to view the decays, and certify the charge of repair; but the winter approaching, the neighbours are very earnest with us to repair the breaches made by the water in the highways, lest their passage to church and market should be stopped, and their houses endangered. It was always repaired at the cost of the occupiers of those lands, but having no power to allow anything towards the reparations without your order, we desire your directions. [1 *page.*]
Annexing,

12. I. *Order by the County Committee for Lancaster, that George Hindley, agent for Blackburn Hundred, view and certify the decay of the houses and lands of John Grimshaw, and what will be the cost of repair.* 24 *Feb.* 1651. [½ *page.*]

12. II. *Certificate by Hindley, that* 30*l. will not repair the premises.* 17 *March* 1651. [½ *page.*]

12. III. *Order in the county committee on the above certificate, allowing out of the profits of the said estate* 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d. towards the repairs. Manchester, Jan.* 30, 1652. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

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12. IV. *Certificate of Nich. Townley, and* 16 *other inhabitants of Burnley, that a house there formerly belonging to John Grimshaw of Clayton, has partly fallen down, and the rest much decayed; this was represented to the County Committee at Manchester, who by their order of* 28 *Jan.* 1650, *allowed* 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, *but as they were soon after discharged, the money was never paid, and it will now be insufficient to put the house into reasonable repair. Unless speedy course be taken, the water will wash away the common highway and street, with other houses, to the great prejudice of the neighbours, and of passengers having occasion to travel between the market towns of Halifax, Blackburn, and Preston. Feb.* 1, 1652. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

Oct. 16. Preston. **13.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We have secured a tenement formerly sequestered for recusancy of John Stansfield, deceased, and now descended to Mary Howell, widow, who is conformable; we beg relief for her. We have also secured ⅔ of the estate of Jeoffry Melling, suspected of Popery, who has refused the oath of abjuration.

With note of reply, 27 Nov., that those who claim Stansfield's estate are to prove their title by oath, when further directions will be given. They are to sequester Melling according to instructions. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 212.]

Oct. 17. Order in the Committee for Compounding, on a list of names given in by the County Committee for Worcester, for the discharge of many of the persons in the said list as being well affected. As to others, Mr. Winslow is to wait on the Barons of Exchequer to know if they have any charge against them. [*Most of the names are obliterated. G* 133, *pp.* 323–326.]

Oct. 17. Wells. **14.** County Committee for Somerset, to the Committee for Compounding. Having raised money by granting of estates upon copyhold tenements under sequestration, out of which fifths are demanded for the delinquents' wives and children, as your instructions mention the clear yearly value, ought a fifth of the fines for such estates to be paid? With note of reply, 30 Oct., that the Committee for Compounding do not think it fit or just to allow the same. [½ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 392.]

Oct. 18. York. **15.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We have several times presented to you the condition of sequestered tenants, and particularly those of Lord Dunbar, there being many fee-farm rents due yearly out of them, which have run in arrear, and are now violently called upon by messengers sent down by the Revenue Committee. The rents for 1643, 1644, and ½ of 1645 were granted by Parliament to the militia of this county, and were by a late order remitted,—the greatest part of this county being under the power of the King's army, and much plundered and burdened with assessments,—and for 1646 and 1647, that revenue was assigned for payment of the brigade of Major-General Lambert. Nevertheless those messengers have, contrary to those directions, and notice from us that we are not to suffer any incumbrance upon sequestered estates, levied and taken large fees, as may appear by their acquittances, a copy of which we enclose, which sums we, having undertaken to save the tenants harmless, are bound to allow them, and thereby the revenue will be much lessened; let some order be procured from the committee for prevention of the like for the future.

With note of reply, 29 Oct. You are not to suffer any distresses on such pretences, and if anybody attempts to levy, unless by order from us or Parliament, you are to secure them. We have written to the Revenue Committee to prevent such troubles. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 485.] *Enclosing,*

15. I. *Receipt by John Ritchell and Henry Leppington, messengers, of* 25*l. from Law. Cockrell, on a distress in discharge of three years' arrears of rent due from Viscount Dunbar to the Commonwealth, from* 1645 *to* 1647; *also for* 2*l.* 10*s. as their fee at* 4*d. a mile, from London to Thorny Croft, and* 3*s.* 4*d. for the distress. Oct.* 11, 1651. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Basil, Earl of Denbigh,—having acknowledged that his mother had changed her religion, and that his sister is gone into a nunnery with the Queen, and is guardian to her child, and

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desiring time to give his answer as to the estate whereof his mother is seized,—have 14 days to answer whether she has any jointure, or is dowable, and what he pays her yearly in lieu of jointure.

Order that the Derby Commissioners call to account Thos. Harryman of Derby for all moneys received for stone, lead, wood, or other materials of Wm. Bullock's house, lately pulled down, being under sequestration, and dispose of them and all materials of houses pulled down to the best advantage, and also of the house and site.

Roger Wilford, clerk to the late committee for Westminster, or whoever has the books and records of the committee, is to attend Aud. Sherwin with them all.

Order on a certificate of the Commissioners of co. Worcester, of 8 Oct. 1651,—giving a list of those persons who are inhabitants of Worcester whose estates are seized in London, but who are found well affected, and not connected with the late treason,—that the estates of 54 persons named be discharged. [*G* 15, *pp.* 52, 54.]

Oct. 21. Northwich. **16.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. In April 1650, Henry Sidebotham of Rudheath Lordship discovered the delinquency of John Winnington of Rudheath, by which we received last year out of his lands and goods 8*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*; he also discovered a debt of 11*l.* owing by Wm. Heale of Mobberly, and others, to John Bretland of Thorncliffe, Cheshire, a delinquent,—which was by bond of double penalty, made to Heywood, a servant of Bretland, but proved to be due to Bretland,—all which discoveries amounting to 19*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* we have received for the State; Sidebotham having solicited 1*s.* in the pound, according to the ordinance of Parliament, we request your order therein. There have been other discoveries by which some money has been received, and for which the discoverers expect allowance, and more would be made had we the power to pay the 1*s.* in the pound.

In Sept. 1650, we took several examinations against 6 men, all of Brereton, and copies were sent to you; we proceeded and secured their estates, but though we have often written to know your resolution, we have never received any, save an order in the case of Wm. Carter, clearing him from sequestration. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 21. Northwich. **17.** County Committee for Cheshire, to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We desire your resolutions therein, as also on our letters of 24 Sept. last, and 8, 9, and 16th instant. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 22. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Lancaster. We ordered you to join with Rob. Massey in sequestration business, but we find you disposed to give him and us trouble. Notwithstanding your allegations, we write again to enforce obedience; act with Massey, or we shall speedily appoint others less refractory. If you have good cause against him, show it in a month. We send him down, and in case you refuse to act with him, till you show cause, Edw. Aspinwall, our fresh commissioner, is to act with him. We want your accounts in 3 weeks, being much unsatisfied in some particulars. [*G* 15, *p.* 56.]

Oct. 22. Committee for Compounding to Edw. Aspinwall, directing him to act with Massey. [*G* 15, *p.* 56.]

Oct. 22. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. [Kent.]

Sir Geo. Whitmore, Hen. Cooke, and John Harris discharged by the late Committee for Sequestrations, and Mr. Knight by a decree in Chancery, must produce their discharges before us in 28 days, unless they are compounding therefor. [*G* 15, *p.* 56.]

Oct. 22. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Gloucester. You are to order the underwritten 17 persons, who are discharged, to produce their discharges in 28 days to us, unless they have compounded.

Also two discharged by the late Committee for Sequestrations.

Also ten discharged by the Barons of Exchequer.

Also Edw. Stamford, discharged by order from Sir Rich. Skeffington and Col. Needham of the late County Committee.

Also Thos. Lewis, by the South Wales Commissioners. [*G* 15, *p.* 57.]

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Oct. 22. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Chester. Like orders to produce discharges for Capt. Thos. Trafford and Hum. Phillips, discharged by the county committees, and 4 others discharged by the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 15, *p.* 57.]

Oct. 22. John Man to John Leech. I request your favour for Joshua Gynor, one of our [Essex] agents. He long since, by his care, discovered part of Ald. Bunce's estate at Theydon Garnon, and we have received the rents ever since, but when he delivered his certificate of his discovery to Mr. Bayley, he was told that he could receive no allowance for it, because he was an agent.

I hope his faithful service does not render him incapable of reward, or he may be discouraged for the future. [*G* 71, *p.* 854.]

Oct. 22. Petition of Rob. Massey, mercer of Warrington, to the Committee for Compounding. There having been growing on lands of the Earl of Derby in Pilkington, 38 score of timber trees and poles, and some being much decayed and of no use, because coals are gotten within a mile or two, and part having been cut down and sold by the tenants, begs them to sell the timber to him at the State's price, being already marked, numbered, and appraised, and to give him time for payment; and to call on the tenants for the value of the timber by them sold. Also begs liberty to cut down, make sale, and carry away without interruption from the tenants. With note [in short hand] that the Committee for Compounding can give no order as to the wood. [*G* 101, *p.* 843.]

Oct. 22. Durham. **18.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We have paid by appointment of Sir John Wollaston, 4,000*l.*; that is to say, to Major Tolhurst 2,771*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, and to Col. Fairfax 1,228*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*; and will return the acquittance to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall as soon as we can. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Kent. We have perused your contracts, and confirm such as were made before your instructions,—presuming that you proceeded on good grounds—so far as we are authorized by Act of Parliament. We also confirm those made since the instructions, if surveyed and posted according to the Act. Directions in a case. [*G* 30, *p.* 192.]

Oct. 23. Salop. **19.** Committee of co. Salop to the Committee for Compounding. According to instructions we have received and posted the estate of the Countess of Arundel, but the only bidders were Edw. Baldwin and Wm. Cowse, men of good estate, who bid 866*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* for 7 years, with good security. We think it would be better to let all to one person, the rents being small. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 25. Brecknock. **20.** John Gunter and Wm. Thomas, County Commissioners for Brecon, to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your commission for us to act in co. Brecon, and your letter of discharge to the former committee; though they were detained by Wm. Watkins, one of the old commissioners, to retard our proceedings, and to enable him to receive the Michaelmas rents and grant leases.

We have sent to Watkins to deliver all books and papers, and account for rents received and what is in arrear, which he has not done; we also summoned the former solicitors, sequestrators, and agents to give in their accounts, but they have not done so. John Morgan, formerly chief sequestrator, contemptuously said he had nothing to do with us, and his accounts were with Watkins. Shall we levy 20*l.* on all that refuse to bring in their accounts and papers?

Watkins discourages the tenants from paying rents to us, and obstructs our proceedings, telling them he will quash this commission as soon as he comes to London. Nevertheless we summoned the tenants, on whose appearance, and on enquiry of the value of the sequestered estates in this county, it appeared that Watkins has made several leases thereof, and discharged some sequestrations contrary to your instructions, and has let the same at extreme low

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rents and under-values, particularly the lands of Edw. Winter, worth 100*l.*, at 20*l.* a year. Most part of the rents due at Michaelmas have been received by Watkins, and he refuses to pay them to us.

All the ministers of this county were ousted two years past by the commissioners named in an Act for the propagation of the gospel in Wales, since which none of those churches have been supplied, and yet the rents and profits of all rectories, vicarages, donatives, glebe lands, &c., have been received by the said commissioners and their agents, which in this county amounts to above 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.* a year. As we have received no instructions, we have forborne intermeddling therein, although we conceive the Act only gives power to the commissioners to receive and dispose of the aforesaid rents for the propagation of the gospel, and not to let, set, and gather, which we conceive to be our proper employment. [1¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 27. Winchester. **21.** County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. The estates mentioned in the enclosed particulars having been posted to be let for 7 years, we transmit the offers made for your confirmation; also 2 others sent long since of the estates of Sir John Webb and Katherine Tichborne, widow, that the leases may be prepared. Finding Freemantle Park to have been in the management of the Irish Trustees, and not being privy to any disposal thereof to President Bradshaw, we seized and posted it to be let to the best advantage; but on receiving your order, we surceased to act, and have discharged the estate. We hope within the next 3 weeks to get in most of the rents, and pay them. We will then attend you with proofs of the charge depending before you against Woodman.

With note of answer, 6th Nov., confirming the leases if surveyed and posted. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 406.]

Oct. 27. The Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal to the Committee for Compounding. In the name of those appointed by Parliament to bring in an Act for settling 4,000*l.* a year on the Lord-General, and 2,000*l.* a year on the Deputy-General of Ireland, we desire you to send us speedily the surveys of the Duke of Buckingham's estate in cos. Rutland, Berks, and Leicester. Certify also what you have let, with or without survey. [*G* 71, *p.* 725.]

Oct. 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Edw. Raynes of Barcombe, Sussex, be steward for keeping courts in Aldwick and other manors sequestered from Lord Craven. [*G* 12, *p.* 331.]

Order to summon Sir Hen. Wood of Hackney to take the oath of abjuration, and to produce his license to go beyond seas.

Also to write to M. Ozier, the French agent, to desire him to come to the commissioners, as they wish to confer with him about English delinquents in France. [*G* 36, *p.* 247.]

Oct. 29. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee at Newcastle. In yours of 1 Oct. you say there is no hope of receiving duplicates of the former committee's proceedings, but by your excuses you seem to think only accounts of moneys received and paid are meant, which is not satisfactory. We do require these, but they must include charge of billet, taxes, &c., whilst the country was under power of the enemy, that they may be defalked. Without them we cannot discharge our duty otherwise than by inflicting the penalty of the Act in case of default.

But besides the accounts, we want duplicates of the proceedings in cases of sequestration and discharge, and the actings of the committee at their sittings, according to the Act of 29 Jan. 1650. We send you a precedent according to which such returns should be made, and you must forward it to those who chiefly acted, and send us their names. [*G* 30, *p.* 64.]

Oct. 29. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Sussex. You may repair the mill you named 6 Oct., on Lord Morley's estate, but take care there is no needless expense. [*G* 30, *p.* 448.]

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Oct. 29. Committee for Compounding to the Revenue Committee. The Act of 29 Jan. 1650 directs that no charges on sequestered estates be paid till allowed by the late Committee for Compounding, whose power is now transferred to us; yet we receive complaints from several counties of the carriage of agents from you, claiming fee-farm rents due from sequestered estates, levying arrears, and charging large fees, which we have no power to allow. We beg you to take some course to prevent such miscarriages, and command your officers not to issue warrants to disturb the State's tenants, and draw charges on the Revenue, since it is your order that we should not permit such levies without due proof, which in such cases is never offered, and therefore must be opposed till Parliament gives us further order. If rents due from delinquents were not paid out of sequestrations till after composition, Parliament loses nothing meanwhile, all the return going into their treasury. [*G* 30, *p.* 485.]

Oct. 29. Brecknock. **22.** County Committee for Brecon to the Committee for Compounding. We have surveyed lands and tenements under sequestration, doing our utmost to discover the real value, and find that for the last two years the late Commissioners for South Wales have let the sequestered estates at extreme under values. The several tenants, being summoned, have satisfied us that they pay the chief farmers far greater rents than are accounted for to the State, whereby the State is prejudiced, and a great advantage raised by private persons. We have summoned Wm. Watkins, Edw. Games, formerly treasurer, John and David Morgan, and Howell, John and Wm. Jones, the sequestrators, to deliver us their books and papers, and an account of their former proceedings, but they have refused, and purpose to conceal their accounts. We hear that there remain vast sums in their hands unaccounted for.

We have imposed the fine of 20*l.* a-piece upon them for their contempt, and desire directions as to levying for it. Watkins and his associates, contrary to your instructions, have let the lands in the survey enclosed for above a year. We cannot hear that they have ever been posted, and several persons have already offered us the full value mentioned in our survey; we desire your directions.

We also hear that many Papists and delinquents are concealed, their estates yet unsequestered, others illegally discharged from sequestration, several estates compounded for at under values, others omitted out of their composition, and still enjoyed free from sequestration; there has been a note produced to us under the hands of Mr. Watkins only, discharging Alexanderston lands from sequestration without your orders. With marginal notes for a reply. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

22. I. *Valuation of the estates of the late Earl of Worcester, Edw. Winter, Bodenham Gunter, Sir Fras. Fane, Elizabeth Bevans, and Howell Price, co. Brecknock, real value* 1,182*l. a year, let by the former committee at* 723*l.* [2 *pages.*]

[Oct. 29.] **23.** Queries on which the Brecon County Committee request directions from the Committee for Compounding. As the late county committee refuse to deliver up their books and papers, we have fined them 20*l.* a-piece, and desire order that the sheriff and his officers may assist in levying the fines. These former commissioners have let the sequestered estates, really worth 1,182*l.* a year, to their friends and others at 723*l.*, prejudicing the State for the last two years by 918*l.*; and contrary to their instructions, have let estates worth above 20*l.* per annum for more than one year, and some of them for 7, and at great undervalues, and without posting them. Pray declare all such leases void.

William Watkins, one of the commissioners, discharged the lands of Alexanderston from sequestration, on the death of Eliz. Bevans, the Papist owner; and Roger Thomas, the now tenant, can produce no other grant or discharge, or give account by what authority he held it, and what remained in arrear; we have fined him 20*l.*

From search in the treasury of Goldsmiths' Hall, we find that the former commissioners paid from the profits of the sequestered estates in the six counties of South Wales, 1,201*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the two years last past, whereas it

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appears by the commissioners' certificate, that the sequestrations of co. Brecon only, for those years, amounted to 1,182*l.* They should be called to account for all the profits of the sequestered estates in the other counties, which may be best done by naming new commissioners.

The commissioners named in an Act of 22 Feb. 1650, for propagation of the gospel in Wales, &c., have for the last two years ousted most of the ministers in South Wales and co. Brecon, which has 73 parishes, and have not supplied others; there are only two at present preaching, nevertheless they have disposed of all the rectories, vicarages, donatives, sinecures, portions, tenths, impropriations, glebe lands, and all ecclesiastical livings whatsoever, the revenues whereof in co. Brecon alone amount to 4,000*l.*, or 5,000*l.* a year, whereas the Act gives them power only to dispose of the profits for propagation of the gospel, but gives no power of letting the same. They are let to their own friends and creatures at extreme undervalues, yet under-let by them to the parishioners at rack rents. Pray direct the letting so as to advance the propagation of the gospel, schools, and literature; and order accounts to be given to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. There are vast sums still unaccounted for in the hands of the commissioners, sequestrators, treasurers, and agents that managed sequestrations, from the beginning of the wars to 20 April 1650, on which we beg your instructions.

With notes of reply 27 Nov. by the Committee for Compounding. We thank you for your care in searching out the miscarriages of the late commissioners. You are to levy on each the fine of 20*l.*; if they refuse to pay, you are to levy 40*l.* each, according to the Act; if they still refuse, to call in the sheriffs, justices, trained bands, &c. You are then again to demand the accounts, and report their answer, when in case of refusal, we will commit them to custody. We have confirmed none of their contracts, so we make void all that are for more than a year. As the leases expire, the land may be let at full rents for 7 years, allowing Parliamentary taxes only, but no other rent or charge above 1*l.* a year without order from us. The Alexanderston estate discharged by Watkins must be re-sequestered, but he cannot be fined for the act, however unjust.

We wish to see the Act of 22 Feb. 1650, and your power.

Our souls are much aggrieved at the sadness of your relation about rectories, &c., but we have no power to meddle therein except as Christians in making known such abuses to those who can rectify; we have told Major-Gen. Harrison, and the Army Committee, who will make it known to Parliament.

You are to force the late committee to bring you their accounts from Dec. 1649. [1¼ *sheets; also G* 30, *pp.* 419, 420.]

Oct. 30. Order in the Army Committee that the Committee for Compounding confer with them next Wednesday about propositions made and referred to Parliament, and bring with them the certificate required. [*G* 63, *p.* 608.]

Oct. 30. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of the Great Seal. On your request of the 27th, we send you surveys of the Duke of Buckingham's estate in cos. Essex and Bucks; from Leicester we have not received one, but send you copies from an account in 1649 of Papists' estates there, of the lands of the Earl of Antrim, and Duchess of Buckingham, descended by her death to the Duke. We cannot certify the truth of these accounts, for though we use diligence to prevent errors, we have met with them. We do not think ourselves to blame, because we cannot obtain allowance of a surveyor-general, a necessary officer to prevent miscarriage in the return of surveys. [*G* 15, *p.* 67.]

Oct. 30. Order in the Committee for Compounding to leave out the last clause of the preceding letter; the copies of such surveys and certificates requested as are with the auditor or registrar to be returned, with that letter under their hands.

Order that the committee resolve on Tuesday how far they will allow the articles of Lynn. [*G* 15, *p.* 65; 36, *p.* 248.]

Oct. 30. Committee for Compounding to the Barons of Exchequer. We reminded you 5 Sept. what the Act of 25 Jan. 1650 requires from your registrar, yet we have no certificate, and are much prejudiced thereby in many cases that come before

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us. We earnestly beg you to see it transmitted to us at once, or we shall be unwillingly obliged to represent the same to Parliament, to free ourselves from blame. [*G* 15, *p.* 65.]

Oct. 30. Wells. **24.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. The manor of Aldwick, belonging to Lord Capel, is compounded for at 100*l.* a year, and set by us at 75*l.*, which seems to render us negligent in the discharge of our trust; but the manor having been leased out for 21 years by the late Lord Capel, was so impoverished by the tenants through ploughing and tillage, that the yearly value is much abated, and by our best survey and enquiry, it appears to be now set at the full value. The bailiff never knew it set at above 86*l.*, and the public charges payable by the tenants in those parts being very great, they and the present rent will amount to a greater sum; he thinks that it is now set at a sum much beyond its value. Therefore we hope we may not suffer disrepute, nor those tenants who have contracted with us be prejudiced by reversing the contracts.

We received your letter for discharging the remainder of Lord Capel's estate, but not knowing whether the State or the trustees ought to receive the Michaelmas rents, we have suspended this until further order. There have been no estates of value let by us without survey. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 31. Order in Parliament—on the propositions of the Committee for Compounding for quickening receipts—that the first be referred back to the Committee for Compounding, to certify the names of the delinquents interested, how many are beyond seas, and who have desired to compound. The other propositions to be referred back to the Army Committee. [*G* 63, *p.* 611.]

Oct. Report thereon of the Committee for Compounding, that they did not include in that first proposition any in the bill of sale, nor any Papists in arms, nor delinquents beyond seas, nor any who have been delinquents since 30 Jan. 1649, nor any whose estate is specially granted away; but that it is merely a general proposition, founded on receipt of several petitions to compound. [*G* 63, *p.* 636.]

Oct. 31. **25.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We have been extremely hindered in letting a farm of the Earl Newcastle's in Kirkby-in-Ashfield by a malignant faction, of which we send you a certificate. The authority of Parliament and yours derived to us is questioned by them; you would hardly believe their malicious endeavours, though varnished with pretences. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 31. Kendal. **26.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of a case. We often asked directions about disposal of the money in hand. During this late invasion of the King of Scots, we had to give 480*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.* towards a month's pay to a troop of volunteer horse and dragoons raised here by commissions from Maj.-Gens. Lambert and Harrison, and other disbursements raised it to 502*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, for allowance of which we are petitioning Parliament. The remainder we will dispose according to your order. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 3. Oakham. **27.** County Committee for Rutland to the Committee for Compounding. Part of Leighfield, formerly belonging of the Duke of Buckingham, is disposed of to Sir James Harrington by Parliament, who have granted him a special Act for it, and the other part is let to Col. Waite for 7 years by us. The lands in Greetham are let to the present tenants, as also the mills, at a full value for 7 years. The impropriation is disposed of by the Committee for Plundered Ministers as augmentations to the ministers of the towns of Greetham and Pilton in this county, and the lands in Oakham are leased by us to several tenants at a full value for 7 years, according to the Act and your instructions. We will send full particulars shortly. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 3. Arundel. **28.** Alex. Wilson and Wm. Baldwin to the County Committee for Sussex. We offer 482*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* yearly, clear of all deductions, to become tenants for 7 years to ⅔ of the Earl of Arundel's estate, co. Sussex. [½ *page.*]

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Nov. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding on the articles made by the Earl of Manchester at the surrender of Lynn Regis, Norfolk, 16 Sept. 1643—on deposition that though the articles are not to be found in the House, those produced are the same in substance, only there was a proviso in the 6th article, for satisfaction to be given to the soldiers and the well-affected,—that the case be stated, and Col. [Valentine] Walton present it to the House, and that meanwhile, Sir Hamond Lestrange, [Thos.] Dereham, and others whose estates were seized and secured on that business only, should set forth their particular cases, and receive their rents meanwhile on good security. [*G* 15, *p.* 71.]

Depositions to be taken about Martinsthorp Manor, co. Rutland.

Order on the Earl of Denbigh's appearing, and producing a letter from his mother in answer to the charge of recusancy, that the commissioners give her till 1 January to come in and take the oath of abjuration. He requests to be understood as to what he said on 21 Oct. about her change of religion, that he never understood it from herself or any of her servants, but he had heard it by common rumour. [*G* 36, *p.* 249.] *Annexing,*

1. *Susan, Countess Dowager of Denbigh to the Earl of Denbigh, her son, London. I hear from London that I am presented as a rescusant. It is a malice that has long been put upon me, but if they were put to make it good, I doubt not of being cleared.*

As to my being with the Queen, my mistress, I am with her no longer; she has gone into a nunnery, and left me in a sad condition, ready to be cast into the streets. What to do I know not, for I am so very ill that I cannot come over to justify myself till Spring, if I live so long. I have done no prejudice, but paid all duties and taxes. If I must have the hard measure to be made a delinquent, I hope to find favour by you and your friends. My blessing to my daughter. Paris, 28 Oct. 1651. [*G* 80, *pp.* 270, 271. *Holograph.*]

Nov. 4. Committee for Compounding to the Countess of Denbigh. Having read your letter to the Earl of Denbigh, in answer to the informations of recusancy against you, we resolve to give you till 1 Jan. 1652, to come in and take the oath of abjuration, within which time we shall expect your performance or your answer. [*G* 15, *p.* 71.]

Nov. 4. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Hants. Freemantle Park being granted by Parliament to Lord-President Bradshaw, he received the rents for 2 years, but now we hear you have sequestered the park, and posted it in the open market to be let for 7 years; and though we ordered you on 14 Oct. to discharge the park, you refused till his servant paid 1*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* fees for the sequestering and posting the park, and entering the orders thereon. Not being satisfied with the justness of these proceedings, we order you to discharge the park without fees, and tell us by what warrant you demanded such fees, and by whose information and instigation you sequestered the park. [*G* 15, *p.* 69.]

Nov. 4. Durham. **29.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We transmit herewith our account of receipts from sequestered estates due at Pentecost last, with a particular of arrears. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 5. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for York. In yours of 11 Oct. you name 8,330*l.* as returned, but we find only 6,164*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.* paid from 31 May to 30 Oct. last. Wait directions from the treasurers-at-war before you pay Michaelmas rents on orders from Maj.-Gen. Lambert's officers or others. When you send money, send us the names and addresses of the persons by whom it is sent; take order for speedy payment of the remainder of the 8,330*l.* [*G* 30, *p.* 484.] *Annexing,*

30. *Note that* 6,164*l.* 15*s.* 3*d. has been received from Yorkshire since* 31 *May* 1651. *Oct.* 30, 1651. [¼ *page.*]

Nov. 5. **31.** John Serle and Rich. Clapp to the Committee for Compounding. We thought it our duty to represent the service of your steward in his last Michaelmas circuit, going round this county [Devon], so that you may order what shall be done in the particular cases, as they appear destructive and fraudulent to the Commonwealth's interest. The manor of Arlington is sequestered

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as the inheritance of John Chichester, recusant, beyond sea, and at a court there summoned, all but one tenant refused to appear. The manor of Clawton, formerly belonging to Thos. Bayly, recusant, is enjoyed by Thomas Monk, late of Rudderidge, as in his possession under sequestration; when he compounded at Goldsmiths' Hall this manor was left out of his particulars, and courts are held there by Wm. Melton of Sheepwash, a notorious malignant, who takes up the rents. Lord Petre is now keeping courts and granting estates in Devon in a private way, and can or does make many thousand pounds. The Earl of Shrewsbury has sent his servant to take up his rents in Stopton Manor, but they are stopped with the bailiff, and 400*l.* raised there by fine is likewise stopped in the tenants' hands until your order calls it in, or discharges them.

The manor of Upton, sequestered from Ant. Gifford, recusant, is now discovered, but is claimed by Mr. Lee of Northam, who, as executor in trust, has taken up 8*l.* 15*s.* in rent, and made 9*l.* upon estates there, and half a year's rent now due is stayed with the bailiff until we receive your order. Your steward has discovered 10*l.* rents of assize, and 30*l.* in demesnes belonging to Thos. Kirkham and Margaret, his sister, both recusants. Mr. Packhurst of London has lately bought the inheritance of tenements in Torbrian Manor, sequestered from Thos. Savage, and the tenants are commanded not to do suit or service, or pay their rents to the Commonwealth. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 6. Order in the Committee for Compounding,—on report from the County Commissioners of Worcester of 29 Sept. last, that John Higgins, sen., is well affected, and did not approve of his man's taking up arms against Parliament, —that his estate be discharged from any seizure by reason of the late treasonable engagement, unless the London Committee show cause to the contrary.

Like order in favour of Thos. Hackett.

Order that—as several augmentations have been granted to ministers who take no care of them, nor give any account of their acceptance, and many places are void, and some refuse to take the engagement,—Mr. Rich, who has been entrusted with those settlements, give speedy notice to the ministers concerned, that they may certify their acceptance, and their taking the engagement. If they refuse, the augmentations are to be allowed to others who deserve better. The county commissioners to certify what places are void. [*G* 15, *pp.* 72–74.]

Nov. 6. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cheshire. We answer yours 8, 9, 16, 21, 28, and 30 Oct. Directions in particular cases.

As to accounts, we have already directed you every Michaelmas to return them by the hand of one of yourselves, and we expect those of Michaelmas to be speedily brought up.

As to augmentations, you need not scruple to receive the profits of all allowances till ministers are put in, qualified according to Act of Parliament.

We cannot yet allow Sidebotham anything for his discovery, but have offered it to the Army Committee to present to Parliament. Particulars of cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 93.]

Nov. 6. Durham. **32.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. In the late Act for sale of delinquents' estates, there are sundry who have estates in this county. Are their wives and children to have the 5th part of the rents of the estates due at Martinmas, according to former order?

With note of reply, 3 Dec., that where the commissioners have allowed a 5th, it is granted until sale be made. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 65.]

Nov. 6. Dorchester. **33.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. In Dec. 1646, the former committee sequestered Purcombe Farm as the estate of Wm. Gardner, a delinquent; it was then in possession of Lieut.-Col. Raymond, but how he came into possession we cannot find. He agreed with the committee for it at 30*l.* a year, but never paid any rent, neither would suffer any man to take it, but kept it forcibly and with violent hand, threatening to maintain possession by the sword, and daring any man to distrain for the rent. The committee on their dismission turned the estate over to us, with the other sequestrations.

We have endeavoured to recover the rents in a civil way, and demanded the reason of his keeping possession and detaining the rent, when he asserted he had a title to the land, which we desired him to clear before you, and gave him

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a certificate, he promising to prosecute his title and bring us a discharge; but he has done neither; we therefore desire advice and assistance for recovery of the arrears and possession. We hear that he has no title at all to the land, but he is of a desperate disposition, and by his words and actions manifests that it will be hard to recover it from him without effusion of blood. We enclose an information concerning Robert Miller, who is one of those to whom a ticket was delivered for the 20th part; he having already paid a sum to the committee's treasury as his 20th part, had a debenture for repayment, and now it is made use of for doubling in a purchase from the trustees for delinquents' lands.

With note of reply 27 Nov. that Raymond is summoned to appear before the Committee for Compounding on this complaint, and the summons is addressed to him to appear at Haberdashers' Hall in 14 days at his peril, to certify why he keeps possession and yet pays no rent. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 46.]

Nov. 7. Order in the Committee for Compounding that the petition of Thos. Browne, begging for allowance for his pains when employed by the auditors of the late Committee for Compounding, be presented [to the Army Committee]. [*G* 63, *p.* 634.]

[Nov. 7.] Petition of Rob. Massey, mercer of Warrington, to the Committee for Compounding. In Jan. 1651, you granted me a commission to act as a Commissioner for Sequestrations in co. Lancaster, but I reaped no benefit, as the other commissioners would not act with me. On their contempt, I came back to London, a tedious journey, and you renewed my commission, but the other commissioners shut the door upon me, and would not let me act. You sent them another order, on which, out of malice, they accused me as a traitor incapable of employment, and as a man of broken fortunes, and say they will sooner cease to act than act with me. I beg you to protect me against their machinations, and to join men of known integrity to act with me. [*G* 101, *p.* 855.]

Nov. 7. Preston. **34.** County Committee for Lancaster to Robert Cunliffe at the Bell, Friday Street. We have seen your letter to [Evan] Wall, but as we have not met till now, we could not answer. If it be still pressed by the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Massey must act with us, you must represent to them the following reasons for our not joining with him.

1. It is reported that not long since he compounded with his creditors, and it will not only prejudice the service if such be employed, but the country will say that the business is carried on by men of broken fortunes, which will be a scandal to us all.

2. If we join him, we shall be made responsible for any moneys which come to his hands out of the profits of sequestrations during his employment. Our instructions directing that one of ourselves must be treasurer, and that we all must be responsible, we dare not engage our estates upon such a hazard as that of joining with him, if it should fall upon him to be treasurer.

3. If the Committee for Compounding authorize him to act with us, out of their sense of some defects in us, and that three are not able to carry on the work, then we desire they will add two more to us instead of one, so that if we differ in judgment, business may not be retarded by opposing two votes against two, but that there may be a casting vote.

4. Upon the last advance of the Scotch King with his forces into this county, Massey was very adverse and backward in the service, and denied to pay or provide the men and money charged upon him by the Militia Commissioners, and being nominated by them to raise a foot company for the defence of the county, he absolutely denied the employment, and returned his commission, alleging that he could not leave his trading, though it was at a time when the well-affected could not possibly make any benefit of their trade, and scarcely durst open their shops.

5. At the Scots' coming to Warrington, his wife and family were seen openly to rejoice, and many of the enemies' commanders were very well entertained there, rather as friends than enemies to them.

If, notwithstanding all this, the commissioners authorize him to act with us, then move that our accounts may be presently audited, and that we may be discharged of our employment, for we are resolved either to join with those with

whom we may cordially act, or to give up our accounts for the time we have been employed, and leave the work to such as they please to appoint. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

34. I. *Reasons by the same why they cannot consent to act with Mr. Massey, viz.: because it is the general opinion that his estate is in a declining condition, and therefore it is "neither safe nor credible, if not impossible," for them to do so without daily affronts.*

That in point of education, he is very unfit for the employment.

That if there should be only four commissioners, their votes would sometimes be equal, and so indecisive. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 7. Copy of the above letter. [*G* 101, *pp.* 859, 860.]

Nov. 8. York. **35.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. There are many charges in the sheriff's hands out of the Exchequer against sequestered estates of Papists and delinquents, and we gave them notice to forbear troubling the Commonwealth's tenants. Perceiving that Sir Edw. Rodes, high sheriff, had a charge against the sequestered estate of Sir Philip Hungate, we sent him an order, but he nevertheless caused his bailiff to levy 20*l.* on that estate, and for which he gave his own acquittance. If such distresses pass unpunished, the revenue will be much lessened, and the delinquents will set such pretences on foot to defraud the Commonwealth. We desire your order, as the like is being done against Lord Dunbar, and most of the sequestered estates.

With note of reply, 27 Nov. A summons is to be sent to the sheriff to show cause why he disturbs the State's possession, and why he should not repay what he has levied upon the lands without order of the Committee for Compounding. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

35. I. *Order by the County Committee for York to Sir Edw. Rodes, and his officers to forbear molesting the estate of Sir Philip Hungate, it being sequestered and the profits answered to the State, and the county committee being directed by the Committee for Compounding not to suffer any extent, judgment, or other incumbrance on such estates without their order. Sept.* 13, 1651. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

35. II. *Schedule of the manors, messuages, lands, &c., belonging to Sir Wm. Hungate, seized by the Crown, temp. Eliz., for debts, and for which the sheriff is to answer the issues for half a year, viz., of the issues of Saxton Manor,* 20*l. With receipt thereof from Sir P. Hungate. Sept.* 16, 1651. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

Nov. 8. **36.** County Committee for Monmouthshire to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a particular of lands belonging to the late Earl of Worcester, with the yearly value and the contracts made thereupon, and desire your confirmation. With note that if the contracts were before the Act for sale of the lands, they are to be confirmed, but if since, the estates are to be let from year to year only. [½ *page.*]

Nov. 11. Armourers' Hall. **37.** County Committee for Middlesex, to the Committee for Compounding. We received your order of the 6th inst. to sequester both the real and personal estate of the Earl of Arundel within the City of London and liberties thereof, and forthwith issued a warrant to our agent to sequester the same wherever he could find it; certain houses in Lothbury having been heretofore under sequestration as the said Earl's, we sent to receive the rents due this quarter, but found them already received. We desire you to notice that two months elapsed after the date of your order before it came to our hands, whence it comes to pass that we can give you no better account of the profits which might have accrued had we had it sooner; the like has happened to several others of your orders.

When we attended you concerning some contracts, you ordered that they should be confirmed, and that an order should be sent us for that purpose, as also touching the East India House, but we have not received any, though our agent duly attends you for its despatch.

According to your orders in the business of Worcester, we examined 200 witnesses to discover estates, and secured those of 80 clothiers, inhabitants of Worcester and Worcestershire, whose names we transmitted to you, and

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expected an order either to sequester or take off our restraint. On 21 Oct. last you told us to take it off where we had no charge, and since then we have been expecting an order to that effect, and now we understand that some of those whose estates we have secured have procured discharges from you, and,—without acquainting us, whom it much concerns for the keeping of our books orderly,—receive their cloths, money, or other estate where it has been secured. [1¾ *pages.*]

Nov. 12. Order in the Army Committee, that the Committee for Compounding meet them on Friday, to consider about propositions referred back to them by Parliament. [*G* 63, *p.* 610.]

Nov. 12. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on certificate of the Worcester Committee of 29 Oct. 1651,—that Edw. Heming, clothier, went to London a month before the Scots came to Worcester, and did not return till a fortnight after their defeat, and that there is no charge of treason against him;—that his cloth, stayed in London, be discharged, unless the London Committee show cause to the contrary. [*G* 15, *p.* 83; 93, *p.* 535.]

Order to pay to persons appointed by the Council of State all moneys coming in on the compositions of Sir Geo. Strode and Lord Capel, to be employed as ordered by Parliament. 12 Nov. 1651. [*G* 12, *p.* 340.]

[Nov. 12.] **38.** Note by Mich. Herring, Goldsmiths' Hall treasurer, that Strode's fine is fully paid with interest, 2,858*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, and that Lord Capel's trustees have paid his composition, 4,706*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*, total, 7,565*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.* [⅛ *page.*]

Nov. 12. Stafford. **39.** County Committee for Stafford, to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your letters for duplicates of the proceedings of the former county committee, and to levy the penalty against them if they refused, but we sent you the duplicates 20 Nov. 1650. We send the charge of delinquency against Sir Robt. Sherley, but cannot find anything against [Rob.] Offley or Sir John Pershall. Notes of cases. We demanded Col. Lister's rent from his bailiff, who refused to give it without particular directions from him. [He is to produce the order or else the rent.] We send the charge of delinquency against James Allen, of Lichfield. We have directed Capt. Girdler to wait upon you on our behalf. [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 12. Taunton. **40.** County Committee for Somerset, viz., Gorges, Whetcombe, Quash, and Blake, to the Committee for Compounding. We hear that you scruple to confirm our contracts made with such great care; we fear not to bring our actions to the clearest light, for demonstration of our faithfulness, and we request that you will not put such an indignity on us as to undo in a breath what we, with a twelve months' great pains and industry, have been effecting; if you thus deal with us, our shame will be unparallelled, for when we sent up Col. Gorges and Capt. Quash to you with our contracts half a year since, Col. Gorges made a report to us that, after a strict perusal, you were so far from disliking any of them, that you gave him great encouragement by your commendations, whereupon we sealed every tenant's lease, and many of them,—in regard the land was much decayed, having lain so long under sequestration—have laid out great sums for its improvement, to their utter ruin if frustrated of their bargains. We beg you not to delay a full confirmation of them.

Do not send our letters to Bristol, which is on the other side of the county, so that many times 'tis a fortnight before we receive them, and messengers have to be sent on purpose; Mr. Bayley took a note from Col. Gorges to rectify this, but it is continued. Let our agents be hastened down, as Mr. Leech promised Col. Gorges they should be.

We wait the determination of Parliament concerning your power for management of estates passed to the trustees [for sale of delinquents' lands]; we could make as great an advantage by stating the copyholds as they ever will by the fee. Have we not power concerning wood sales on such estates? [1¾ *pages.*]

Nov. 13. Order in the Committee for Compounding, on the request of Major James Clark, of Tiverton, co. Devon, to be admitted discoverer of omissions and undervaluations in compositions, and also of persons who, though sequestrable, have not compounded, that he be admitted accordingly, he bringing in the

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information and giving a bond to prosecute them effectually, and on his desire, orders will be given to examine witnesses here or in the country. [*G* 15, *p.* 85.] *Annexing,*

1. *Request of Major Clarke alluded to; with the certificate of the County Commissioners for Devon, John Serle, and Rich. Clapp, 7 Nov.* 1651, *that he is the first discoverer.*

Under valuers.

John Barnard, Collaton.
John Lavers, goldsmith, Exeter.
Samuel Isaac, ,,
Rich. Culme, Cannon Leigh.
Sir Hen. Carew, Bickleigh.
Hum. Prows, Chagford.
Sebastian Isaac.
James Roade, Exeter.
Art. Culme, Bampton.
Sir Peter Ball.
Wm. Mellon.
John Martin, Yarcombe.
John Willoughby, Payhembury.
Edw. Pine, East Down.
John Fortescue, Fallowpit.
Col. Wm. Helliar.
Sir John Glanville.
Abram Webber, Plymtree.
Thos. Carey, Studley.
John Gifford, Brightley.
Rich. Cabell, Buckfastleigh.
Roger Gifford.

New discoveries, all of Tiverton.

Wm. London.
Thos. Fowler.
John Daymond.
Peter Adkins.
Thos. Prows.
John Goddard,
Aquila Skinner.

[*G* 74, *p.* 901.]

Nov. 13. Salisbury. **41.** County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. As to dispossessing of any tenant, it was not done by our consent, and if such occurred, it was upon their own refusal to take the same; it is alleged that waste and spoil have been made of woods, yet on examination there does not appear to have been any such thing; but for your better satisfaction in these and other matters, one of us will attend you this term. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 13. Blandford. **42.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. We send the surveys of estates for which, having been posted and the best offer accepted, contracts have been made for 7 years. Some are let clear, according to your first instructions, before we received later instructions, and in others the contribution rates are to be allowed, according to a private direction from Arthur Squibb, who is here. We desire you will confirm our agreements, as the letting for 7 years has much advanced the revenue. Sequestered estates are much impoverished by removing tenants year by year, and their having an uncertain holding.

Amongst the summonses sent down for the $\frac{1}{20}$, John Fell of Blandford had one for 80*l.*, a reasonable sum, as he never paid any $\frac{1}{20}$, and his estate is considerable, and he is about marrying a wife with a portion of 1,000*l.* The continual solicitations of the several tenants to finish our contracts forces us to send a messenger on purpose to obtain your sanction. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Nov. 14. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Wilts. On yours of 30 Oct. we think Vincent Smith should be admitted tenant to [John] Long's estate at Kelways. [*G* 30, *p.* 465.]

Nov. 15. Leicester. **43.** County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. We send you again an account of that part of Sir Charles Smith and [Wm.] Sheldon's estates invested with the Irish Trustees. It is strange that the last account sent, both to you and the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers, was not received. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

43. 1. *Account of the above estates; receipts from Sir C. Smith's,* 380*l.* 16*s.*; *from Mr. Sheldon's,* 84*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* [2 *sheets.*]

Nov. 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Committee for co. Oxon do not fell or sell any timber in Caversham Park, late Lord Craven's, without their special direction. [*G* 15, *p.* 88.]

Nov. 18. Wigan. **44.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. You long since authorized Edw. Mosley to be steward of all courts kept upon

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any sequestered estates here, but we receive complaints that in most places they have no courts at all, whereby the common nuisances between neighbours are not only unredressed, but the public much prejudiced for want of presentments of the death of tenants of delinquent landlords, which cannot be prevented by any other means than the keeping of courts, unless we should continually make new surveys of their leases. Some few courts are kept by his substitutes, but so carelessly that the inhabitants complain that when they have attended on the days appointed, they have waited all day, and neither the steward nor his deputy ever came. Pray revoke your grant to Mr. Mosley, and we will see that the courts are better kept. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 19. Notes of an order [by the Army Committee] requiring the counties, the names in the counties, and the delinquents' cases to be sent in arranged alphabetically. Also those who have paid their fines and fallen into delinquency again.

Also notes of papers delivered on the cases of Lord Deincourt, Benedict Hall, and on the case between the trustees for sale, and the commissioners. [*G* 63, *p.* 642.]

Nov. 19. Petition of Chris. Cheesman to the Committee for Compounding. Under a deep sense of unparallelled corruptions and unjust proceedings of the county committee, I was stirred up in conscience to exhibit articles of complaint against them; but they, knowing their guilt, obtained delays which cost me in weary and vexatious journies 40*l.*, and they tried to stain me with scandals, whereon I was dismissed employment last April. But conscious of integrity, I renewed my charge, and the commissioners are now found guilty of notorious offences. I beg that impartial justice may be done on them, to the terror of evil-doers. I ask payment of 12*l.*, balance of salary detained on plea of neglect of duty, but really due, because I spent the time in prosecution of these offenders. Also allowance for my damage and sufferings.

With order thereon of 27 Nov. that he be paid the 12*l.* for service in discovery of undervaluations. [*G* 15, *p.* 107; 74, *p.* 283.]

Nov. 19. **45.** County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. We now present from our steward a book of the rents of estates of tenants in the manors of Papists and delinquents now under sequestration. Where the rentals are not perfect, it is because those tenants have refused to appear and produce leases and copies to the courts, wherein they and we also require your instructions.

Copies and leases have been tendered by us according to the Act, but not a customary tenant has yet appeared to deal; leases for 7 years are sparingly settled, because our endeavours upon this year's sets are still labouring for an improvement, whereby the steward has very little profit in any part of his service, but is at a great loss and expense, and this, with the rest of his work as clerk, takes up his whole time, and that of another that writes for him. Unless you allow his charges in keeping courts, and making discoveries thereby, and two clerks' salary for the work in this great county, it cannot be expedited as expected.

Finding the sheaf, glebe, and tithes upon the impropriate rectories of Ashwater, Ringash, and Holne, left under sequestration by the late committee as the inheritance of Mr. Kaye, minister, we let them for this year to James Ley for 88*l.*, but the premises are ordered and disposed of at present by the late committee, and Ley is questioned for meddling therewith; if this rent be kept from us, we cannot pay it into your treasury nor be accountable for it, and therefore desire order therein.

We are informed that Sir Peter Ball, a late contractor for Deans' and Chapters' lands in Devon, distrains and forces the tenants to pay him the arrears of rents in their hands due to the State while under sequestration, and before his purchase; we therefore desire an order to examine the truth, and preserve the interest of the Commonwealth.

At our meeting on the 13th inst. at Exeter, the following sums were paid in, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
Out of the Earl of Worcester's estate - - -	13	18	3
,, ditto - - - - -	8	7	4

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	£	s.	d.
Out of the Marquis of Winchester's estate - -	14	10	0
,, Thos. and Rich. Stukey - - - -	10	5	8
,, ditto - - - -	13	6	6
,, Thos. Rich. and Thos. Wood - -	100	0	0
,, Dorothy Risdon - - - - -	30	0	0
,, Edm. Reynell - - - - -	3	6	11
,, Chas. Trevanion - - - - -	5	7	6

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Nov. 20. Durham. **46.** Isaac Gilpin to the Committee for Compounding. There were divers things of value belonging to the Church of Durham concealed from the State, as plate worth 100*l.*, copes, and other cloths and ornaments of the church. I took pains to discover the plate while servant to the old committee, and had several persons examined upon it; the examinations were delivered to the old committee. I believe if I had order to sue for it and examine witnesses, I should recover it for the State. I propose you should examine Lady Elizabeth Hammond, late wife of Dr. Balcanqual, dean of Durham, as she can tell you what they were, and what has become of them.

With marginal notes of reply, that Lady Hammond is to be summoned and examined on interrogatories. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

46. I. *Interrogatories for the examination of Lady Eliz. Hammond,* 20 *Nov.* 1651. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 20. **47.** John Maidston, one of the Committee for Sequestrations for co. Essex, to the Committee for Compounding. We acquainted the Militia Commissioners with your order not to allow the imposition of arms upon any estates under sequestration, and they gave order to forbear proceedings accordingly; but since then, upon some mistake or remissness, arms have been imposed, and fines for non-appearance levied upon sequestered estates, by some of those commissioners, to the great prejudice of those who occupy the estates; it is likely to be a great detriment to the public, unless prevented by you. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 20. Chepstow. County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. We report on your order (missing) of 15 Oct. last, that Bassalegg Manor, and the rectories thereto belonging, have never been returned to us as under sequestration, nor have we sequestered them, being bishop's lands, and not at our disposal. [*G* 163, *p.* 35.]

Nov. 20. Salisbury. **48.** County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. We have sent up by our clerk a particular of all estates disposed of. Many tenants have offered to take them for 6 years, and proferred the utmost value, on account of being tenants for more than a year. Pray have our accounts audited. Particulars of cases. The estate of [George] Browne of Ludgershall is not yet disposed of. We long since stated the case to you, and have not received your resolution, and the delay may be hurtful.

As to the grounds upon which we sequestered an estate in Berwick parish belonging to Sir John Dunhead, and in possession of [John] Baron Hilton, Mr. Stephens, M.P., informed us there was an estate of Hilton's, who was a delinquent, and that it had not been compounded for, and was formerly sequestered by the late committee, and stood undischarged; whereupon we sequestered the estate for Hilton's delinquency, and let it to Mr. Moore for a year at a rental of 100*l.*, on Mr. Stephen's engagement for payment of the rent; although we often sent both to him and Moore, they refused to pay, and we have now disposed of the estate to Rich. Hill at 110*l.* for this year, and desire your confirmation. We recommend Wm. Coles as fit man to act as steward here, and desire a commission for him.

With notes for a reply, 3 Dec. You send a note of estates disposed of, but do not certify their being surveyed and posted, therefore our confirmation can only be conditional on this having been done, and the instructions about keeping of courts, charges, &c., observed. The rent due from Mr. Moore for Baron Hilton's estate is to be again demanded, and levied by distress if he refuse it. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 465.]

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Nov. 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that as Mr. Thompson, prosecutor of the inhabitants of Worcester, has not brought any charge against Thos. Peirce, as ordered 21 Oct. last, Peirce be discharged from seizure for the late treason, unless the London Commissioners show cause to the contrary.

Like order for Robt. Green. [*G* 15, *p.* 97.]

Nov. 21. **49.** County Committee for Monmouth, to the Committee for Compounding. We received your order of 18 June, touching lands near Raglan Castle discovered by Wm. Harris of Lanerthill, but we have not leased them, as they are claimed by Capt. John Morgan, agent for John Hervy of London, being comprised in a lease made to him by the Trustees for Ireland, as part of the demesnes of Raglan Manor. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 21. Nottingham. **50.** Fras. Bland and Mich. Brett to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We have returned all our moneys to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, and will show our fidelity, though malicious spirits, for indirect ends, spitefully accuse us to retard the service. We hope you will not credit them till we have made our defence. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 22. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Worcester. We confirm your contracts, if according to instructions. As to the examinations sent, we suppose you have secured the estates, which is reasonable on this occasion, though the proofs are not so full as required in ordinary cases before securing. We think on inquiry further proof will not be wanting, the parties having been so publicly and frequently seen during that engagement, and the examinations may lead to further proof. [*G* 30, *p.* 474.]

Nov. 22. **51.** Queries by the Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding.

1. What course must be taken where a Papist or delinquent has a coal mine in Lancashire and lives in Yorkshire, and his servants or agents deny either to pay the arrears or the growing profits, or to give an account thereof? [If the tenant refuses to pay the rent, you are to enter and let it to some other, or work it for the Commonwealth; and when you ascertain the amount of the arrears, and the name and address of the person, we shall take order to levy it.]

2. What must be allowed to such as discover delinquents' or Papists' estates, and who is to make the payment? [Those who discovered before 8 Aug. 1650 shall have ⅕, and for those subsequently, if they prosecute to a judgment, and prove their charge, the commissioners will obtain an allowance for them from Parliament.]

3. May any person discovering sums due to Papists or delinquents have 1*s.* for every pound come to the use of the Commonwealth, and by whom is the same to be paid? [They shall have the same encouragement as the others, if they bring it to proof and judgment.]

4. When the Papists or delinquents on the surveys deny particulars of their estates, and the neighbours deny to discover the same, what course is to be taken, and what is to be done with such as wilfully refuse to discover the same? [Examine the neighbours upon oath, and if any but the delinquent himself denies to answer, you are to commit him.]

5. What allowance is to be given to those who bestowed great pains in guiding the commissioners to sequestered estates which are to be surveyed, and for transcribing the surveys? [You have instructions to allow such reasonable charges as you would do in your own business, and post them to account.]

6. Will the contracts with the farmers of sequestered estates, already surveyed and returned, be confirmed for this year only, or for 7 years, or for what other time, or how otherwise disposed of, the season of the year for that purpose now approaching? [For such as have been surveyed and posted according to instructions, you are to let for a year or 7, according to your discretion, and they shall be confirmed, if they be not such estates as are under sale; those you are to let but for one year.]

7. May not ⅔ of the barns and outhouses of Papists be set for more convenience to the farmers who enjoy the ⅔ of their lands? [If the Papists will not give up to the value, and there be necessity, you may let ⅔ of the outhouses, &c.] The passages between brackets are notes for a reply. [1 *sheet.*]

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Nov. 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the case between John Woodman and the Commissioners of co. Hants be heard the first Thursday in January.

Order allowing the discharge produced on behalf of Ann Robins, widow, of co. Gloucester, from the late Committee for Sequestrations, on oath that it is true, if the county committee know of no new charge. [*G* 15, *p.* 98.]

Order appointing Roger Havard, of Llandow, John Gunter, of Tredomen, and Wm. Thomas, of Brecknock, Commissioners for Sequestrations in co. Brecon. [*G* 12, *p.* 354.]

Order that the Berkshire business be put in the paper for Thursday, and be first heard.

The commissioners will require the chairman, when an M.P. or other has stated his desire, to tell him how inconvenient they find it from day to day to be turned out of their course, and have therefore resolved, that in any case of title, Mr. Carey is to prepare interrogatories, and examine witnesses, and draw up all affidavits except for serving of orders. [*G* 36, *p.* 255.]

Nov. 25. Committee for Compounding to Major Salway, M.P. As you live near Whichwood Forest, sequestered from Lord Craven, please to take care of the State's interest therein, that we may the better perform our trust. [*G* 15, *p.* 98.]

[Nov. 25.] Information by Rob. Massey of Warrington of his services to the State, in answer to the letter of the Committee for Compounding of 7 Nov. last.

When the Scots marched into Lancashire, he fled for his life to Chester, from his professed enemy, the Earl of Derby.

Whilst there, he hired a messenger to bring daily intelligence from Warrington.

He, with 20 others, secured Warrington Bridge, resolving to lose their lives rather than allow the enemy to pass, and he supplied powder and match.

Had no servants who joined the Scots at Warrington, but provided an armed soldier who served at Worcester. Has certificates to prove his fidelity, and has lost much more in the Parliament cause than the present Commissioners for Lancashire were worth before these times. [*G* 101, *p.* 853.]

Nov. 25. Answer of Rob. Massey to the reasons given by the County Commissioners of Lancashire for refusing to act with him.

I deny compounding for debts; I could get security in 10,000*l.* for fidelity to the State. Their first refusal to act with me was before the coming in of the Scots, and if I were a broken down or suspected man, why was a commission offered me? I did advance money when the Scots came in, and after the battle of Worcester, I commanded a score of musketeers on Warrington Bridge to prevent any Scots passing. I can prove that my wife did not rejoice at their coming in. [*G* 101, *pp.* 863–865.]

Nov. 25. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancaster. We return your queries, with marginal notes of repty. We confirm our order for Mr. Charnock's discharge. We have recalled our commission to Mr. Moseley, as he has left the county. It would be better for you to keep courts yourselves, according to the directions we have given Mr. Cunliffe. Directions in cases.

We have sent for Major Rigby by a serjeant-at-arms, and we shall report his carriage to Parliament, who will give him his due reward; we shall no doubt have directions to proceed with the others according to their merits. We have written to Sheriff [Hen.] Wrigley, and if he does not satisfy you, we will constrain him.

As to Sir Edw. Wrightington and Mr. Standish of Standish, if you have any new charges you are to exhibit them, and on proof, to seize their estates; if not, the discharge is good.

Mr. Cole's case is under report to Parliament. Nothing is to be paid Mr. Saunders unless allowed by us, and then it is to be stopped if he is beyond seas.

As to your proposal about copyholds, the parties concerned must plead the Act, and have allowance of it before you do anything therein. Mr. Jolly ought to be discharged.

In the cases of [Thos.] Eccleston and [Marg.] Ireland, it was pretended to us that the children were under the tuition of Col. [Gilb.] Ireland, which appears by

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what you write to be a deceit. We have written to Col. Ireland to take the children into his custody, and see them placed with godly persons, to be educated Protestants. If he do this, he may have the rents of their estates to provide for their expenses.

We have suspended Massey on your letter to Mr. Cunliffe. Give him a copy of his charge, if he desire it. We order your agents 3*s.* a day, but cannot allow more. [*G* 30, *p.* 211.]

Nov. 25. Committee for Compounding to Hen. Wrigley, high sheriff for co. Lancaster. The County Committee for Lancaster complain against your officers, for distraining tenants for rents and rent-charges on sequestered estates. We understand you have returned the money levied, but the officers detained their fees, which are very extravagant. The State should not pay, nor should the tenants; they are required not to pay any such rents without our allowance, Parliament having entrusted to us the examination of such charges. You must require the officers to return those fees, or you must appear here in 14 days to show cause of your refusal. [*G* 30, *p.* 212.]

Nov. 25. Committee for Compounding to Sergeant Birkhead. On complaint that Major Jos. Rigby and his agents have resisted the sequestration agents who distrained on him for 160*l.* due, being rent of a sequestered estate, and beaten and wounded them to the peril of their lives, you are to take him into custody, and keep him till further order. [*G* 30, *p.* 211.]

Nov. 25. Committee for Compounding to Auditors Launce or Phillips. The County Committee for Lancaster and other counties complain of the miscarriage of your officers employed in receiving the late King's rents. Wishing to put an end to these differences, we beg from you a constat whether the said rents are in charge before you, that we may allow such as ought to be paid, and save further trouble. We hope you will not claim fees for this, as it is for the use of the State. [*G* 30, *p.* 212.]

Nov. 25. Committee for Compounding to the Revenue Committee. To like effect, requesting orders to the county receivers to return particulars of the rents and fee-farm rents payable from sequestered estates, and to have them attested by the auditor, that order may be given for their allowance. [*G* 30, *p.* 212.]

Nov. 25. Chester. **52.** County Committee for Cheshire, to the Committee for Compounding. We received yours of 22 Oct. touching the estate of Capt. Thos. Trafford, now enjoyed by his relict, as also concerning Fras. Leech and 4 others. Leech resides in Yorkshire, but we sent to the rest to produce before us their several discharges from sequestration within the time limited by you, as they were not discharged by your order, nor that of the former Committee for Compounding. [1 *page.*]

[Nov. 25.] **53.** Memorandum [by the Committee for South Wales], that it is desired to place James Sydwell of Abergavenny in the place of James Rumsey, as County Commissioner for Monmouth, and Hugh Jones of Walterstone, and Evan Pritchard of Collenna, with [Wm.] Seys as Commissioners for Glamorgan, instead of Edw. Bowen and Mathew Hopkins, Bowen being taken prisoner at sea by the French, and Hopkins not able to attend the service.

Also that Edw. Freeman, Attorney-General for South Wales, may be named a commissioner in every county in South Wales, and appointed steward of all lordships and manors under sequestration; he being a justice of peace in all those counties (except Glamorganshire), his appearance would much countenance that service. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 25. **54.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. To yours of the 5th instant [*see p.* 497, *supra,*] we reply that we have returned no less than 8,330*l.*, but it seems we made more haste than good speed. We endeavoured to speed it to the treasury to secure it, when as things then seemed, it could not be long safe here. We shall forthwith send to the parties to bring us their acquittances, and where we find it not discharged, we shall hasten them to pay it in.

As to the Michaelmas rents, we gave an account both to you, to the treasurers at Guildhall, and to the soldiers, that the money was returned up, on which the soldiers sent up their orders; the enclosed from a captain in Commissary

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Whalley's regiment will give an account what answer was received, and what encouragement we might expect in delaying payment of them. Likewise Maj.-Gen. Lambert's foot would not, after their orders were returned to them, give any time, as part of them were presently to march for Scotland, and the rest to the South, which they could not do without money; therefore we were forced to borrow part for them, and so at last paid them all off according to their orders, out of the Michaelmas rents. However your treasurers may deal with soldiers, we cannot avoid them when once they have orders to receive money, and it is not for us to dispute their orders, unless we were able to command them; witness the breaking in pieces the treasury chests here this last summer, when nothing was then either due or received; and although this was complained of, there was no manner of reparation. Although we gave notice of it, and of the money being returned up, the soldiers were sent back to us; we hope the treasurers have no cause of exception against us, as the men could neither march nor disband without money. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

54. 1. *Edm. Chillenden to* [*Ralph*] *Rymer* [*one of the Committee for Sequestrations, co. York*]. *You must pay me my money, so write me by next post when I shall send for it. They tell me if I had sent a party of horse for it, I had had it ere now, but I will be so civil to you as not to offer any such thing until I hear you delay on purpose, which in my conscience, you do not. However I must suffer for the present, and our soldiers be put to straits, but I hope next week we shall receive advice from you to send to receive it. Write me to the Widow Dixe's at Nottingham. London,* 28 *Oct.* 1651. [*Damaged,* ¾ *page.*]

Nov. 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Capt. John Smith be joined as agent assistant to the Committee for Sequestrations for co. Gloucester, and that a quarter's salary at 4*s.* a day be paid him in advance, in regard of some special service that he is employed in at present. [*G* 117, *p.* 1117.]

Order allowing the discharge by the late Committee for Sequestrations, of Conway Whitterne of co. Gloucester, unless there be a new charge against him.

Like order for John Orell, co. Gloucester.

Like order for Wm. Jones of co. Gloucester, on a discharge from the Barons of the Exchequer.

Order that the returns from Bellingham and Hale, concerning estates in Berkshire let at undervalues, be referred to Aud. Sherwin, to certify the difference between the values returned by the county commissioners and Bellingham.

That Sherwin's report be sent to the said commissioners, who are to give an answer in 8 days, or others will be chosen in their stead.

That Bellingham and Hale are to let those estates for 7 years, and to examine further the miscarriages of the commissioners.

That the commissioners cease from acting till the case is determined. [*G* 15, *pp.* 101–104; 36, *p.* 256.]

Nov. 26. Durham. **55.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. There being several cushions, broken lead, iron, and other loose things belonging to the cathedral here, which were formerly seized to the use of the Commonwealth, and many of them being embezzled when the Scots' prisoners were within the church, we have caused the remainder to be inventoried and secured; they are appraised by two alderman of the city at 37*l.* 6*s.*, besides a brazen eagle, which likewise belonged to the church, and is not as yet valued; as the Trustees for sale of Dean and Chapter lands have not taken any course therein, we request directions before we dispose of such goods; also touching the petition of Isaac Gilpin, which we here enclose.

With note of reply 3 Dec. to sell them, and take a new inventory of the books and other goods named by Mr. Gilpin, and if they pay him and put the sum to account, the Committee for Compounding will endeavour to get an allowance made. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 65.] *Enclosing,*

55. 1. *Petition of Isaac Gilpin to the County Committee for Durham, to be allowed his arrears of salary out of the proceeds of the sale of old materials, &c., belonging to the church and library of Durham. In* 1645, *was appointed keeper of the public library of Durham, by the Commissioners of Parliament then in the county, at* 5*l. a year, which was paid until the beginning of* 1649, *when the dean and chapter lands were vested*

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in trustees, since which 3 years' arrears, amounting to 15l., are due; but he has continued in his place, and been at some charge of late in preserving the books and other goods, by removing them to another place for better security, the Scotch prisoners having then got into the next room, and within 24 hours after, into the library, and spoiled and burnt whatever they found there.

In 1645, he was also appointed by the same commissioners and the old county committee keeper of the storehouse and treasury of the cathedral, wherein were kept some pulpit cloths, long cushions, and other goods belonging to the church; also all the ancient grants, letters patent, and other old records of the dean and chapter lands, which he has ever since preserved; although he was to receive 40s. a year for this latter office, he has never received anything. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 27. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Salop. We approve what you have done about Lord Craven's woods, and desire you to sell what is felled, and dispose of what is standing to the best advantage. If any has been carried away by persons claiming interest in it, require satisfaction from them. [*G* 30, *p.* 381.]

Nov. 27. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Dorset. We confirm the contracts returned in yours of 13 November, so far as made on a regular survey and posted; but in all contracts you are to reserve to the State the keeping of courts, letting and renewing of estates, and all manor rights. You are to receive the full rents abating Parliamentary taxes, and not to allow charges and annuities till approved by us. [*G* 30, *p.* 46.]

Nov. 27. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Warwick. There is a difference between you and the County Committee for Worcester about [Katherine] Lady Windsor's estate, which they have let to John Woddin, there being a pretence that it lies in your county, though it has been sequestered by them since 1645 as being in co. Worcester. You are to forbear to interrupt their tenant until you have proved that the estate is in your county. [*G* 30, *p.* 454.]

Nov. 27. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Worcester. Directions in a case. We have written to the County Committee for Warwick about the part of Lady Windsor's estate let to John Woddin, which they pretend to be in their county, and we do not think they will intermeddle with you in future. [*G* 30, *p.* 474.]

Nov. 27. Salop. **56.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. Finding many persons adjudged delinquents by the late Committee for Sequestrations, and not discharged, yet no depositions taken against some and only one witness against others, we desire your answer to the following queries.

1. May we sequester these persons without further proof?

2. If a person, being a delinquent 7 years since, purchases an estate, may it be sequestered?

3. After a delinquent is dead, may we seize his real and personal estate, not being formerly adjudged?

With notes of reply 3 December 1. You are to sequester all estates of persons adjudged delinquents by the late county committee. 2. If the person has compounded, you cannot sequester, but if he were sequestered and never compounded, you may. 3. You may not proceed. No person can be adjudged a delinquent after death, unless slain in war. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 281.]

Nov. 27. Armourers' Hall. **57.** County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. In 1650 we certified you respecting a contract made with Hammond Chadwick, for the house he lived in, in Fetter Lane, sequestered from Thos. Stich, recusant, and had your confirmation. Since then Chadwick has left, being poor, and not able to pay the rent, leaving in the house Robert Drake, who has hitherto paid 12*l.* a year; but he finding, through the decay of trade, that the rent is too high, and having also no lease, as Chadwick left before it was sealed, is unwilling to remain unless he may have it for 10*l.* which he will give and put in good security for the rent; as the house is much out of repair, and the tenant bound to make it good, we conceive 10*l.* is as much as we shall be able to get. [1 *page.*]

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Nov. 27. Kendal. **58.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We have endeavoured to get a perfect account of fines paid for delinquency on the injunctions laid upon the old committee by the Governor of Carlisle and Major Fenwick, and enclose particulars of all in this part of the county; the rest cannot be found, as the account is in the custody of the governor, who has marched into Scotland. Thomas Craister, who was treasurer for Westmoreland and Cumberland, will acknowledge all moneys received for the use of the garrison, if called upon. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

59. I. *Particulars of sums advanced by* 18 *persons named in Kendal Barony, by order of the Governor of Carlisle and Major Fenwick, for victualling and maintaining Carlisle garrison; total,* 539*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

Nov. 27. Kendal. **60.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of the Countess of Arundel's and other cases. We have received part of 500*l.* from Lady Bellingham, relict and executrix of Sir James Bellingham, and taken bond for the remainder, being for the undervalues and omissions in Sir Henry's composition, which we desire may be stayed in the treasury here, until the pleasure of Parliament is known upon a petition presented to them by the inhabitants of this county, for a stock to keep in work the poor, who were impoverished by the late troubles; this we hope, by means of Lord General Cromwell, will be speedily obtained.

In our last we gave you an account of 502*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* disbursed in carrying on the service in the late engagement, which we desire you to allow upon the accounts. There has been a suit long depending in Chancery between the tenants of Holme Park as to the title, which has been very expensive and yet far from issue, and likely to be unless you hasten it. We enclose particulars of all proceedings before the late committee and ourselves, in the cases of Edw. Turner and Sir Rich. Sandford. What are we to do with the estates of such as have compounded and yet were active in the last war?

With notes of reply 22 Jan. 1652. We would willingly grant your request about Lady Bellingham's money, but we have no power; if you obtain the order from Parliament you desire, payment shall be made from other moneys, though this be paid in. We cannot allow the 502*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* disbursed for the service, unless you obtain an order from Parliament, which you may easily procure through your members. We will give directions in the Holme suit when we know the grounds of it. In most of the depositions you sent, there is but a single witness; take pains to get further evidence, and when you have two witnesses, seize the estates and proceed. [2 *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 460.] *Enclosing,*

60. I. *Account of money paid to Capt. James Browne and his troop of horse, for grazing the horses and providing ammunition, &c.; total,* 502*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* [½ *page.*]

60. II. *Account of the estate in Westmoreland of Alathœa, Countess Dowager of Arundel.* [*Scrap.*]

Nov. 27. Deposition by Chris. Wass of Mansfield Woodhouse, and Chris. Fetherston of Worksop, that Mich. Brett, county commissioner, discouraged them in giving in their depositions against Rowland Dand of Mansfield Woodhouse, gave the depositions and names of other witnesses to Dand, who wrote to persuade them not to say what they know, and allowed Dand to stand by them, and outface and discourage them at their examinations, in contempt of the orders of the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 108, *p.* 71, 77–80.]

Nov. 27. Deposition of Chris. Wass and Wm. Fetherston as to bribes received by Mich. Brett and the other commissioners for co. Notts; also to their making money by sale of wood in Sherwood Forest, their refusing to take depositions against delinquents, &c. [*G* 108, *pp.* 73–75.]

Nov. 27. Certificate by Fras. Hacker, that Jos. Temple of Barton, and Thomas Bristow of Elston, are fit to be sub-commissioners of co. Notts, and faithful, if they can be persuaded to undertake it. [*G* 108, *p.* 65.]

Nov. 27. Order in the Committee for Compounding, on Silas Taylor's request for a 7 years' lease of the Abergavenny Manor and rents, co. Monmouth, sequestered from Lady [Frances] Nevill, Papist, that the county committee survey them, certify their value, and let according to instructions.

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Auditor Sherwin allowed to send for any county commissioners whom he hears are in town, to satisfy him in things relating to their accounts, or to any other business. [*G* 15, *pp.* 107, 108.]

Nov. 27. Order that the return by Mr. Bellingham and Hale about undervaluations in the letting of estates in co. Berks be referred to Auditor Sherwin. [*G* 67, *p.* 382.]

Nov. 28. Certificate by Auditor Sherwin, on an order of 27 November for examining the returns of Mr. Bellingham and Hale, concerning estates in Berkshire said to be let at undervalue, showing that undervaluations on 10 estates let amount to 1,395*l.* 3*s.* 7½*d.* a year. Also to 380*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* in charges on estates, not allowed by the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 67, *p.* 379.]

Nov. 28. Worcester House. **61.** County Committee for Middlesex and Westminster to the Committee for Compounding. Sir Thos. Walsingham had Walsingham House by gift from the Queen, after which the Duke of Buckingham bought and enjoyed it, and it was sequestered as the Duchess of Buckingham's, for the delinquency of the Earl of Antrim, her husband, by the Committee for Sequestrations for Westminster, and was repaired and let by them. With consent of Sir Gilbert Pickering, who now resides there, we surveyed the house and set a rate upon it, and thought he was content to give it and take a lease; but after sending several times for the rent, he answered that it is part of Whitehall, and so no rent ought to be paid. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

61. I. *Order of the Committee for Sequestrations in Westminster, that as Mr. Fines is content to leave Walsingham House, according to their former order, a valuation is to be made; it is to be repaired and let for the use of the Commonwealth, and such rent as is in arrear demanded of Mr. Fines. Westminster,* 16 *Aug.* 1644.

61. II. *Like order that Walsingham House be repaired and then let, and that Capt. Crompton take care of the weighing of the lead expended about the repairs. Westminster,* 16 *Oct.* 1644.

61. III. *Like order that the goods seized at Walsingham House be forthwith fetched away and sold for the use of the Commonwealth. Westminster,* 21 *Oct.* 1644.

61. IV. *Like order that Sir Oliver Fleming shall have Walsingham House, which adjoins Wallingford House, in case Lady Cawfield removes out of the same, and at such rent as the committee shall appoint. Westminster,* 30 *June* 1646. [1½ *pages.*]

61. V. *Certificate by John Jackson, late treasurer and agent to the above committee, that on* 13 *Dec.* 1644, *he paid* 26*l.* 10*s. for the repair of Walsingham House.* 19 *June* 1651. [¼ *page.*]

Nov. 29. Taunton. **62.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. You reprove us for delay in sequestering Aldermen [Hum.] Hooke and [John] Creswick of Bristol. We went there last June, and told the mayor and aldermen, being members of the late committee, of our appointment, but they said they were a place distinct from any county, and expected persons particularly authorized. We thought that there was a mistake, and that you meant to employ others, and we could not act without the assistance of the officers there, especially as the old records were utterly denied. We wait your further orders. If you decide to employ us there, a letter to the mayor and an order to the old committee would be of great use.

With note of a letter to the mayor that this is so done in all other counties, as York, Exeter, Newcastle, &c. [1¾ *pages.*]

[Nov.] Queries on cases by the County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. By your order Col. Lister was to enjoy Col. Leveson's estate this year; he has assigned over to Mrs. Leveson most of the 1,000*l.* rent agreed on, and she has got it out of the hands of the bailiff, who was directed by Col. Lister to pay it to our treasury, where but little is received. Are we to demand it from the tenants, who have paid already, or from Col. Lister, immediate tenant? [*G* 120, *p.* 485.]

Dec. 1. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Monmouth. Instructions as to letting Baronet Morgan's estate and collecting arrears of Edw. Roberts' rents. We want a particular account of what has been

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paid from the estates late in the management of the Irish Trustees, and of arrears due. If you possibly can, send the 1,000*l.* you have to the treasury here. You are to make no concurrent leases, therefore we cannot instruct you about those falling in next February. [*G* 30, *p.* 270.]

Dec. 1. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Devonshire. In reply to yours of 5 and 19 November, if you would consult your instructions you would find answers to most of your queries. When tenants of sequestered manors refuse to appear in your courts, you must enter on the estates as though they were in possession of the Lord, till they are more conformable and plead their title. Sequester Clawton Manor till it appears to whom it belongs.

As to Lord Petre's keeping courts, we shall charge it on you if the State be prejudiced, since you are instructed to allow none to usurp that right. Therefore enquire what has been done in a clandestine way, and prevent further proceedings by taking public notice of it, by telling the tenants that they will be liable to new fines, and by summoning courts by your own steward in all the manors.

Seize Upton Manor, Mr. Kirkham's estate, and Ashwater rectory.

If the arrears distrained for by Sir Peter Ball were due to any recusant or delinquent, oppose his proceedings and recover the rents; if otherwise, they do not concern you.

The steward should have an allowance, but we want particulars of his discovery.

Confer with the party offering to discover 400*l.* or 500*l.* a year of Sir Rich. Grenville's, and promise him a due reward, which the Army Committee will obtain for him. [*G* 30, *pp.* 37, 38.]

Dec. 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, allowing the discharge by the Barons of the Exchequer of Ralph Morgill of co. Chester, if there be no new charge.

Like order for Wm. Dutton, infant son of Sir Ralph and Lady Mary Dutton, his parents being tenants for life only, and both dead.

Like order for Wm. Guise, co. Gloucester. [*G* 15, *pp.* 112–114.]

Dec. 2. Articles by Walter Jenkins of co. Carmarthen against Wm. Watkins, Fras. Blethin, Thos. Evans, Jenkin Franklin, and Wm. Morgan, late Sequestration Commissioners for South Wales.

1. That for 2½ years they have only paid in 1,556*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* for all the estates in South Wales, and have 5,000*l.* unaccounted for.
2. That they have not returned duplicate lists of Papists and delinquents, of estates sequestered or discharged, of leases made, or of sums received, and this purposely to conceal their proceedings.
3. That for 4 or 5 years past, the treasurers and agents have had the receipts, letting of leases, &c., and have concealed and defrauded the State of 100,000*l.*, built themselves costly houses, bought vast estates, &c., especially Col. Phil. Jones, who had but 7*l.* a year, but has purchased estates worth 1,000*l.* a year, and his servant, Wm. Watkins, who has been sub-commissioner 2½ years, and has bought estates worth 200*l.* a year.
4. That they are all Jones' creatures, having been his servants or officers under him.
5. They have neglected for private reasons to sequester several notorious delinquents, especially Hoo Games, who obtained his discharge fraudulently, and has an estate of 1,000*l.* a year; he was confined prisoner at Cardiff during the late invasion of the Scots at Worcester, for corresponding with the Scots' King.
6. They have let sequestered estates to their own friends and creatures, for their own benefit, refusing far greater offers for them.
7. Some of the commissioners named in the Act for Propagation of the Gospel in South Wales gave them the letting of tithes and church livings, worth 5,000*l.* a year, besides those of the outed ministers, 3,000*l.* more, but they have rendered no account thereof.
8. They have refused to meet when applied to, except at their own inclination, so that many Papists and delinquents have gone unpunished, and many have been undone by their refusal to execute orders, particularly in the case of Marg. Lloyd and her children.

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Requests by Jenkins thereon as follows :—

1. That the treasurers, solicitors, agents, &c., may be required to produce their books and writings, and to pay in moneys unaccounted for.
2. That the same course may be taken with the commissioners.
3. That for better regulation of the service, some well-affected men, having no dependence on Col. Jones or the former committee, may be appointed. [*G* 98, *p.* 75–80.]

Dec. 2. Short-hand notes of a discussion in the Committee for Compounding upon the above articles by Jenkins. [*G* 118, *p.* 687–690.]

[Dec. 2.] Complaint that the commissioners named in the Act for Propagating the Gospel in South Wales, whilst receiving all revenues of rectories, vicarages, tithes, &c.,—those in co. Brecon only amounting to 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.* a year,—have not supplied ministers, there being but 2 preaching ministers in the 73 parishes of co. Brecon, and the same in other counties; so that in their 2 years of office, the value in the whole amounts to 70,000*l.*; and instead of disposing of the revenues, &c., to ministers, they have let them at extreme undervalues to their friends and creatures. [*G* 98, *p.* 73.]

Dec. 3. Information by Peter Egerton of London, that Fras. Bland and Mich. Brett, Commissioners for co. Notts, received bribes from Hen. Cole of Worksop, Wm. Wheat and Wm. Poyser of Mansfield, and Hen. Taylor of Caunton, delinquents, whose estates were appraised at their order by Wm. Fetherston and John Weaver. [*G* 108, *p.* 69.]

Dec. 3. Order in the Committee for Compounding on the above charge, that the said commissioners have a copy of it, and that the Commissioners of co. Derby examine witnesses on both sides, allowing each party liberty to cross-examine.

63. Order on a Parliament order of 21 Nov. last given,—made on the petition of Gerald Salvin, and 39 other freeholders named, of co. Durham, who compounded for delinquency with Sir Hen. Vane, Sir Wm. Armyne, and other Commissioners of Parliament in 1644 and 1645, have paid their money, and received their discharge and pardon for all previous offences—that the said persons are hereby absolutely discharged, and the county commissioners are to conform thereto. [*G* 15, *p.* 115; 81, *pp.* 335, 336.]

Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Westmoreland. Out of the sequestration money in your hands, you are to pay 1,000*l.* to the treasurers-at-war. [*G* 12, *p.* 357.]

Dec. 3. Like letter to the Committee of co. Monmouth. [*G* 12, *p.* 357.]

Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Chester. If the persons named in yours of 25 November do not produce their discharges from us within the time limited, you are to seize and secure their estates. [*G* 30, *p.* 93.]

Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Hereford. We send you depositions taken by the Militia Commissioners of the county, which give a great deal of light to lead to further discoveries. Call before you the witnesses, and take their examinations on oath, with others whom you find fit. Where 2 witnesses swear to any act within the ordinance of sequestration, seize and secure the estate, give the party a copy of the charge, and allow him to examine witnesses; but do not seize where there is only one witness. Do your utmost to improve any light given by these examinations, and use all other means for detecting those who acted in that engagement, returning us a speedy account. [*G* 30, *p.* 173.]

Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for London. There might be delay in the letters for sequestering the Earl of Arundel's estate, because we knew not at first where to direct them, and other business hindered their signing, but now we request you to make the best improvement thereof. If there are rents unreceived, demand them.

The business of Worcester, as to some against whom you had examined witnesses, will not prejudice you, for we only discharge on good certificates, and they produce those discharges to you, or you would not free the estates.

Stich's house should be let by the box, but take good security for the rent. [*G* 30, *p.* 257.]

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Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Sussex. We confirm your contract with Alex. Wilson and Wm. Baldwin, who bid the most for the Earl of Arundel's estate [*see* 3 *Nov.*, *p.* 496 *supra*], but you are not to allow any deductions except for Parliament taxes and sea breaches, without our approval, so that deducting 25*l.* for the coppices, they are to pay, besides charges, 457*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*, and 100*l.* a year for the herbage of the coppices, and Gunworth and Selhurst parks. The woods are to be preserved, and not felled without special order. [*G* 30, *p.* 448.]

Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for York. Directions in cases. On yours of 25 Nov. [*see p.* 507 *supra*] we rely on your care to see the money paid. Our caution about not paying the Michaelmas rents to the soldiers without order from the treasurers-at-war was only lest in that hurry you should pay more than our orders warranted. No harm is done if you have sufficient discharge from the treasurers-at-war. [*G* 30, *p.* 485.]

Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Gloucester. You are to seize John Mansell's estate, formerly sequestered, till the party claiming it proves his title before us, as we cannot allow any discharge from the late county committee. [*G* 30, *p.* 154.]

Dec. 3. Chelmsford. **64.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. Some arrears being due to the State from the late Ezekiel Eldred of Ingatestone, collector of sequestrations in one of the divisions of this county, we, noticing the declining condition of his relict, have seized his personal estate, and request order for further proceedings. We summoned [John] Benson and others, but none of them appeared; he compounded with the county committee for his estate as being of the value of 150*l.* a year.

We request your letter to the Militia Commissioners to forbear troubling the tenants of sequestered estates for not sending in horse and arms, as likewise to satisfy for such distresses as they have already taken, their practice having been very prejudicial to the public. We will return a duplicate of the compositions of the delinquents in the insurrection of 1648, made with the Committee of Essex. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Essex. In answer to Mr. Maidston's letter, we are confident that if you remind the Militia Commissioners of the order, they will give you relief; try this, but if they refuse, we shall take further course. Meantime you ought not to have suffered such levies to be made, but to have opposed them, and given like order to the tenants, as you have power to require assistance in such cases to preserve the Commonwealth's right. [*G* 30, *p.* 140.]

Dec. 3. Stafford. **65.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. There has been 360*l.* returned on Capt. Peter Backhouse's discovery of the undervalue of Viscount Stafford's composition, and we have received most of the money. He is also concerned as a discoverer in Walter Fowler's case. We enclose the accounts which show that 576*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* will accrue to the State, free of all augmentations, fifths, &c. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

65. I. *Account of Walter Fowler of St. Thomas, co. Stafford, for his estate for half a year ending Michaelmas* 1650, *and also for the year* 1651. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Wm. Cartwright of Lincoln's Inn appear to-morrow, to testify on a charge against the Sequestration Commissioners of co. Notts.

Order on hearing Major Jos. Rigby, in presence of Mr. Cunliffe, a County Commissioner for Lancaster, on a charge of beating the collector for sequestrations in co. Lancaster, who went to levy an arrear of 160*l.* by distress on his goods, that Rigby be discharged from prison, on a bond to pay to the county commissioners, in a month, all sums due by him to the State since 25 Jan. 1650.

Order that the governors of the East India House pay to the Committee for London the rent due to the State for the said house since the sequestration of

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Lord Craven, voted a delinquent by Parliament 6 March 1651, and that the commissioners view the house, value it for a 7 years' lease, and let it to them. [*G* 15, *p.* 119.]

Order that Ben. Mason be a Sequestration Commissioner for county Hereford. [*G* 12, *p.* 362.]

Dec. 4. Committee for Compounding to — Field, messenger in Sussex. The county committee complain that you have taken fees on distress for arrears of rent due to the late King, for which deduction is now claimed, but for which we gave no allowance. You are to appear in 14 days to show cause why you should not restore the fees. [*G* 15, *p.* 120.]

Dec. 4. John Jago [to Lieut.-Col. Wm. Rous]. You have made the best offer for Fairmore and the tenements in Ladock, but I hear that those who offered more than 800*l.* for all John Arundel's estate will not take any unless they have all, so that your admission would be a prejudice. We shall meet at Columb Major, and if you are not there, I shall ask the others whether they stand to this resolution. [*G* 114, *p.* 195.]

Dec. 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding for discharge of Major Jos. Rigby, committed to the custody of Serjeant Edw. Birkhead by warrant of 23 Nov. last, he having given bond to pay the rents due for a sequestered estate to which he was tenant. [*G* 15, *p.* 121.]

Dec. 5. Fenchurch Street. John Ashe to Sam. Moyer. The enclosed is from the late Mayor of Bristol, a very honest man. Your officers in mistake have stricken an innocent man instead of a delinquent. The father, who died 3 years since, was a notorious delinquent. Order your clerks to examine the matter, and do justice. [*G* 77, *p.* 365.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Hum. Browne, alderman of Bristol, to John Ash. The Committee for Compounding have issued a warrant to sequester John Creswick, who married my eldest daughter; but Major Collins, knowing his innocency, did not execute it. He has a little manor in Langford, once his father's, clogged with legacies; but the city can testify that he lived as factor in Spain from* 1638 *to* 1650. *When he came home, he took the engagement, and gave horse and man, arms and money, towards the fortifications in the time of greatest danger. I beg you to have so disgraceful a censure taken from him. Bristol,* 3 *Dec.* 1651. [*G* 77, *p.* 367.]

Dec. 8. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Monmouth. We cannot confirm your contract of some estate of the Earl of Worcester without further particulars. [*G* 30, *p.* 270.]

Dec. 8. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Stafford. Directions in cases. You must require the rent of Col. Leveson's estate to be paid, and distrain according to instructions, unless any order be produced directing the payment into Goldsmiths' Hall, which we cannot own, there being no such order issued hence. [*G* 30, *p.* 428.]

Dec. 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on hearing the charge sent them by the Committee for Sequestrations of Lancashire, against Robert Massey of Warrington, and his defence,—[Rob.] Cunliffe, one of the committee for sequestrations, and Massey being present,—that Massey return to Lancashire, and act as a commissioner there, notwithstanding what is charged against him.

Order allowing the discharge of Thos. Walley of co. Chester by the late Committee for Sequestrations. [*G* 15, *pp.* 122, 123.]

Order that the commissioners will sit on Tuesday afternoon next on general business, and will not consider any particular case.

Order that if the creditors in possession show that they have had any order from the late Committee for Sequestrations, the parties from whom the estate was last seized shall receive the rents on security. That the copies of the several reports in the case be transmitted to the auditor, and the parties concerned are to take notice hereof at their peril, and to account on oath with the auditor, that report may be made of the whole matter. [*G* 36, *p.* 260.]

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Dec. 9. **66.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. At request of Edm. Ashenhurst, we certify his discoveries of the estate of Sir Miles Hobart, worth 106*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and of Dud. Dudley, worth 36*l.* a year, payable out of Lord Ward's estate. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 9. Edw. Eltonhead, Master in Chancery, to the Committee for Compounding. I request the stewardship of Bury St. Edmund's liberty for myself. The Earl of Suffolk granted it to Lord Maltravers, now Earl of Arundel; when Arundel compounded, Suffolk gave it him again, but finding that he is a recusant, and therefore incapable of a place of judicature, has given it to me, and I beg leave to execute it in his place. [*G* 83, *p.* 751.]

Dec. 10. Order in the Committee for Compounding, granting him the office of steward of Bury St. Edmund's, with the breaking up of writs, granted by the Earl of Suffolk to the Earl of Arundel, who, being a Papist, is incapable by law of any place of judicature. [*G* 12, *p.* 365.]

Dec. 10. Petition of Lieut.-Col. Wm. Rous, Ladock, Cornwall, to the Committee for Compounding, for a lease at 13*l.* 1*s.*,—being 3*l.* 1*s.* more than is bid by any one else,—of Fairmore field and other lands near Ladock, part of the estate of John Arundel of Trerise. The county commissioners on 7 Oct. ordered the estate to be let to the highest bidders, posted up particulars, and directed sealed offers to be sent in, yet they would not grant petitioner the land in question, but let it for 10*l.* [*G* 114, *p.* 160.]

[Dec. 10.] Note of the valuation of the whole estate, 818*l.* 10*s.*, at which it is let to Hum. Burgess. [*G* 114, *p.* 161.]

Dec. 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Rous be the tenant, and that if Burgess throws up his lease because he cannot have the whole estate, the petitioner, who offers 3*l.* 1*s.* more than the 818*l.* 10*s.* offered by Burges, be admitted tenant at that rate for 7 years, on giving good security for payment. [*G* 15, *p.* 125.]

Dec. 10. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Durham. Particulars of cases. We send a letter received from Isaac Gilpin, clerk to the late county committee, touching a discovery of some goods belonging to Durham church; and on perusal, we desire you to examine him and such others as you see cause, concerning it. We have given orders for the examination here of Lady Eliz. Hammond [widow and administratrix of Dr. Balcanqual, Dean of Durham.] [*G* 30, *p.* 65.]

Dec. 10. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Essex. We approve of your seizing as much of Mr. Eldred's personal estate as will pay what he owes; if his relict refuses to redeem the goods by payment, you must appraise and sell them.

Enquire whether [John] Benson undervalued his estate, as we are informed he did. We have written the Militia Commissioners about the charges on sequestered estates. [*G* 30, *p.* 140.]

Dec. 10. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Gloucester. [Wm.] Shepherd, one of the late county commissioners, holds bonds taken from the Earl of Newcastle's tenants at Tormarton, value 800*l.*, for estates taken by them from the said committee. Summon him before you, and require the bonds and other writings in his hands to be delivered to you. If he refuse, in 14 days levy a fine of 40*l.* on his estate according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650. Directions in cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 154.]

Dec. 10. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Hereford. You name several contracts for estates surveyed and posted according to instructions, but you do not name the contractors, the time, nor the rent. We require further particulars, and especially how you disposed of Roger Bodenham's estate. [*G* 30, *p.* 174.]

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Dec. 10. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Somerset. We confirm your contract of Netherham farm and mills, sequestered from Sir John Stowell, and let to John Barker for 6 years at 116*l.*, as it was let according to instructions, and before the Act for sale of delinquents' estates. [*G* 30, *p.* 392.]

Dec. 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on appearance of the Commissioners of Berkshire and at their request, that they have a copy of their charge, and that their case be heard 1 Jan.

That their suspension is only to extend to the letting of estates, which they are to forbear till further order.

Note that Cheesman complains of being abused at this bar. [*G* 15, *p.* 131; 36, *p.* 262.]

Dec. 12. Proceedings in the Committee for Compounding on choosing the South Wales Commissioners. Exceptions taken by Col. Freeman against many persons nominated by Maj.-Gen. T. Harrison, Col. Phil. Jones, and Hen. Herbert, as being related to the old commissioners, being under age, debtors to the State, or formerly in arms against Parliament, or as being non-resident; and charge against Col. Jones, which he denies, of holding sequestration moneys in his hands.

Order that all the gentlemen cleared of or from these exceptions be commissioners in the several counties for which they are nominated, but as to those excepted against, that satisfaction be given before they are appointed.

That Col. Freeman bring what charge he has against the excepted persons, and have access to the accounts of the South Wales Committee, to take exceptions or surcharge them. [*G* 36, *pp.* 262, 263.]

Dec. 13. **67.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We have made inquisition after several sheaves in the hands of persons who have compounded, and finding them much undervalued, we have made a timely seizure of this last harvest, viz., the sheaves of Clement and Hillary, compounded for by Sir Hen. Clarke at 90*l.*, being worth 280*l.* a year; those of Poghill and Stratton, compounded for by Richard and Thomas Ley at 30*l.*, being worth 100*l.*; the moiety of the sheaf of Kew [Key?] parish, compounded for by Philip Sprey at 30*l.*, being also worth 100*l.* Some of these being set, we have stayed the rents in the tenants' hands, and taken course for securing the profits of the rest. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 16. Order of the Committee for Compounding to write to Dan. Blagrave that the committee are informed he was sometime treasurer of co. Berks, and desire a duplicate and an account of his own receipts and payments.

Order on Carey's motion—that the commissioners would settle the depositions returned out of the counties in matters depending before them, as ordered 15 Nov. 1650, and on hearing the registrar;—that resolution be suspended till 23 Jan., or till the commission of the Committee for Compounding be renewed. [*G* 36, *p.* 264.]

Order that Wm. Jones, James Watkins of the Hay, and Barth. Games of Lanvyrnach, be Commissioners for co. Brecon.

Also Wm. Stephen, John Dauntsey, jun., and John Yardley for co. Radnor.

Also Roger White, Rich. Browne, and Rowland Wogan for co. Pembroke. [*G* 12, *p.* 367.]

Order that as some composition papers in charge of the registrar are missing, and as several persons on pretence of business have had the perusal thereof, and been often seen where they are kept, the registrar take special care that no original papers be seen by any but the Committee for Compounding and their officers, and that all others forbear to enter the inner room where they are kept.

Order that Sam. Bellingham and Geo. Lamball of Reading be Sequestration Commissioners of co. Berks; all grants of estates at undervalues made by the late commissioners since Nov. 27 last, when they were suspended from letting, to be made void. [*G* 15, *pp.* 136, 137.]

Dec. 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Berks. We send you an order empowering you to proceed in managing sequestered estates, and in letting those unlet according to instructions, and desire you to require the

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clerk there to show you how the Countess of Banbury's estate has been let since 1649, being assured of your transacting this work to the better advantage of the State. [*G* 15, *p.* 136.]

Dec. 16. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Somerset. Several estates in your county have been unduly discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations and Barons of the Exchequer. Search diligently into the books and papers of the late committee for all discharges except by order of Parliament or of ourselves, and order the parties concerned to produce the discharges in 28 days before us, on pain of re-sequestration if not allowed by us within 6 weeks. [*G* 15, *p.* 137.]

Dec. 16. Note of like letters to cos. York and Lancaster, all sent 23 December; also to counties

Cornwall.	Derby.	Durham.
Dorset.	Devon.	Notts.
Northumberland.	Northampton.	North Wales.
Leicester.	Lincoln.	Monmouth.
Warwick.	Worcester.	Salop.

dated 31 Dec. and sent 3 Jan. 1652.

Also to Suffolk and Sussex, dated 31 Dec. and sent 6 Jan.

To Norfolk, London, and Berks, dated 31 Dec., sent 10 Jan.

To Middlesex and Surrey, dated 31 Dec., sent 17 Jan.

To Cambridge, Chester, Gloucester, and Bucks, dated 31 Dec., sent 3 Jan.

Also a postcript, requesting a speedy reply to a like letter before sent to all the other counties, except those in South Wales; the letter was dated 16 Jan. 1652, and sent 17 Jan. [*G* 15, *pp.* 137, 138.]

Dec. 16. Committee for Compounding to Nich. Smith, Westminster. Hen. Saunders, agent to the County Committee for Surrey, complains that he left 28*l.* of sequestration money with Mrs. Smith in presence of her husband, his kinsman, to keep for him, and they now refuse to deliver it, on pretence that they gave it to a porter who came for it with a note signed Nich. Saunders. You are either to pay the money or to appear before us, with your wife and the servant in whose presence the money was left, and bring the note brought by the porter to whom the money was delivered. [*G* 30, *p.* 441.]

Dec. 16. **68.** County Committee for Devonshire to the Committee for Compounding. Mr. Trobridge of this county, a delinquent sequestered, having omitted an impropriate sheaf in his composition, upon discovery thereof we posted it, and set it to a tenant 2 June last, so as to take the benefit of that harvest, for which 160*l.* a year was payable to the State upon security; but on your order of suspension, the rent is withheld, he compounding, as we are informed, at 140*l.* John Cole was the discoverer, and other eyes are on him to see how he shall be rewarded. Watkin Rise, the discoverer of Halberton Sheaf, was likewise an instrument to bring in 120*l.* a year.

Great discoveries are tendered us of malignants who have hitherto escaped through favour, and of undervalued compositions, especially in sheafs, as in [Hen.] Ashford and Trobridge's cases; but when let by us at the best value, the tenants are molested and discouraged by your orders surreptitiously obtained, and those rents withheld, to the State's damage. It is a usual trade with delinquents to catch at all advantages, and so to keep back great arrears of rents in their and their tenants' hands while under sequestration, as in Sir Hugh Windham, [Art.] Bassett, and [Sam.] Sainthill's cases; and when we acquaint you with it, and are ready to seize, they stop us with orders, and so keep all in their hands.

Many captious solicitors and lawyers are querulous to take advantage of some of our certificates on new discoveries, because time and place are not exactly mentioned, but the acts of delinquency were while the enemy had the power in this county, between 1643 and 1645. Many who are pests of the Commonwealth lie at a catch in London, and pretend to discoveries, and so make a prey of the Commonwealth's revenues, when the same thing was before the late committee, or discovered before to us. If you take our certificates in such cases, we shall let you know who are faithful to the work, and live on your promises for their reward.

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With notes of reply, 18 March 1652, that what undervalues and other estates were sequestered before 1 Dec. are to be continued; but as to the others, they are to be careful to do nothing contrary to the Act of Oblivion. Also that Sir Hugh Windham has paid in all his fine, and is to have his discharge. Mr. Sainthill has a letter of suspension upon payment of the half, and Mr. Bassett's case stands undetermined. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 39.]

Dec. 17. Shaston. **69.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. We sent your summons to Lieut.-Col. Raymond, but he had ridden to London. Our agent entered the farm and found no stock, but hearing of debts in the tenants' hands, had them stopped as a distress for arrears of rent. Can we receive the money, he being no delinquent? He lodges in London, at the Sun and Dolphin, Holborn.

With note of reply, 20 Jan. 1652, that they are to receive as much of the money as will pay the arrears; and if it be not sufficient, to certify what remains unpaid, that further course may be taken. [½ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 46.]

Dec. 18. **70.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, on an order in Parliament of 21 Nov. 1651, given—that the Army Committee state the accounts of money due to Lieut. Thos. Crant, deceased, and that 20*s.* a week be paid to Elizabeth Crant, his widow, for 6 months, out of the receipt of Goldsmiths' Hall, and the Commissioners for Compounding are to issue warrants accordingly; also on an affidavit of Elizabeth Crant, sworn before the Commissioners for Compounding, Dec. 18, 1651, that she received the above order from Mr. Scobel, clerk of the Parliament, and that it has been examined by her with the Parliament book;—for payment accordingly by the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. [1 *page; also G* 12, *p.* 371.]

Dec. 18. Brecon. **71.** County Committee for Brecon to the Committee for Compounding. We have posted up the estates under sequestration, and used our utmost to raise the rents. We enclose the contracts, desiring your confirmation. We have set out the lands to those who offered the most, and spared no care to improve to the full value, although we believe that you have empowered others to act since; if this be true, we shall be willingly superseded, and wish our successors may aim as much for the public good as we did, which was the chief end of our undertaking this employment, though to our private prejudice. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 19. Chelmsford. **72.** John Maidston, one of the County Committee for Essex, to the Committee for Compounding. We acquainted the Militia Commissioners with your desires, but could only obtain a respite of execution of their orders for levying fines on sequestered estates, for not sending horse and arms upon the late expedition against Worcester, till a general meeting to be held at the next Quarter Sessions, a month hence. [You are to oppose the levies, and let the Militia Commissioners make their complaint.] In the interim, they expect you should procure the sense of the Council of State, without whose determination they are not willing longer to forbear. We will omit nothing to bring the business to a fair issue, considering how great a charge the fines will be upon the revenue, which would have admitted no small abatement by finding the horse and arms imposed, if we had not been interdicted by you.

I am accused to the Militia Commissioners as the sole *gravamen* in this work to the prejudice of the county I live in. I am not willing to be exposed to untrue and scandalous imputations where they may be avoided. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding, allowing the discharge by the late Committee for Sequestrations of Isaac Seward, co. Gloucester. [*G* 15, *p.* 149.]

Dec. 25. Serj. John Wylde to the Committee for Compounding. I am sorry you have had the trouble of writing so often. Your letters have had our best care, and we charged [Rice] Vaughan, our clerk, and Mr. Warcup, our counsel in matters of appeal, to attend you and receive your orders, which they said they had done, and we bade Mr. Vaughan finish the certificates; but it was a work of much time and trouble, and though he has taken great pains, he thought it unfeasible, but by my directions, he will finish it in 3 or 4 days. [*G* 130, *p.* 709.]

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Dec. 25. **73.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a survey of the delinquents' estates in this county, with the sets made by the old committee, the value at which they were posted, and the names of the tenants with whom we have contracted for 7 years. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 27. York. **74.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We have sent to those by whom the money was returned to your treasury, and they assure us they have taken course for its payment, and that without doubt it is paid in ere this, except 2,300*l.* returned by Paul Beal, Alderman of York, the last part whereof should have been paid before 20 Sept. last. We have several times demanded an account of it, but not receiving satisfaction, we desire an order to sequester his estate, that the Commonwealth may not suffer by his delay; for though his lands and leases are estimated to be worth 400*l.* a year, and his shop worth 2,000*l.*, and though he drives a great trade, we fear that he is in much debt, and that if some speedy course be not taken for the public to be presently satisfied, some others may intervene, which may disable him to make good this debt. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 29. Deddington. **75.** Thomas Appletree [County Commissioner for Oxford] to the Committee for Compounding. There are divers lands in Ascot belonging to Lord Craven, some whereof are let by copy of court roll, some by lease for lives, with certain acres of underwood, which the inhabitants of Ascot pretend by their custom ought not to be cut under 21 years' growth, and it is now 20 years since it was cut. Particulars of the lands. The chief-rent reserved out of them is 13*s.* 4*d.* a year, which is sold to [Elisha] Cole, together with some other rents hereafter expressed, as a fee-farm rent.

Dr. Zouch has a lease of lands in Ascot for 3 lives, two of which are dead, and there is only his own remaining, and 20*l.* a year is reserved out of the lease and sold as above. A mill worth 14*l.* is so set, the tenant to be discharged of all repairs and other payments; for the last year a great part of the rent was disbursed in making new flood-gates, and a new millstone is now required.

With marginal notes of reply, 11 Feb. 1652. The underwood may be cut, as one year will make little difference. For such tenements as are held by copy of court roll, you are, upon the keeping of courts, to make what improvement you can for the State, and certify for confirmation. If the mill was to be repaired by Lord Craven, see that such repairs as are necessary are done. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 357.]

Dec. 29. Aylesbury. **76.** County Committee for Bucks, to the Committee for Compounding. We desire to know whether we shall pay the money raised by the sale of wood in Whaddon Chase into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, or in the county to those soldiers formerly raised for the defence thereof, and to the Governor of Windsor Castle, as directed by the Act of Parliament. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 30. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Lady Hammond, widow of Dr. Balcanquall, Dean of Durham, appear this day to be examined about plate and goods heretofore belonging to the church. [*G* 15, *p.* 157.]

Dec. 31. Lincoln. **77.** John Disney to the Committee for Compounding. I have received 1,700*l.* on sequestered estates as treasurer; how may I convey it to you or dispose of it? I know no way but by the carrier, which is both hazardous and chargeable. I shall wait on you shortly with my accounts, &c. Noted, "Needs no answer." [⅓ *page.*]

Dec. Notes from depositions taken before the Committee for Sequestration of Westmoreland from 1648 to 1651 in numerous cases calendared, and also in the following, which do not occur elsewhere. [*G* 171, *pp.* 107–126.]

Sir Rob. Strickland as being at the rendezvous at Tarneybank. [*Page* 111.]

Roger Bradley of Cunswick, in arms in Kendal, and went to Sir Hen. Bellingham's rendezvous at Tarneybank, near Kendal, and seized horses for the service; he was one of the commissioners for Kendal Barony. [*Pages* 111, 112.]

Ant. Preston of Holme, lieutenant, and Rob. Bateson, ensign to Capt. Nich. Orbell in the late war.

Miles Troughton, Wm. Mitchell, Rob. Barrow of Kendal, in arms at Kendal. [*Pages* 112, 120.]

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Dec. Lancelot Davies and Chris. Bell of Soulby, in arms with Sir Marmaduke Langdale and the Scots' forces in Appleby, and Bell a quartermaster under Sir P. Musgrave.

Simon Middleton, Rich. and Edw. Birkbeck, Thos. Hutchinson, and Edw. Wright, in arms at Carlisle and other places.

Hen. Hutton and Lancelot Lowther with the King's forces at Carlisle when it was a garrison.

Hen. Birkbeck, Abr. Wharton of Bretherdale, Thos. Burton, Lancelot Porter of Hilton, John Richardson of Crosby Ravensworth, cornet to Col. John Lowther, and [John] Wharton of Kirkby Thure, in arms at Carlisle and elsewhere. [*Pages* 113, 116.]

John Cowling of Temple Sowerby, in arms, assisting in plundering and imprisoning the Parliament's friends.

Lancelot Addison of Meborn, at a rendezvous at Sandfoot-i'-th-Moor, and wishing that he had a commission, and he could raise 100 horse.

John Rudd of Sandford, mounting his son for the King's service. [*Pages* 113, 114.]

John, son of Abr. Hanley, Ravenstonedale, a soldier against Parliament, but discharged the service by means of John Fothergill.

John Busfield, soldier under Sir P. Musgrave, but his father, Simon Busfield of Ravenstonedale, paid 45*s.* for his release, and the hire of another in his room.

George Birkbeck of Wastalhead, a soldier, got released and enlisted Rob. Holme, constable of Hardingdale, in his place. [*Page* 115.]

Hen. Curwen, James Wilkinson, Oliver Richardson, John Wilkinson, and Edw. Walker of Crosby, Lancelot Ion, and John Gibson of Oldendale, Chris. Wilson of Gilse, and Thos. Hayton of Dalebanks, all went as volunteers in Col. John Lowther's regiment.

James Stockdale of Mansergh, apprehended several prisoners and took them to his captain, saying he might get 200*l.* composition from them.

Ant. Burrow of Lupton, went armed to the rendezvous at Kirkby Moor. [*Page* 116.]

Miles Langmire of Windermere, George Harrison, John Bell, Thos. Braithwaite, and Thos. Salkeld, in arms after Sir Marm. Langdale had been in Westmoreland and was gone into Cumberland, and when Col. Briggs' forces besieged the island on Windermere, then shelter for the enemy. [*Page* 117.]

Allan Bellingham was with his brother, Sir Henry, in Durham, said they would bring 3,000 or 4,000 horse and as many foot to Durham, where he lived, and being at Gathorne, invited several Scotch officers to feast. In 1646 he went with Col. Chaiter to Appleby. [*Pages* 117, 118.]

Thos. Halliday of Keiber, hired men at 12*d.* a day to serve against Parliament, and bought horses.

Thos. Strickland of Bradleyfield was a volunteer in Sir Hen. Bellingham's regiment.

Rob. Gilpin of Kentmere was a serjeant under Sir James Bellingham, Lieut.-Colonel to Sir H. Bellingham, and went to Carlisle.

George Birkett, sen., and Thos. Browne, both of Troutbeck, were ensigns under Sir H. Bellingham. Rob. Docker of Underbarrow was a soldier and master-of-arms in that regiment. [*Pages* 119, 120.]

Thos. Wilson, Chris. Gilpin, Joseph Booth, and Ant. Knipe were the King's commissioners for Kendal Barony.

John Saul of Kendal rode armed when Sir Thos. Tildesley came there in 1648, and called the Parliament party roundheads and traitors. [*Page* 121.]

Capt. Wm. Potter of Kendal, who offered to command a foot company, but lost it by the soldiers' votes.

Edw. Turner of Kendal, charged with hiring men to serve under Major Glassier, but he denies the charge, except as acting under compulsion. [*Pages* 122–124.]

Thos. Birkbeck, blacksmith of Orton, rode with the enemy, bought plundered goods, plundered himself, and took a horse. [*Page* 125.]

Thos. Dawson of Orton rode a horse for the Bishop of Durham in the King's army, and went with Sir M. Langdale and Lord Digby when they were forced into Scotland. He was afterwards taken and admitted into Parliament service, but at the late war, went again to a rendezvous of English Cavaliers, and refused to serve Parliament. [*Page* 126.]

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1651. Dec. ? 1. Information that Rich. Golbourne, West Chester, co. Chester, has always been disaffected, and assisted the Scotch King in the last engagement at Chester.

2. That though he has not taken the engagement, he fills offices of trust, and employs disaffected substitutes.

3–6. That he receives 100*l.* a year as Exchequer attorney in the City of Chester; 100*l.* as clerk of the Pentice; 100*l.* as steward of the county court; and 60*l.* as constable of the castle or common gaol of the county of Cheshire. [*G* 138, *p.* 25.]

Dec. ? **78.** Note of sums received by [Nich.] Tripe, one of the Committee for Sequestrations for co. Devon, since 2 Oct. 1651. [½ *page.*]

Dec. ? List of 37 delinquents and recusants whose estates are sequestered in co. Devon. [*G* 63, *p.* 631.]

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1651–52. Jan. 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that as the Berkshire Commissioners have not proceeded on instructions in letting estates, but have let several at undervalues, they be discharged from acting further, deliver in their accounts to the Committee for Compounding, and their books and papers to the present commissioners. [*G* 15, *p.* 164.]

[Jan. 1.] List presented to the Army Committee of 13 delinquents (5 erased) who desire to compound, chiefly for debts and undervaluations. [*G* 63, *p.* 637.]

[Jan. 1.] Like list of 19 persons who have applied to pay in their fines, but were sent in the list of those incapable of composition. [*G* 63, *p.* 646.]

Jan. 1. Like list, giving details of most of the cases; also list of 10 who have lapsed the time for paying the second ½ of their fines; and notes on 7 other cases. [*G* 63, *pp.* 649–651.]

[Jan. 1.] List of 7 persons who desire to compound, having elapsed their time, but whose petitions the Committee for Compounding had no power to receive, viz.:—

Fras. Giles, Pinhoe, co. Devon.
John Arundel, Sithney, co. Cornwall.
Rowland, for John Portlock, Cirencester.
Pierce Manaton, Stoke Clevesland, co. Cornwall.
Sir Thos. Dacre.
Thos. Brockholes of Treaton, co. Lancaster.

Sir Hen. Fred. Thynne, whose case is stated for direction of Parliament. [*G* 63, *p.* 644.]

Jan. 1. Swansea. Rowland Dawkins to the Committee for Compounding. I have, according to the Act, received the oaths of Rob. Thomas and Jenkin Williams, whom you have appointed Sequestration Commissioners for co. Glamorgan. [*G* 167, *p.* 653.]

Jan. 1. Lancaster. **1.** E. Pollard to the Committee for Compounding. I should have obeyed your summons to answer the complaint of Dorothy Parkinson, but the distress complained of was made 6 years since, on a Parliament order and an order of the Committee for Sequestrations, for payment of all rents and arrears due to the King from delinquents' estates; this rent of 3*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* being behind for some years, was distrained for, and the goods were sold for 5*l.*, but the 5*l.* was afterwards repaid to Woodward, from whom they had been distrained. I ask whether an officer who has performed a dangerous and difficult service ought to be put to trouble on every frivolous complaint. [1 *page.*]

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Jan. 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Committee for Sequestration for Hants transmit all proofs against Mr. Woodman to Aud. Sherwin; the case to be heard on 22 January. [*G* 15, *p.* 165.]

Jan. 2. Worcester House. **2.** County Committee for Middlesex and Westminster to the Committee for Compounding. The late County Committee have returned us names of late and present M.P.s and others who are debtors to the Commonwealth for goods and moneys in their custody. We sent our agent to enquire, and he reports as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Earl of Denbigh, goods of the Duke of Buckingham He says what he did was for the Duchess, and she left the goods in York House; they are fixtures, and in possession of Lord Fairfax, who had York House given to him.	104	10	4
[Rich.] Rose, goods of several delinquents He lives in Dorsetshire, out of our jurisdiction.	37	0	2
[Rich.] Jennings, goods of Hen. Brett He lives at St. Alban's.	105	3	11
Hen. Darley, goods of Lord Savile He says the goods are compounded for, but we do not find it so.	251	8	6
Chas. Pym, goods of the Earl of Derby He is in Dondego, beyond seas.	54	10	0
[Ant.] Nicholls, goods of Sir Lewis Dives He is in Cornwall.	81	4	6
[Thomas] Lord Wenman, goods of Sir Thos. Aylesbury He is in Oxfordshire.	77	2	0
Mr. Masterson, goods of Dr. Dukeson He is minister of Clement's parish, and has the use of the goods, being in the house that belongs to the parson.	10	3	6
Dr. Wyncopp, goods of Dr. Bray He is in Hertfordshire.	11	17	0
Ant. Wotton, rents of several delinquents He is poor, and not worth anything.	26	13	10
Sir John Hippesley, goods of delinquents He says he bought some goods for a small matter, at the beginning of sequestrations, when nobody would buy, but they were afterwards rated much higher. If he may have them according to his first contract, he will pay for them, but we find they were not overvalued.	58	0	0

We beg directions in all these cases.

With notes of reply, 21 Jan. 1652, that as to the Earl of Denbigh, they are to see whether the goods are fixtures, and to certify. As to the rest, they are to give the addresses of those removed, and certify further particulars. [2⅔ *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 257.]

Jan. 2. Custom House, London. Edm. Harvey, Mar. Hildesley, and Daniel Taylor, Commissioners of Customs, London, to the Council of State.

According to your advertisement, we made stop, on the arrival of the Charity of London, of 71 vats of potashes belonging to Scotchmen, enemies of the Commonwealth, resident in Dantzic, shipped in the name of Herr Culmer, burgomaster of Dantzic, and have taken examinations of the master and Lucas Lucie, the merchant to whom 60 vats were consigned. He says he knows no other proprietor. We find Culmer laded the whole, and the master took them in by direction of Mr. Hatton, agent for Mr. Price. Hatton stands before you accused for a very active enemy to the Commonwealth. [*G* 172, *p.* 715.]* *Annexing,*

1. *Depositions of Edm. Harrison and Lucas Lucie alluded to,* 31 *Dec.* 1651. [*G* 172, *p.* 717.]

* There is a letter of the Council of State to the Committee for Compounding (enclosing the foregoing letter and examinations), printed in the General Calendar for 1652. *Page* 91.

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Jan. 6. **3.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We have been contracting this last month for lands for 7 years, and have gone through the county and dispatched nearly all; a few only did not appear, or would not agree to the rate set by us. Having no direction what to do about the lands set apart for sale, we have forborne to meddle with them, save the tithes which we have disposed of. Shall we dispose of or settle them, or receive the rents till they are sold, and on what account shall we place them? We will return the contracts speedily. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 6. **4.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. There are some informations come to us concerning delinquency, and some persons have been with us to inform against others, but desired some proportion for discovery. Now as our commission is near an end, and as it is reported that all will be acquitted by the Act of Oblivion who have not been proceeded against 3 months before, we desire your directions, that the public may not suffer by charge of witnesses nor for want of informations. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 6. Order in the Committee for Compounding that the registrar and auditor sign the list to be presented to the Committee of Parliament for the additional [Act of] sale of lands forfeit for treason. [*G* 15, *p.* 174.]

Like order that 6 reports be heard every Thursday; those appointed by special order first, and others in course to make up the number. [*G* 13, *p.* 43.]

Jan. 7. Bristol. **5.** Nehemiah Collins to the Committee for Compounding. At your request, I name Col. Edw. Tison and Capt. Rob. Vickeris, citizens of Bristol, as men fit to be joined with me as sequestration commissioners for the city. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 8. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Oxon. Order on a letter from the Council of State of 5 Jan., that no more oak timber be felled or disposed of in Caversham Park, sequestered from Lord Craven, as it is to be preserved for the navy. [*G* 15, *p.* 178.]

Jan. 8. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of London and Middlesex. You are to enquire what persons have had traffic with Scotland, or what Scots have resided here without licence, contrary to the Act of 2 Aug. 1650, prohibiting all commerce with Scotland, and enjoining the departure of the Scots; examine witnesses, and seize and secure the estates of the offenders, according to the said Act, and give us an account thereof. [*G* 15, *p.* 178.]

Jan. 10. Westminster. Hen. Marten [M.P. for co. Berks], to the Committee for Compounding. Hearing that you are changing the Commissioners for co. Berks, I recommend Thos. Curtis of Reading as a fit person. If I knew any more in our poor shire that I could give as good testimony of, I would acquaint you.

Noted that Curtis is to have a commission, and that a letter be written to tell the new county committee of his appointment, and another to the old committee to deliver the books and papers to the new committee. [*G* 78, *p.* 679.]

Jan. 12. Winton. County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 2 Jan., we sent you copies of all our proofs against Woodman not left with Aud. Sherwin, and though the day for the order, 22 Jan., is very inconvenient, being in the midst of business, we will not fail to attend, and hope dispatch. [*G* 134, *p.* 149.]

Jan. 12. Chelmsford. **6.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a list of delinquents in the late insurrection, also a breviat of the particulars upon which they compounded; some are put down without any particulars of estate because they were admitted so to compound. Some being suspected were freed of further trouble upon paying a sum down, which was received as a testimony of their good affection, in cases where the committee thought that the proofs against them would not endure the test of an appeal. Of those that gave in particulars, the greater number made their debts so considerable that the committee judged it equal to give them allowance for them in their compositions. We have not answered your order in the case of Mr. Benson, because the depositions yet taken are unsatisfactory.

The fines on sequestered estates for not sending in horse and arms in the late expedition will suddenly be levied unless you prevent it, and will prove very prejudicial both to the tenants and the treasure arising from those estates.

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We acquainted you with an arrear due to the State from Ezekiel Eldred, to secure which we seized so much of his personal estate as we could discover, and which was in possession of Mr. Samford, who married his widow (she is now dead), but the seizure stands still in the hands of her last husband. The debt due is 500*l.*, and we desire your advice and a copy of the ordinance of Parliament in that case. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 13. **7.** List by the County Commissioners of Essex of 275 persons who compounded for delinquency in the insurrection of 1648, giving their real estate, personal estate, and amount of composition. [1 *sheet, damaged**.]

[Jan. 13.] **8.** Blank form of a certificate to be made on the above return. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 13. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of the Great Seal. You have summoned one of our number, [Art.] Squibb, to attend you as witness in a case between Sir Edw. Powell and — Crompton, but we beg you will dispense with him till the business is in hand, as he is employed in very urgent business which requires his special help. [*G* 15, *p.* 184.]

Jan. 14. Petition of Capt. Edw. Curle to the Committee for Compounding. Begs repayment of his disbursements, 22*l.*, and allowance for his labour, with his servants and 3 horses, as agent to the Sequestration Committee of co. Somerset. [*G* 79, *p.* 110.]

Jan. 14. Order thereon for allowance of the balance, if any, of 4*s.* a day during the time of his service. [*G* 15, *p.* 193.]

Jan. 14. Order that the registrar receive no petitions unless subscribed by the petitioner or his solicitor, and that he put no others into the bundle, but answer them without troubling the committee. [*G* 36, *p.* 272.]

Jan. 14. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Hants. Finding by a certificate prefixed of R. Vaughan, registrar to the Committee for Sequestrations, of 7 Jan. 1652, that Dr. Edw. Stanley of Mottisfont, co. Hants, appealed to the Committee for Sequestrations against sequestration, and had proofs returned Jan. 1646, but never prosecuted his case further than a reference for a report, 22 July 1646, we wish you to seize and sequester his estate, and account to us for the profits. [*G* 120, *p.* 191; 15, *p.* 190.]

Jan. 15. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the registrar set down 6 reports for every Thursday, 4 in course, one re-report, and one auditor's report. That he thus apportion the reports of all those depending, from the beginning to the end, and if any remain unheard, that they be put into a paper by themselves for the next day.

Any special orders granted to be put down after the six reports, but if not heard that day, to have no precedence, nor be entered in the book for next day, unless after the 6 for the day. [*G* 13, *p.* 43.]

Order—on report from the auditor, that the county commissioners in passing their accounts bring few receipts for taxes, and allege that the taxes are chiefly paid by the tenants to collectors who cannot write, and therefore cannot give acquittances;—that the auditor be allowed to pass the accounts for taxes on oath of one or more of the commissioners. [*G* 15, *p.* 198.]

Jan. 15. Committee for Compounding to the late Trustees for raising 50,000*l.* for Ireland. Sir George Strode's estate has been long under your management, and by a Parliament order of 6 May 1646, 1,000*l.* due to Strode from Sir John Evelyn was to be paid with interest out of the sequestration or sale of his estate. Certify us what has been done towards payment of that debt. [*G* 15, *p.* 196.]

Jan. 15. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Essex. You write of an offer of [Peter] Whetcomb for Wm. Petre's estate at Stamford Rivers for 960*l.* a year, if allowed 130 acres of underwoods, the mansion house, repairs, and other charges which you think should be allowed. But by the Act, the mansion house is in Mr. Petre's possession, and ought not to be let by you. As

* This sheet is too much defaced for the printing of the list, but as the names are alphabetically arranged, reference to them is easy.

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to the repairs, we do not know what is required; no rent-charges can be allowed until the parties have applied to us. In estates of this value it is better to let to each particular tenant; tell us how you posted it, and whether you have reserved the keeping of courts and letting of estates. [*G* 30, *p.* 140.]

Jan. 15. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for London. We send you a letter from the Commissioners of Customs to the Council of State, with depositions for discovery of the proprietors of some potashes laden aboard the Charity. Examine these, or any other witnesses, to clear the matter. [*G* 30, *p.* 258; *see p.* 523 *supra.*]

Jan. 15. Northwich. **9.** County Committee for Cheshire, to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your order appointing Mark Jellicoe and Thos. Hancock agents for sequestration here, one at 4*s.*, and the other at 3*s.* 4*d.* a day, but as they both complain of their labour and charge, which is visible to us, we beg that their allowance may be 4*s.* a day each.

With note in reply that the commissioners cannot increase the allowance, not having received any reply from the Army Committee to a general request. Also that much of the revenue is under sale, and the business lessened thereby, and in several other counties they only allow half pay. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 93.]

Jan. 15. Durham. **10.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. Pray hasten your resolutions touching the contracts of sequestered estates, surveys of which we returned to you 10 Nov. last; we know not how to answer the tenants with whom we dealt. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 15. Oxford. **11.** County Committee for Oxon to the Committee for Compounding. We have surveyed the estate of Fras. Mildmay, and find it worth 255*l.* a year, but the State's part is of small value at present, on account of mortgages and extents. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 15. Preston. **12.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. The time of the year having arrived for letting sequestered estates, we have given order for the posting of all which were contracted for last year, but for one year only, and have appointed a meeting for letting them on the 28th instant; but as the Act of 25 Jan. 1650 expires on the 23rd, we desire speedy orders. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 16. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners. We return the names of those who have neglected to pay in the latter moiety of their fines. You are to sequester their estates and certify your proceedings therein; also send us a list of the persons sequestered in your county, giving Christian and surname, quality, and place of abode, which will be of great use, and was omitted in your former returns. With note that the letters were sent 17 and 20 Jan.; also a list, in alphabetical order of counties, of those who have not paid the latter half of their fines—total 129. [*G* 12, *pp.* 390–394.]

[Jan. 16.] List [presented to the Army Committee] of 10 persons who have elapsed time for payment of the first or second ½ of their fines, or their time for compounding, and who desire to compound. [*G* 63, *p.* 640.]

[Jan. 16.] Like list of 12 delinquents who, having lapsed their time, beg leave to pay in their fines. [*G* 63, *p.* 757.]

Jan. 16. Knutsford. **13.** County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. One of our members, [Thos.] Robinson, will present you with our account, wherein you will find not only the further charge and discovery of the last year's revenue, but our returns and disbursements, to balance the same in addition, and discharge of our accounts delivered 4 Feb. 1651; also the charge of the revenue of estates under sequestration for the present year.

This is the second journey Mr. Robinson has made in this matter, and we therefore desire some allowance for him, as the expenses for horse-travelling charges in the winter at so great a distance, and his residence in the City of London while attending Auditor Sherwin, are very chargeable. We also desire some allowance to him for executing the place of treasurer, as although we act jointly with him therein, yet in regard of his trouble, we resigned the salary due for the same to him solely.

Noted, the commissioners cannot allow more to the treasurer. [1 *page.*]

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Jan. 16. Salop. **14.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. Enquiring into affairs here since the beginning of the war, we find that the gentry and commonalty were charged with raising and maintaining of horse, dragoons, and foot for the King's service against Parliament according to the quality of their estates, being the usual militia charges.

1. Shall we proceed against all that have raised horse and foot? Then many of our cordial friends will come under sequestration.

2. If you admit of distinction as to the affection of persons, will you leave it to our discretion to proceed only against such as we know to have acted with malignant spirits?

With note of reply, 25 Feb., that the ordinance for sequestration will answer this, for if the persons concerned were under the power of the enemy, it will reach only those who were in arms in their own person, or otherwise active. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 382.]

Jan. 16. Salop. **15.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We have called on the late committee for a duplicate of all delinquents made by them, but they repeat that Langford and Broome, their solicitors, kept their books, and that one of their chief books being lost, they can give no perfect account. We are however desired, by the Governor of Shrewsbury and the rest of the committee, to acquaint you that they sent a duplicate to the Barons of Exchequer, which was given to Mr. Vaughan, and which they desire you to call for, as it will give you full satisfaction. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 16. Wells. **16.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. Enclosed is a list of contracts made by us for copyhold estates, of which we desire your confirmation according to the Act. There is much business to be done, and we shall improve the short time that remains before the expiration of the Act and our commission. We desire your order concerning the estate of William Cox of Long Ashton, deceased, which was secured for his delinquency, and we were prohibited by your order from taking any advantage of his bond until further direction. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

16. I. *List of* 41 *copyhold estates in co. Somerset granted on payment of fines varying from* 1*l.* to 440*l.*—*total,* 2,087*l.* 10*s.* [4¾ *pages.*]

Jan. 16. County Committee for Oxon to the Committee for Compounding. We have contracted according to instructions for several sequestered estates, and the tenants beg confirmation of the contracts for 7 years. Noted "We must have the survey before we confirm the contracts." [*G* 165, *p.* 275; 120, *p.* 47.] *Annexing,*

I. *Particulars of* 2 *contracts from* 25 *March, and* 17 *from* 29 *Sept.* 1651; *the State bearing all taxes, &c.* [*G* 165, *pp.* 273, 274; 120, *p.* 48.]

Jan. 16. **17.** Wm. Haslop and Hen. Linch, Commissioners for London, to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 4 Dec., we viewed the East India House and tenement adjoining, and think them worth 180*l.* a year on a 7 years' lease. A committee was appointed to treat with us, and they offered 130*l.*, alleging the benefit of the trade to the State, and the losses of the adventurers. Considering that the company might remove if we stood upon too high a rent, we offered to take 140*l.*; but as they insist on 130*l.*, we beg directions. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 17. Exeter. **18.** County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a return of all persons under sequestration in this county, save a few of small value newly discovered; these could not be perfected in respect of our long enforced stay in; and late return from London, which has occasioned much prejudice to the Commonwealth. We also send an account of money received this week.

If time had permitted, we should have sent you a multitude of persons who have only suspensions and no discharges, and others who have paid money to the late committee, and since some were seized and some sequestered by their agents. They having neither suspensions nor discharges, we required the agents to re-seize at least six months since, but Mr. Carter spending a great deal of his time in London, and keeping our warrants locked up, and when here, either doing nothing or his own business (such as farming sheafs and prosecuting his own designs, to the great disadvantage of the service and the neglect of his duty), we cannot give you such returns as we desired. He has now for

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the third time been 8 weeks in London, and only returned this sessions week, and while we have struggled night and day to dispatch the work, he has not given us the least assistance.

We will return a list of the new discoveries, and of such cases as have been examined by us, and remain on the file, which are many, and several undervaluations in compositions. Had we not been so long in London, by the design of the enemy, we had brought our work to a nearer period with the expiration of the Act, but shall now be forced to leave much to be done by our successors, and hope they will please that party better.

We hope you will consider our service, and how we took it up when all others refused it, and having with much labour and care formed the work into a method, a commission was put upon us, but whether to retard or hinder the work we know not. Our warrants are now going forth to levy [John] Dury's arrears in Hartland by distress, but the small tithes there are discharged from sequestration.

While we were in London, some pretended to be desirous to bring John Slowly of Fremington to composition, and demanded fifths of you, but we found him sequestered by the late committee, and our further prosecution sent him a compounder to you; many such catchpoles prey upon the revenue. Mr. Carter knows how to be beforehand with you for his salary, for at his own pleasure he goes where money is due, and takes it to satisfy himself. [1⅞ *pages. Answered* 21 *Jan.*]

Jan. 17. York. **19.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We have for the last 6 weeks been contracting for sequestered estates for 7 years; have proceeded with much diligence, and have finished, save for some few estates, for which either none appeared, or those that appeared have not come up to their worth. Not having time to transcribe our book and send it up for your confirmation within our term, we give you notice of it, and will give an account as soon as may be, and send up our receipts and disbursements. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 19. Durham. **20.** Isaac Gilpin to the Committee for Compounding. As you have summoned Lady Hammond to give information touching the copes, I wish she may be examined concerning the plate. I had two men examined before the old committee, viz., George Blades, steward to the late dean, who deposed that Dr. [Eleazar] Dunxcombe [Prebend of Durham], sent it in a trunk to Lady Hammond, who sent it to Anthony Maxton, one of the late prebends, and that he hid it underground in his garden at Harporley. They can neither state whether all the church plate was in the trunk, nor whether any other goods were there, for there were two books with very rich covers, which were usually placed upon the altar, between the two gilded candlesticks, and some fine linen, which perhaps were put up with the plate.

Maxton died in 1646 or 1647, leaving his three daughters administrators, who have since married. It is not known whether he left a will, because there is no settled course here for proving wills, which is a great grievance and loss to the county, and of which I wish Parliament were informed. Maxton died a delinquent, and it is thought he left a good personal estate, which, if there had been a settled course for probate of wills and granting administrations, might easily have been discovered; but I will endeavour to regain the plate or satisfaction for it. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Hen. Sharp of Reading be a Sequestration Commissioner for co. Berks. [*G* 12, *p.* 395.]

Order that henceforth the registrar deliver out no original papers once exhibited, either to counsel or others, but that they remain on record, as several persons have had their original petitions referred to counsel, to prevent future discovery, and avoid present sequestration, and many have been taken away and not brought to the registrar to enter.

That the registrar prepare a list of all petitions to compound which have till within the last 28 days been referred, or have been presented, and no fines yet set, that the delay may be enquired into.

That the registrar deliver monthly lists of all petitions referred, and to whom, and when, that the committee may see how the petitioners proceed. [*G* 36, *p.* 275.]

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Jan. 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cornwall. In answer to yours of 13 and 25 Dec., we think it just that you receive the profits of the undervalued sheaves till further order. We confirm your contracts, so far as they are according to instructions, and authorize you to make leases, reserving to the manors the keeping of courts and letting of estates. [*G* 30, *p.* 112.]

Jan. 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Hants. We confirm your contract received 7 Dec. for ⅔ of Ben. Wyborne's estate, if let according to instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 406.]

Jan. 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for York. Directions in cases. We have perused the examinations against Wm. Moore, Thos. Proctor, and Rob. Bentham, and find proof enough to secure their estates. Give them their charge and leave to examine witnesses, and summon them here for trial; or in default sequester them, enquiring for further proof meantime.

You are to let for one year only the estates of delinquents that are to be sold, and receive the rents till further order. [*G* 30, *p.* 486.]

Jan. 20. Close, near Giles' Church. Col. John Barkstead to the Committee for Compounding. I recommend Hen. Sharpe of Reading as a Commissioner for Sequestrations for co. Berks, being faithful, honest, and godly. [*G* 116, *p.* 771.]

Jan. 21? **21.** Draft of a [proposed] order in Parliament.

1. That persons now sequestered, but not delinquents since 30 Jan. 1649, be admitted to compound at 4 or 6 years' purchase.
2. That mortgagees, &c., may compound for the lands they hold.
3. Heirs, executors, &c., to compound at the same rate as the delinquent would have compounded.
4. Cancelled.
5. Heirs, &c., to compound favourably for any part of the estate not sequestered, if discovered by them.
6. The Committee for Compounding to receive lapsed fines, provided they be paid in before 25 March next.
7. The said committee to certify any fines which have been unduly charged or cast up, and to give discharges accordingly. [2¼ *pages*.]

Jan. 21. **22.** Order in Parliament that the Act empowering several commissioners to put in execution the powers heretofore given to the Committee for Compounding with delinquents, and for managing estates under sequestration, and to the Committee for Advance of Money, formerly sitting at Haberdashers' Hall, stand in full force from 22 Jan. 1652 until 1 Nov. 1652. [*Also G* 1, *p.* 235.]

Jan. 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding, suspending for 7 days the sequestration of Dr. Edw. Stanley, as he is on his appeal, and was never sequestered nor suspended; meantime the proceedings are to be searched for. [*G* 15, *p.* 207.]

Jan. 21. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Devon. In yours of 17 Jan. you promise to send us a list of persons who have obtained suspensions but no discharges, and of others who have paid money to the late commissioners, and whose estates you have ordered to be seized. You must forthwith execute your instructions, which are to receive the profits of such estates till further order from us. If Carter, of whom you complain, does not speedily serve your warrants, make seizures, and levy money as you appoint, we shall take such course as will advantage the service. Thanks for your discovery of [John] Slowly's delinquency; continue your care in like cases. We want a speedy account of your revenue and receipts. [*G* 30, *p.* 38.]

Jan. 21. Committee for Compounding to Rich. Carter. We hear complaints of your neglect in serving warrants, your long stay in London, and your farming delinquents' sheafs, &c., which we cannot allow as long as you are in the State's employ, as being contrary to instructions. Unless you apply diligently to your business, we shall choose some one who will discharge it better. Also we cannot allow you to demand moneys due to the State to pay your own salary. You are not to be your own carver, or receive anything without order from the commissioners, your masters. [*G* 30, *p.* 39.]

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Jan. 21. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Essex. We again require you to oppose the Militia Commissioners if they levy fines for horse and arms on any sequestered estate. They can complain to the Council of State, where we shall be ready to answer them. It must be at your peril if you allow any to be levied. We renew our orders about the money due from Eldred. Proceed on our authority, and we will be answerable for any damage pretended to be sustained thereby. [*G* 30, *p.* 140.]

Jan. 21. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancaster. We send a letter, lately received from Mr. Pollard. If you are satisfied therewith, we need not proceed further; if not, return us your objections. We send answer to your queries left by [Rob.] Cunliffe. [*G* 30, *p.* 212.]

Jan. 21. Brecon. County Committee for Brecon to the Committee for Compounding. Being appointed commissioners for this county, we have required duplicates of proceedings from the late committee, but not got them. On perusing particulars of estates compounded for, we find that some are under-valued, and we shall bring many to a new composition, which will be the most advantageous work in this county. The Michaelmas rents were received by the late commissioners. [*G* 167, *p.* 663.]

Jan. 21. Stafford. **23.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. According to your commands, we have sent the names of those under sequestration and their abodes, and are sending out letters to all that have been under sequestration, to prove their discharge to you within the time limited.

We beg an answer to ours in relation to the difference between Walter Fowler and his tenants; also as to our returning money, which is very difficult and dangerous to be returned by graziers to London, and we therefore wish to send it by the carriers which, though at some charge, is the surest and speediest way; or shall we pay it in at Chester as we did last year? [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding, allowing the discharge by the Barons of the Exchequer of the estate of Lewis Barlow of Creswell, co. Pembroke. [*G* 15, *p.* 213.]

Order that Mr. Squibb and Mr. Auditor consider the lists brought in by Mr. Vaughan, and wherein they are defective or come short of the Act.

That the Commissioners set apart Tuesday afternoon next for renewing county commissions and other public business, and will not hear any private business. [*G* 36, *p.* 276.]

[Jan. 22.] Report by Aud. Sherwin on the case of John Woodman, giving the heads of the charge, with notes of proofs thereon, the charge being that Woodman has not accounted for sums received by him as collector for sequestrations in the following cases:—

1. Estate of Prother Ellis.
2. Owslebury Rectory.
3. Lady Knollys' estate.
4. Materials of a chantry house near Southampton, pulled down and disposed of by him.
5. The late Dean and Chapter's library.
6. Hen. Cropp's estate.
7. Wood sold from [John] Unwin's estate at Yabington.
8. 3 years' rent of Hen. Foyle's house in the Close, Winchester.
9. Goods of Ferdinando Bye.

Total amount of moneys not paid in, 873*l.* 7*s.*

With the substance of the answer of Woodman on the above charges, and of the reply of the commissioners and their proofs, directly charging Woodman with the said sums. [*G* 134, *pp.* 131–136.] *Annexing,*

I. *John Woodman's answer to the several charges against him.* [*G* 134, *pp.* 143, 145.]

II. *Depositions on both sides on several of the charges of the county commissioners, viz.:—*

In Prother Ellis' case.

(1) *Order by the County Commissioners to Woodman, to seize and dispose of the estate, he being lately dead.* 19 *Feb.* 1647. [*G* 134, *p.* 159.]

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(2) *Like order that Peter Clarke receive ⅕ of the estate, on giving up to Woodman the letters of administration of the estate.* 6 *April* 1647. [*G* 134, *p.* 153.]

(3) *Like order to restore to Peter Clarke his bond given in to Winchester registry, on taking out the said letters.* 30 *April* 1647.* [*G* 134, *p.* 163.]

III. *As to Owslebury Rectory.*

(1) *Order by John Woodman to [Hen. Smith] the tithing man of Owslebury and Nich. Forder, that as the right of Dr. Lewis [master of St. Cross' Hospital] in the tithes there is sequestered, they are to take care of all the corn in the barns, mows, and floors, till orders are given for its disposal,* 9 *Oct.* 1645. *With deposition thereto by Hen. Smith.* 10 *Dec.* 1651. [*G* 134, *p.* 157.]

(2) *Order of the County Commissioners, on petition of John Lewis and his brothers and sisters, that they have time to produce a lease of the said parsonage, and that meantime Woodman stay proceedings.* 28 *Oct.* 1645. [*G* 134, *p.* 167.]

(3) *Deposition of Nich. Forder, that being employed by Dr. Lewis on behalf of St. Cross' Hospital in thrashing the corn, it was sequestered by Woodman, who took the keys of the barn.* 6 *Dec.* 1651. [*G* 134, *p.* 187.]

IV. *As to Lady Knollys' estates.*

(1) *Deposition of her servant, Fras. Shipman, that she sent him to Woodman, who consented to sell her such of her goods as remained unsold, and that Woodman received* 27*l. of her quit-rents.* 6 *Aug.* 1651. [*G* 134, *p.* 181.]

(2) *Deposition of Katherine, Lady Knollys of Nutshall, that* 8 *years since her goods, value* 150*l., were taken away by a party of soldiers, and delivered to John Woodman at Southampton, and that he said they were employed for the State.* 13 *Sept.* 1651. [*G* 134, *p.* 161.]

V. *As to the materials of the Chantry House.*

(1) *Deposition of Walter Rought of South Stoneham, clerk, that the materials of the house were disposed of by Woodman as sequestrator, value* 200*l., the house being so large that it could not be built for* 2,000*l., and that he cut down* 20 *timber trees, value* 80*l.* 6 *Aug.* 1651. [*G* 134, *p.* 177.]

(2) *Deposition of Thos. Hooper, Rob. Deacon, and others of Southampton, to like effect.* 16 *Jan.* 1652. [*G* 134, *pp.* 175, 179.]

VI. *The late Dean and Chapter's Library.*

(1) *Order of the County Committee, that as the books which are allowed to the use of the ministers are loose, and in danger of being lost for want of iron bars to which the chains should be fastened, John Woodman provide these bars. see to their preservation, and dispose of them as directed by the ministers of the city, where they may be conveniently used.* 30 *April* 1647. [*G* 134, *pp.* 151, 173.]

(2) *Deposition by Hum. Ellis, one of the ministers, that he estimates the value of the books at* 200*l., and that he made a perfect alphabetical catalogue, but Mr. Woodman borrowed it to copy, and he has never been able to get it back.* 8 *Nov.* 1651. [*G* 134, *pp.* 147, 171.]

(3) *Deposition of Dr. John Harris, warden of Winchester College, that he values the books at* 200*l.* 13 *Nov.* 1651. [*G* 134, *p.* 169.]

(4) *Deposition of Dr. Fras. Alexander to the same effect.* 22 *Dec.* 1651. [*G* 134, *p.* 169.]

(5) *Certificate by Thos. Aleyn, at request of John Woodman, that Thos. Mathews, grocer of London, and Aug. Garland, M.P., bought the Close at Winchester with the materials, library, and books, and that Mathews brought away the books to dispose of them in London. That he is since dead and is to be buried this afternoon.* 22 *Jan.* 1651. [*G* 134, *p.* 141.]

* See further the claimants on Prother Ellis' estate in the Composition case. 22 April 1652.

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(6) *Deposition by Wm. Stonestreet, Mathews' servant, that his late master had the use of the said books till his death on* 20 *Jan.* 1652. [*G* 134, *p.* 165.]

VII. *House of Hen. Foyle.*

(1) *Order of the County Committee that Woodman have the said house during their pleasure, to preserve sequestered goods of Papists and delinquents.* 29 *Nov.* 1645. [*G* 134, *p.* 167.]

VIII. *Goods of Ferd. Bye.*

(1) *Statement by him of the goods, and of their under-valuation by Woodman, according to whose appraisment they only amounted to* 3*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* 13 *April* 1651. [*G* 134, *p.* 183.]

Jan. 22. Order in the case of John Woodman.

1. That the account of Prother Ellis' estate given in by Woodman be referred to the county committee to surcharge, he to deliver all bonds on the estate, and pay in all moneys due to the State.

2. That he account for the tithes of Owslebury sequestered before 28 Oct. 1645, except the rent due to St. Cross' Hospital.

3. As to the 27*l.* charged on Lady Knollys' estate, he and the commissioners are to bring proof as to whether it was or was not paid, and he is to show how he has disposed of her goods which he seized as sequestered.

4. As to the materials of the Chantry House, he is to have further time to make his defence.

5. As to the library, Mr. Garland is to be desired to restore the books, or show cause why they were taken away.

6. As for the rent of Cropp's estate, which he says is part of the 2,000*l.* that he paid in gross, he is to give particulars of that 2,000*l.*

7. As to the wood on Mr. Unwin's estate, he confesses he forgot it, his papers being dispersed for security, at the rising in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.

8. As to the 12*l.* a year from Hen. Foyle's house, which he says was ordered him by the late commissioners to lay sequestered goods in, he is to account for the rent for 3 years.

9. As to Ferd. Bye's goods, he is to give further account thereof. [*G* 15, *p.* 215; 134, *pp.* 185, 186, 189, 190.]

Jan. 22. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee in London. You are to sequester the house in Walbrook where Mr. Hayes lives, late in possession of Rich. Rogers, who died a delinquent, for in 1643 he was sequestered and adjudged a delinquent by the Committee for Compounding. Certify its value and your proceedings. [*G* 30, *p.* 257.]

Jan. 22. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Notts. Thanks for your levying of fines on those who do not procure their discharges in time. Continue your care in receiving the profits of accruing estates. [*G* 30, *p.* 324.]

Jan. 22. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for York. On yours of 27 Dec. about the estate of Mr. Tempest of Roundhay, you are to take the largest offer, good security being given for the rent. [*G* 30, *p.* 486.]

Jan. 22. Order in the Committee for the additional Act for sale of delinquents' estates, that the Committee for Compounding certify to them the names of the delinquents who were sequestered for being in the late rebellion with the Scottish King at Worcester. [*G* 115, *p.* 181.]

Jan. 22. Nottingham. **24.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. Finding on search of the books and papers of the late committee that the estates of Wm. Sandys, John Moore, Lady Savile, Griffin Divall, and the heirs of Robert Burton, have been discharged otherwise than by order of Parliament, we gave them notice to produce their discharges to you within 28 days, and procure your allowance thereof within 6 weeks, or we should sequester their estates. Patricius, Viscount Chaworth, and Sir Martin Sandys have produced their orders of discharge from you.

The estate late of George, father of Thos. Markham, was discharged for raising 500*l.* a piece to 8 of the children of George; finding this proceeded from your predecessors, we yielded obedience thereto, though the original order is mislaid. The remainder in this county is but small, 160*l.* a year above

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reprizes. We find an order from the late Committee for Sequestrations for discharging the estate of Wm. Styles, but we cannot find that he had any lands in this county. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 22. Chepstow. **25.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. We have searched the papers and orders of discharge, but only find Sir Trevor Williams and Mr. Morgan of Pencreek who were discharged by the Barons of the Exchequer. They are to produce the order and appear before you within 28 days. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 23. Request by the Commissioners for co. Hants for a copy of the resolves of the Committee for Compounding of 22 Jan., in the case of John Woodman, and leave—if any service is expected from them about his accounts,—to have the perusal of them in the country, and liberty to surcharge and make exceptions to them. [*G* 134, *p.* 139.]

Jan. 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Commissioners for co. Hants call for the original assignment from — Seymour to Dr. Lewis of Owslebury Parsonage, held of St. Cross' Hospital; the deed by which the hospital renewed it to [John] Hobbs; and the counterpart of the lease in the hospital.

Also that the registrar deliver to the said commissioners now present the account given in yesterday by John Woodman, that they may take it into the country, surcharge it if they can, call for his vouchers, &c. [*G* 15, *p.* 220.]

Jan. 23. **26.** Committee for Compounding to the county commissioners. We wrote you to sequester all who had suspensions from the late Committee for Sequestrations or Barons of the Exchequer, and had not their cases determined before 1 March 1650; but as we find from the Barons that many such enjoy their estates, we desire you to make more diligent search for suspensions, and sequester all who enjoy their estates on pretence of appeal, unless they produce discharges from Parliament, the late Committee for Sequestrations, the Barons of the Exchequer, or ourselves, which discharges are to be proved before you on oath; certify us whom you have or shall sequester on these orders. You are to collect any arrears of unpaid rents, and cause those who have received the profits of estates under suspension to repay them to you.

In all cases where statutes, annuities, jointures, &c., have been allowed out of estates, take care to sequester them in case they determine by death or repayment, and demand arrears from the death of the party or expiration of the term.

Act upon your former commissions and instructions till you receive further orders, as our powers are continued till 1 Nov. 1652. With note of dispatch of the above letters. [2¼ *pages, printed; also G* 15, *p.* 216.]

Jan. 23. Reading. County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. On your order, [Thos.] Bateman, the treasurer, says that he will send you his accounts as soon as he can make them up. He desired the clerk to deliver us the papers of the late County Committee, which were sent on the 19th, but as our instructions expire on the 23rd, we sealed up the papers to wait further orders. The clerk has other papers before the late County Committee began, which he retains, as they are not named in your order. We wish George Lamport, who was nominated with us, to be added as a commissioner.

With note of reply that the clerk is to deliver up all the papers; that the County Committee are to proceed on their instructions, and that Mr. Bayley is to see how soon the former commissioners are to account, and to issue an order accordingly. [*G* 146, *p.* 311.]

Jan. 23. **27.** County Committee of Devon to the Committee for Compounding. This is the last day of our commission. Much of our work is undone as to returns of persons re-seized by us who had neither suspensions nor discharges, and of those newly discovered, and as to arrears of rents, and the perfecting of accounts with tenants and agents. The neglect is due to our late enforced stay in London.

Mr. Carter scruples to execute the warrants, many of which are in his hands, because the Act has expired. We return this week's receipts, with a list of those who have only suspensions and no discharges. We hope our last prevented

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your desires just received for certificate of all estates now managed by us as under sequestration. Particulars of cases. We send you duplicates received last week from the Committee of Exeter. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

27. 1. *List of* 105 *names of those delinquents who have only suspensions.* [1⅔ *columns.*]

Jan. 23. County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We have let ⅔ of the estate of Anne Moore of Burghope, recusant, worth 80*l.*, at 40*l.* a year, to herself; and that of Wm. Moore of Burghope, delinquent, worth 72*l.* 10*s.*, at 36*l.*, being the most that was offered. [*G* 157, *p.* 351.]

Jan. 23. Hereford. County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We have surveyed Fitzwilliam Coningsby's estate, and posted it in several market towns. We think it worth 830*l.* a year, but considering the many charges on it, we granted it to Wm. Hill at 220*l.*, with proviso to pay the rent-charges, annuities, and hospital rents, if not allowed by you; he earnestly craves your allowance of the contract. [*G* 77, *p.* 117.]

Jan. 24. Stowey. **28.** Capt. Ben. Mason to the Committee for Compounding. I am now on my journey for Hereford, where I had sooner been but was prevented in the settlement of my affairs in Somerset, and willing to see the Parliament's pleasure for continuance of the business entrusted in your hands, under whom only in this I would have acted; being now satisfied, I shall cheerfully use my best endeavours to promote the public service.

By the weak and wilful actings of Mr. Whetcomb, the business is much obstructed, as the enclosed, attested by the prosecutor, will prove, in which if you have no account [taken] and justice done, the Commonwealth is prejudiced, and Whetcomb may be justly blamed. His personal estate was worth 150*l.*, and his real estate 40*l.* a year. Whetcomb is an accountant to the Commonwealth in two or three things, and although advised by the rest of the commissioners to clear his account before he could safely act, he still declines; doubting this might come to your ears, he has thrust himself into commission with Mr. Curle, formerly a sequestrator for the Excise of Somerset, both of which businesses he cannot attend. Our present commissioners will tell you that he is an obstruction and disgrace to the very commission, delinquents' lands being taken off, so that much of the revenue will be shortened. Mr. Blake, one of your commissioners, has a great place in the Prize Office at London, and is scarcely ever with them, and yet expects a salary. Mr. Whetcomb is a man with whom your other commissioners cannot act without disturbance, so that all your business is carried on by the other three, and it would be far better if they alone acted.

With note for a letter to the County Committee for Somerset, to certify whether Whetcomb has cleared his accounts, and whether any of them do not attend the service. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 24. **29.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. Our certificate of Thos. Tankard's estate being returned as imperfect, because we did not certify its having been posted and surveyed, we now certify that it and that of Sir Thos. Gascoigne of Barmebow, and all other estates here, were let according to instructions. Confirmed, 11 Feb. 1652. [⅔ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 486.]

Jan. 24. Presteign. **30.** County Committee for Radnor to the Committee for Compounding. Receiving your commission, we met here to be invested before John Walsham for this county. Our trust is very great, and we hope to discharge it. The instructions we will observe; what you may send us, pray direct by the Leominster carrier to John Greenous at the Talbot. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

30, 1. *Certificate by John Walsham that the said persons, viz., John Yardley, Wm. Stephens, and John Dauntsey, came before him and took the necessary oath as Commissioners for Sequestrations, co. Radnor. Presteign,* 24 *Jan.* 1651–52. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 24. Kendal. **31.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We will obey your orders as to sequestering the estates of those who do not produce their discharges before you within 28 days; but without further commission from you, we cannot act as commissioners, the Act being determined yesterday, and our commission also. [1 *page.*]

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Jan. 26. Nottingham. **32.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. The estate of John Barker of Southwell is under sequestration. Thomas Tress of Newark, ironmonger, has paid 112*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.*, and Hen. Gill 31*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, which sums we have long since paid in. Notes of cases. We annex a particular of all persons under sequestration in this county as requested, viz.:—

DELINQUENTS IN ARMS.

William, Earl of Newcastle, Welbeck.
Philip, Earl of Chesterfield, Shelford Manor.
Rob. Tilson, clerk, and Thos. Boulder, South Wheatley.
Earl of Berkshire, Newark Castle, sequestration suspended.
George, Duke of Buckingham, Nottingham Castle.
Robert Williamson, late of Houghton Lound, deceased.
John Barker, of Southwell.
Wm. Harrison, Nottingham.

PAPISTS ⅔ SEQUESTERED.

Sir Edw. Goulding, Coulston Bassett.
Alice, Lady Dormer, Kneeton, widow, deceased.
Mary Cartwright, Ossington, widow.
Symon Scroope, East Bridgford.
Fras. Beard, Espley.
Wm. Tirwhit, Laneham, delinquent Papist.
[1 *page.*]

Jan. 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding for letters to cos. Bedford, Berks, and Bucks, on return of their accounts, asking further particulars.

Order for letters requiring those counties which have sent up no accounts to pass them within 6 weeks, and return up their money forthwith, certifying what they have in cash.

Also to refer them to their instructions as to levying arrears of rent, and to threaten to send a messenger for some of the present commissioners, unless they certify those who are retaining the books of the former committees. [*G* 36, *p.* 277.]

Jan. 27. Thos. Bayley to [Hen. Horsley]. The Committee for Compounding bid me say that they have received yours touching the supply of the Commissioners in Scotland. I have spoken with the treasurers-at-war, but on account of the change of treasurers, the receipt is not in a settled condition, and till that be, the commissioners must forbear, so that a supply may be ordered regularly, rather than issued hastily before a due course is agreed on. A supply has lately been sent, which will be to hand ere this, and Col. Fenwick, the governor of Edinburgh, will be acquainted therewith. I hope the treasury will be so settled by next post that we may give you plenary satisfaction. [*G* 138, *p.* 607.]

Jan. 28. **33.** John Rushworth to Samuel Moyer, or any other of the Committee for Compounding. The enclosed came to my hands to be presented to the commissioners, with an earnest desire to move you to send an answer this post, as Lord St. John and Sir Hen. Vane, jun., expect it. You know how to direct to Mr. Horsley, or if you send it to me to Lincoln's Inn, I shall not fail to send it by the post. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

33. I. *Oliver, Lord St. John, and 7 other Commissioners in Scotland, to Henry Horsley, treasurer to the County Committee for Northumberland. There is a great necessity of money for pay of the army here; as you have money to be returned to London, we wish you to accept of bills charged on you by George Bilton, deputy treasurer-at-war, and to pay the money to such persons as he shall appoint, receiving bills from the deputy treasurer charged upon the treasurers-at-war in London. We desire your answer by return of post; your help in this business will be very acceptable. Dalkeith, Jan.* 20, 1652. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

33. II. *George Bilton to Hen. Horsley. The Commissioners of Parliament in Scotland, wanting money for payment of the army, have given me a letter of credit to you for such moneys as I shall by bills charge upon you; if I can, I will waive the charging any upon you until I hear your answer, but I fear the want of the soldiers' quartering in your country, and their importunity will enforce me to charge it sooner. Whatever you can pay, do to the utmost, and if you can charge any to be paid here to me by any merchants, that they*

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may be paid by you at Newcastle, it will be very good service. Say to whom I shall appoint the treasurers at London to pay the money I receive from you, and as near as you can what the sum will be. Leith, Jan. 20, 1652. [*Copy*, 1 *page.*]

33. III. *Hen. Horsley to the Committee for Compounding. I enclose copies of letters received from Scotland, and desire your pleasure therein. The commissioners expect an answer tomorrow. I shall write them that, being entrusted by you, I am commanded to pay no moneys without your order, and if they are displeased, I hope you will satisfy the Commissioners [in Scotland] that I could not part with any money without an order produced under your own hands. Newcastle, Jan.* 23, 1652. [¾ *page.*]

[Jan. 28.] Committee for Compounding to Mr. Winslow. We have conferred with Ald. Andrews and Allen about what sequestration money may shortly be payable to our receipt, and especially on letters from Hen. Horsley, receiver at Newcastle, and are resolved so to settle the business that it may be applied to the service in those parts, so that we can reduce it to our rules of issuing moneys, and the treasurers-at-war put it into a due way of bringing to account, which we hope may be done before the next post. Therefore Mr. Horsley should rather pray forbearance from the Commissioners [in Scotland], than, as they desire, hastily issue money in an irregular way. [*G* 138, *p.* 609.]

Jan. 28. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. York. You are to pay to Sir John Wollaston and the late treasurers-at-war 5,000*l.* out of the sequestration moneys in your hands. With note of like letters to Northumberland for 5,000*l.*, and to Cumberland for 500*l.* [*G* 15, *p.* 226.]

Jan. 28. Committee for Compounding to Ald. Allen. There is 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.* in the hands of the Committee for Northumberland, in Cumberland 500*l.*, Lincoln 2,000*l.*, and Notts 1,000*l.*, which will be rendered on your order, if you assign it to be paid in those parts for the army, and be a great ease to the commissioners, returns here being expensive and hazardous, and full of delay. [*G* 15, *p.* 227; 138, *p.* 603.]

Jan. 28. Exeter. **34.** Rich. Carter to the Committee for Compounding. As to neglect of duty, I confess I long since received 4 warrants, 3 for the commissioners and one for the city, to re-seize and resecure some hundreds of persons sequestered by the late committee; many of them we seized, and are in prosecution of the rest, but returned none until this last week, the multitude of other business intervening, and the commissioners having to certify according to their instructions, which they could not do, as they had no duplicate from the late committee until lately. As to any other warrants, I can show like reasons respecting them.

I never came to London on my own account but once, when I was sick, which occasioned my longer stay. The rest of my journeys I came on the State's service; I deny ever having farmed sheafs on delinquents' estates. I am much troubled with threats of dismissal on misinformation; as to taking up money contrary to order, I have never done so without order; what may be objected is that an order came from you as Committee for Advance of Money, 15 Jan. 1651, for raising several sums upon the estates of Sir Thomas Hele, [Thos.] Knott, Peter Bartow, and others, who were cleared except as to Bartow; his rents I seized in several tenants' hands, but did not receive them until last October, and should not then have done so had I not acted by the original order whereby the commissioners here or their agents are directed. I never received any other moneys but by their order, and immediately paid in the same, but could never get a receipt.

At their first sitting, 14 Nov. last, and after my receipt of Bartow's rents, I delivered them a rental of what I had received, which was 30*l.*, and being myself in arrear above that for my salary, I desired them to allow me that; or if they could not do so without your order, to allow me to retain it until such order was received, which they agreed to, as Mr. Tripe, the treasurer, will not deny. Being forced to attend you in London to present my petition, and you being drawn away on other occasions, I returned to my employment. The commissioners accuse me of a supposed neglect, and blast my reputation, conceiving I had a hand in what others now prosecute against them. I utterly deny the fact charged against me, or that I was ever instrumental in their vexations. [1 *page.*]

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Jan. 28. Exeter. **35.** Rich Carter to the Committee for Compounding. I have received orders to sequester the estates of several persons who are dead, and my warrant not authorizing me to prosecute the heirs or executors, I desire further instructions. They are Sir Wm. Poole of Culliton, Wm. Dyer of Marlborough, Roger Mathew of Dartmouth, and Thos. Carey of Torrington. I suppose their particulars will set forth what estates they had, and my warrants may be directed accordingly. Simon Grimes of Buckland Monachorum, Thos. Walker of Catpoole, and Henry Tent of Cornworthy, do not appear to have any estates in this county. Let their particulars be viewed and orders issued accordingly, for though they write themselves as in Devon, you may find their estates elsewhere. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 29. Committee for Compounding to James Winstanley. As Stepney Manor is now sequestered, and the power of keeping the courts vested in the State, you are to deliver us in 7 days the 3-weeks' court book, and all rentals, books, writings, &c., concerning it, in your custody or that of your deputy. [*G* 15, *p.* 233.]

Jan. 29. Hereford. **36.** County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We have summoned Roger Garnons, Thos. Philip, and Nich. Ling, to appear before you within a month. We have received a bond from John Mayo for payment of 55*l.* on 3 May next.

With marginal note of reply, 18 March, that they are to certify what the bond is, and from whom. [⅔ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 174.]

Jan. 30. Durham. **37.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We enclose a list of persons under sequestration in this county, and desire your confirmation of the contracts formerly made by us, that we may satisfy those who have dealt with us. Noted, "Needs no answer." [1 *page.*]

Jan. 30. Shaston. **38.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. Concerning estates freed from sequestration on appeals, we cannot find any appeal made but in the case of Henry Hastings of Woodlands, who has since been discharged by your order. As for sequestered estates discharged by the county committee, we find that some such, on a supposition of undue discharges, have been again questioned, and the depositions taken against them by the former committee have been sent to you a year since; the parties procured orders for re-examining witnesses on their behalf, which examinations were also transmitted long since. There are others under the same notion in relation to the commission officers of this county, the prosecution of whom has been suspended, as we concluded you would try part of them first.

As for other discharges by the former committee, we find that they discharged several men on composition for their personal estates, who had no real estate, conceiving they had power to compound with such; also others who were only seized before a hearing, and at a full hearing have been discharged, as not found within the ordinance of sequestration. We have sequestered the estates of Edm. Hull of Tolpuddle, and of Robt. Lawrence of Creeck Grange, but we cannot find any belonging to John Jeffery of Maypowder. What land he had in this county he sold 3 years since.

With note of reply, 11 Feb., that the estate is to be seized, any sale notwithstanding. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 47.]

Jan. 30. Prize Office. Prize Commissioners to the Committee for Compounding. Parliament, by an Act of 17 April 1649, authorized us to receive all vessels, arms, goods, &c., taken by vessels in their service, or to which they have any lawful claim, either at sea or in harbour. Rich. Dermot, our deputy for North Wales and Lancashire, complains that your agents have taken some vessels coming from prohibited ports, and refuse to deliver them up. We beg you to order them to deliver those seized, and not in future to disturb us or your agents in an employment for which we are accountable to Parliament and the Council of State.

With note in reply for a copy of the Act, and this letter to be sent to the committees for Lancashire and North Wales. [*G* 109, *p.* 659.] *Annexing,*

1. *John Whiteside to* [*Rich. Dermot*]. *You gave me charge of the vessels left by the Earl of Derby, but Wm. Robinson and two others of Kirkham put them up to sale last Monday's market, and none buying, had the greatest vessel*

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taken to pieces, and hired the country people to carry her to land. They found some guns in her, but they will not suffer me to meddle, saying they have a warrant of sequestration. I beg directions. Poulton, 14 *Nov.* 1651. [*G* 109, *p.* 658.]

Jan. 31. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Stafford. Directions in cases. We cannot yet confirm your contracts because you have not certified the surveying and posting. Mr. Ley, your agent, returns the names of several delinquents, most of whom are in prosecution before us as a Committee for Advance of Money. Be careful that upon our orders for cross-examining, the delinquents do not tamper with the witnesses. Demand the rent for Col. Leveson's estate, and if not paid in 3 weeks, distrain or re-seize it. We are enquiring what Blackmore claims out of Sir Edw. Seabright's discovery. [*G* 30, *p.* 428.]

Jan. 31. Ipswich. **39.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. We have issued our warrants for John Boran, and 7 others named, to produce their discharges of sequestration before you. There are others that have considerable estates discharged in the same manner, but who live out of the county, and to whom we shall give notice of your order. Particulars of cases. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 31. York. **40.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We send a duplicate of our contracts for estates for 7 years from 25 March next; we published our resolutions to let them 14 days beforehand, and many competitors appeared. We let them as dear as we could, and hope you will find we have made good improvements; we desire your confirmation, that we may proceed to make leases accordingly. We have noted all fee-farm rents, rent-charges, annuities, &c., on these estates, and all the annuities and rent-charges not compounded for at Goldsmiths' Hall or Parliament, and told the tenants that such as are not allowed by you will not be allowed by us. All courts are excepted from the tenants, with their fines and perquisites, and all woods.

We send copies of the leases that we intend to pass in case you confirm our contracts; one relates to the estates of delinquents of all sorts, and the other to Papists. Some of these estates are not let, but entered, none desiring to farm them; but we shall endeavour to dispose of them. Confirmed 14 March. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 487.]

Jan. 31. York. **41.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We gave the under-sheriff, Sir Edw. Rodes, your order to restore the 20*l* levied on Sir Phil. Hungate's sequestered estate, and showed him yours to the high sheriff; but instead of restoring the money, he has this week levied 100*l.* out of Lord Dunbar's estate. We begged him not to trouble the tenants and to restore the levied goods, but he refused, saying he was to pay the money into the Exchequer, and would answer before you. We cannot get it from him without force; these levies are occasioned by the creditors, Martin Browne and two others, whose debt is already paid. Should not these seizures be discharged in the Exchequer? [1 *page.*]

Jan. ? **42.** County Committtee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. As to your order about the barley payable yearly from Frisby rectory by Wm. Sharpe, we certify that 60 quarters were paid, being sequestered from John Holland, late vicar, for scandal. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Lancaster. John Holliday of Heyhouses has produced as ordered his discharge as not being worth 40*l.*, and says he receives 2*s.* a week pension from the inhabitants for maintenance of his family. If this is true, free him from sequestration. [*G* 15, *p.* 236.]

Feb. 3. Cambridge. **43.** County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. We received your letter requiring us to peruse the books of the former county committee, and see what estates were discharged otherwise than by order of Parliament, the former Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, or allowed by yourselves, and to give order to the persons concerned to produce their discharges to you.

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The estate of Wm. Knight, clerk of Waterbeach, was discharged by a decree of Chancery, and we have given the tenant notice not to pay any rent to him till further order. The estates of Edmund Harris of Cleghure, value 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and Wm. Hills of Fordham, value 40*s.* a year, were discharged according to ordinance of Parliament because they were not worth 200*l.* There are no estates suspended, but divers have had orders of discharge, as Sir George Whitmore, John Harris, Mr. Cooke, and Simon Watson, to whom we have given notice to produce their discharges. Particulars of cases. The estate of Wm. Curtis, clerk, a delinquent, was sequestered by us long since.

We enclose a list, with the addresses, of all persons who are under sequestration in this county. William Ling, clerk, had an estate at Over of 8*l.* a year, and his sequestration was suspended, but he never compounded; as he has since sold it, we have again sequestered it, and we are now endeavouring to find out all those whose estates have formerly been seized, and no further proceedings taken against them. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

43. I. *List of delinquents and Papists in co. Cambridge under sequestration, viz.:—*

Thos. Coningsby of North Mimms, co. Hertford.
Sir Anth. Cage, Burrough Green.
Thos. Nightingale, Whittlesford.
John Seale, apothecary, Cambridge.
Sir Robt. Hatton.
Millicent Pratt, Cherry Orton, co. Hunts.
Hen. Finnimore, Yaxley.
Dr. G. Gifford, clerk, late of London, deceased, his wife married to Sir John Wake of London, a Papist and delinquent.
Wm. Curtis, clerk, late of Cambridge.
Wm. Knightes, clerk, Brinton, co. Hunts.
John Priest, barber of Cambridge.
Chas. Parris, recusant, Cambridge.
Sir Fras. Mannock, Gifford's Hall, co. Suffolk.
George Bentley, Hanniwell, co. Essex.
John Peters of London.
Margaret Harris, widow, Milton.
John Cooke, Wolverhampton, co. Stafford.
Bridget Fryer, widow of London.
[Edw.] Archloe [or Atslow], Downham, Essex.
Lord Petre, Thorndon Hall, co. Essex.

[¾ *page.*]

Feb. 3. Ald. Thos. Andrews and Fras. Allen to the Committee for Compounding. We have received 3 letters of 28 Jan. last to the County Committees of York for 5,000*l.*, Northumberland 5,000*l.*, and Cumberland 500*l.* With note, 4 Feb., from Sir John Wollaston and Ald. John Dethick, that they have seen this letter. [*G* 138, *p.* 611.]

Feb. 4. Petition of Rob. Fleming to the Committee for Compounding, for a lease at the former rent of 10*l.* of 5 houses in Golden Lane, near Old Street, which he held from Mr. Lawrence, recusant, and which were granted him in 1645 by the late Camden House Committee, but he hears that the rent is to be raised to 14*l.* The tenants are very poor and in arrears, and cannot pay more. [*G* 85, *p.* 778.]

Feb. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the London Committee survey the tenements, certify their value, and let them according to instructions. [*G* 15, *p.* 242.]

Feb. 4. Petition of Henry Grenfield, of Truro, co. Cornwall, to the Committee for Compounding, to continue to him the office of steward of Penwith Manor, Cornwall, granted him by Sir John Arundel of Lanherne, who was bailiff, but for recusancy and supposed delinquency is now unable to nominate a steward. Noted that the Committee for Compounding know him not, but Mr. Carey is to be spoken with about it. [*G* 88, *p.* 347.]

Feb. 4. Preston. **44.** County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. There being several rents due out of rectories in this county under sequestration, which were formerly payable to the late bishops, Capt. Farmer, who is

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appointed receiver of those rents in these northern parts, has demanded these rents and the arrears; and upon our telling him we could not pay him without your order, he replied he was not to seek for an order from you, as he had commission to distrain in case of non-payment. We have therefore desired him to stay the seizure, so that the tenants might not be disturbed, until we had acquainted you therewith, which he was willing to do, and we now desire your speedy resolution herein. [With note of reply, that the commissioners are to require the collector or receiver not to disturb the tenants until order from the Committee for Compounding; and if he does, they are to take proof and certify, but the Committee for Compounding cannot pay any that have not grown due since Dec. 1649.]

Touching Peter Ambrose, and his not perfecting his accounts, by your order of 3 June last you imposed a fine of 20*l.* upon him, and he to be imprisoned until he had paid; but conceiving his imprisonment might protract his accounts, we moved it might be respited, which you granted for two months longer. We then called him before us, and perceiving small hopes of his finishing his accounts, we committed him prisoner to the garrison at Liverpool, and desired the governor to give directions for his safe custody; but the sickness of the plague happening shortly after in that garrison, and the prisoners being removed, he was permitted to return to his own house, where he still remains. Since then we have heard nothing from him, but he still goes on, by his agents, in levying and collecting arrears, and not paying anything into the treasury here, or giving us any manner of account of his actions. [2 *pages.*]

Feb. 4. Coventry. **45.** County Committee for Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. We received your order for production of discharges not allowed by Parliament or your committee, and will speedily give you an account thereof. We do not find any who had suspensions from the late Committee for Sequestration or Barons of the Exchequer, except Sir Charles Adderley, who has compounded, and Thos. Kittermaster, who is now compounding. Much of our time having been taken up in examinations, and in the accounts of the late committee's treasurer, we have been prevented exhibiting our accounts, but will do so shortly, and hasten the payments. [1¾ *pages.*]

Feb. 5. Chelmsford. **46.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. We will proceed according to your direction in Mr. Eldred's business. We have as ordered sequestered Lord Morley's third part for delinquency. We enclose a list of persons under sequestration in this county. Particulars of cases. What you write as to the fines upon sequestered estates will not help us, because we have not sufficient strength to oppose those who have the strength of the county militia in their hands; but something from the Council of State would have done it.

With marginal notes of reply, 3 March, that they are once again to give the Militia Commissioners notice not to levy the fines, and if they persist, to certify the names of those who sign warrants therefor, with proof on oath of their proceedings, and authority will be used against them. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 141.]

Feb. 5. Newcastle. **47.** Hen. Horsley to Thomas Bayley, clerk to the Committee for Compounding. I shall observe your masters' commands not to pay any money without their order. I have been much pressed by Mr. Bilton, the deputy-treasurer, by letters and bills of exchange, to pay moneys to Capt. Daborne and Capt. Lilbourne, two troops that quarter in Northumberland, but I still refuse, and tell them in plain English I cannot pay any money, nor accept Mr. Bilton's bills, without an order from Haberdashers' Hall. If the soldiers take it from me by force, I cannot help it, but I shall not part with it unless I have order. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 5. Taunton. **48.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We had a meeting at Taunton this week in prosecution of the matters mentioned in your letter. Confirm our contracts for the copyhold estates lately returned to you, as the want thereof obstructs our further proceedings. Send directions for the sale of woods growing on sequestered estates, and fit to be felled.

With note of reply, 25 Feb., that they are to certify particulars of the woods that are of full growth, and survey and post them, giving no liberty to cut any but underwood; also to certify whether Mr. Whetcomb has cleared his accounts, or if any of the county committee neglect to act. [¾ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 394.]

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Feb. 5. Taunton. **49.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We find that the late committee, 30 Oct. 1646, sequestered ⅔ of Martock Manor, being 70*l.* a year old rents, as the estate of Sir George Strode and Sir Hen. Compton, and it has never been discharged. On 30 Oct. last we ordered our agent to seize it for the State, but find that Wm. Strode of Barrington has collected the rents and granted estates ever since, and enjoyed the most of the profits. We beg directions. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 6. Receipt by Thos. Muspratt, co. Commissioner of Hants, from Mr. Leech, clerk to the Committee for Compounding, of 10 accounts of John Woodman, sequestrator of co. Hants, containing 59 sheets. [*G* 134, *p.* 141.]

Feb. 6. Lancaster. **50.** County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. Upon our survey, finding a water corn mill near Manchester sequestered from the Earl of Derby in a ruinous condition, we gave order for its repair; after we had disbursed 40*l.*, we contracted with Capt. Elletson, in whom the tenant-right to the mill was vested by assignment from the ancient tenant, and leased it to him for 7 years, he repaying the money disbursed in repairs, finishing the same, and paying us 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year. Thereupon he repaid us the 40*l.*, and has since perfected the repairs, in expectation of having his bargain performed; but meantime we received your instructions not to lease estates under sale but for one year, and this being part of the Earl of Derby's estate, now in the Act for sale, we desire either order to repay him his money disbursed, or to perform our bargain. Noted that the lease is to be confirmed for 7 years. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 7. Kendal. **51.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. The season of the year for husbandry being at hand, we send to you before farming out estates. Our first instructions last year were to let them at a clear rent, but when the form of the leases came down, we found that assessments are to be allowed, which puts us to a stand. In these parts it will be far more advantageous to the State to farm estates at a clear value than to give allowance of assessments.

With note of reply, 18 Feb., that the Committee for Compounding differ from this opinion as to 7 years' leases, and therefore they are to proceed as directed. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 461.]

Feb. 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Ant. Pearson be sequestration commissioner in county Durham.

Also that Capt. Silas Taylor be a commissioner for co. Hereford. [*G* 12, *pp.* 399, 400.]

Order on hearing Aud. Sherwin, about the request of the Commissioners of co. Chester, for allowances in their accounts for old rents, quit rents, fee-farm rents, &c., not exceeding 20 nobles a year,—that the auditor be empowered to allow them, on certificate of the commissioners that the court-rolls, leases, conveyances, &c., were produced before them; but parties claiming rent-charges, annuities, &c., are to produce their deeds to the Committee for Compounding.

Order in the case of Bennett Hoskins, on reading the resolves of Parliament of 9 and 15 July 1647, referring his and other cases to the committee where John Corbett held the chair,—that this committee has no cognizance of the case, but refers it to the said committee, and orders all proceedings before the County Sequestration Commissioners to be stopped, and the depositions taken in the case suppressed. [*G* 15, *pp.* 255, 256.]

Feb. 10. Committee for Compounding to the Committees for co. Lancaster and North Wales. The Commissioners for Prize Goods complain that you have taken possession of some vessels that came from prohibited ports, and refuse to deliver them to their deputy, according to the Act empowering them, which we enclose. You are to certify the grounds of the seizure, deliver up the goods, and forbear to intermeddle in future, unless you can show better cause. [*G* 15, *p.* 248.]

Feb. 10. Committee for Compounding to Alderman Allen. There is now at Chester 600*l.* returned from the Sequestration Commissioners in counties Flint, Merioneth, and Denbigh, and 200*l.* in co. Monmouth, which will be paid on your order, if you can assign it to the army there. [*G* 15, *p.* 248.]

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Feb. 10. Chelmsford. **52.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. We have used our best diligence to prepare a satisfactory return in answer to yours of the 12th inst., but the time is too short for perfecting accounts fit for exhibition. We entreat 14 or 21 days more, but if you do not approve, we will effect what we can in the time limited. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 11. Petition of Peter Egerton of London, on behalf of the county of Nottingham, to the Committee for Compounding. An order being granted 3 Dec. last for examining witnesses on both sides, and the depositions being returned, begs an order for publication, and the suspension of the commissioners, that the country may be no more oppressed by them; also an order to secure the estates of Mich. Brett and 3 others, there being 2 witnesses against each, and bonds given in for their prosecution. Also for appointment of faithful and just commissioners to examine those of Nottingham, because of the great trouble and charge of going to Derbyshire. [*G* 83, *p.* 679.]

Feb. 11. Order in the Committee for Compounding that a copy of this petition be sent to the Committee of Sequestrations for Notts, and publication granted unless they show cause to the contrary in 14 days. [*G* 16, *p.* 7.]

Feb. 11. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Somerset. You complain that Wm. Strode of Barrington collects rents and grants estates in an estate sequestered by you as belonging to Sir George Strode and Sir Henry Compton. We blame you for suffering such proceedings when you have the power to right matters. You must require the rents of those tenants who had notice of your seizure, and distrain such as refuse to pay. Those who have renewed their estates must pay you their fines according to the custom of the manor, or you must make void their estates and let them to others. Meanwhile you are to send the enclosed to Mr. Strode. [*G* 30, *p.* 393.] *Annexing,*

1. *Order to Wm. Strode to repay what he has received from the manor of Martock though it was seized for the State, or to appear before the Committee for Compounding in* 14 *days, to show cause of refusal.* 11 *Feb.* 1652. [*G* 30, *p.* 393.]

Feb. 11. Exeter. **53.** County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. Touching manors and rectories in this county claimed by Col. Rogers, M.P., in right of his wife, relict of Sir John Hele, Sir John was sequestered by the late county committee on 26 Feb. 1646, having been a colonel in arms against Parliament, and his sequestration was taken off 16 Sept. 1646, but as no discharge was produced, and we were dissatisfied concerning 4,000*l.* yet unpaid of Sir John's fine, we caused the rents to be stayed in the tenants' hands until further order from you. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 11. Exeter. **54.** County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. We certify that 166*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* has been received out of the estate of the Earl of Worcester since 25 Jan. 1650, and 24*l.* 5*s.* out of that of the Marquis of Winchester; the rest of the Marquis' rents were taken up by the agents of Robt. Wallop, M.P.; the estates were formerly in the management of the Trustees for Ireland. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 12. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that they will not again sit by candle-light, unless engaged in the hearing of a cause, report, or petition. [*G* 13, *p.* 43.]

Feb. 12. Committee for Compounding to James Russell. Knowing your proneness to promote the service, we wish you, as you are going into Herefordshire, to enquire into the complaints made of the commissioners there, and if you find these true, to suspend them, for our oaths forbid our employing those who are guilty of those things complained of. [*G* 16, *p.* 15.]

Feb. 12. Committee for Compounding to Aug. Garland. We find amongst the exceptions taken by the present Commissioners of co. Hants to the accounts of John Woodman, that the library of the Dean and Chapter of Winchester is unaccounted for. He says you bought it of the contractors at Gurney House, but we doubt it, as they have no power to sell the personal estate of deans and chapters. Tell us how the books are disposed of, and in whose hands they now are. [*G* 16, *p.* 16.]

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Feb. 13. Order in the Committee co. Compounding, on request of the Commissioners for co. Notts for further time to cross examine witnesses, that publication pass now, but that the hearing be not till Tuesday week. [*G* 16, *p* 18.]

Feb. 13. Exeter. John Serle and Rich. Clapp, co. Devon, to the Committee for Compounding. The prosecutors fill our hands with your orders for new-discovered malignants (of whom a multitude are yet amongst us) and for undervaluations, of which few who had large estates will clear themselves. But we wait to know whether, by the Act of Oblivion, these sons of violence, who have enriched themselves by the spoil of poor sufferers, are to get off with low compositions, or none, all the Acts of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding. At present we are posting and letting undervaluations and calling in arrears. Had your agents prosecuted our orders, it had been of great service, but our orders and warrants only fill their pockets, and (as Vavasour Powell lately declared in his sermon at Whitehall) the petitions of poor sufferers are only used to light tobacco. The returns are few and unfaithful. Notes of cases.

Though we have done our work well, we have as yet got nothing but blows for it. Our salary may amount to 80*l.* a-piece, of which 60*l.* is expended. Mr. Tripe being uselessly added lessens the salary, and endangers the receipts if his accounts are not accepted. We are taking account of all the great Papists' manors; our steward has served well, but has had nothing yet for his expenses. [*G* 151, *p.* 513.]

Feb. 13. Col. J. Hutchinson and Gilb. Millington to the Committee for Compounding. The Commissioners for co. Notts having shown us a petition presented to you by [Peter] Egerton, in the name of that county, charging them with miscarriage, we certify that we neither know him, nor has he been employed by the said county to prefer any such petition. [*G* 108, *p.* 81.]

Feb. 14. Receipt by Wm. Sherwin, for the Treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, of 18 bonds delivered by Thos. Bayley. [*G* 82, *p.* 674.]

Feb. 14. Presteign. **55.** County Committee for Radnor to the Committee for Compounding. Since our taking the oath we have not slept in negligence, though not having received the books and papers of the late county committee, we cannot proceed as we desire. We are examining witnesses concerning new delinquents that adhered to Charles Stuart in the late invasion. We have seized some goods, and are about setting out some lands. We hear great mutterings about an Act of Grace which is to be procured, and is much presumed upon, and expect your directions for our further proceedings. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 14. Reading. **56.** County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. We have posted several estates for the 17th, when we will take in such offers as shall be brought; but a doubt arises whether we may let lands to recusants, they putting in the highest offer and good security. In the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, sequestered estates are to be let to such fit and able persons as will give the best rent, but we find no prohibition of letting to Papists themselves unless at an undervalue. We find many potent Papists having their estates in their own hands, who much obstruct the offers of such as would profer for them. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 16. Nottingham. Fras. Pierrepoint to Col. Hutchinson, M.P. I hear there is a petition presented to the Committee for Compounding, as from the county, by Peter Egerton, whose name I never heard, against Capt. Bland and Mr. Brett, subcommissioners. No officer serving Parliament, civil or military, knew of it, or they would have suppressed it, Brett and Bland being men of ability and integrity, and Bland faithful when on military service. [Chris.] Wasse, [Chris. and Wm.] Fetherston, and [John] Weaver are their causeless adversaries. Brett purchased some land a year ago of Mr. Colburne, and his son, without knowing that one of the sons was a delinquent. [*G* 83, *p.* 51.]

Feb. 16. Thrumpton. Ger. Pigott to Col. Hutchinson, M.P., at his lodging in the Long Stone Gallery, Whitehall. You may remember how in this war, when the Scots were at Nottingham, Mr. Brett, as at other times, hazarded himself by frequent repair to Newark to gain intelligence, which was very useful; he had been

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employed on the same errand by Col. Thornhaugh, and it is an ill requital that he should be suspected on the scandalous information of Wasse, Fetherston, and Weaver, all idle fellows. Please to speak your knowledge of him till 10 March, when I hope to come up and bring my testimony. [*G* 83, *p.* 48.]

Feb. 17. Deposition of Col. Chris. Whichcott, governor of Windsor Castle, that on the Parliament orders of 30 May 1648, 13 Jan. 1649, and 8 July 1651, for payment of 1,500*l.* from the woods of the Duke of Buckingham in co. Bucks, for provisions and repairs in Windsor Castle, he has only received 567*l.*, and that 933*l.* is still due. [*G* 130, *p.* 135.]

Feb. 17. Order of the Committee for Compounding for payment of the money, and if the woods already felled do not suffice, the commissioners are to fell more. [*G* 16, *p.* 23; 130, *p.* 135.]

Order allowing the discharge by the late Committee for Compounding of Fras. Walstead, co. Stafford.

Order to the County Committee of Lincoln, to pay Colonel Thos. Lister 119*l.* 6*s.*, by them received from Robt. Farmery's estate discovered by Lister, and from sale of wood on the Duke of Buckingham's estate, according to Parliament order of 13 Sept. 1649, Lister swearing he has had but 2,450*l.* of the sum voted him, and the treasurers of Haberdashers' Hall and Goldsmiths' Hall certifying they have paid no more. [*G* 16, *pp.* 22, 28.]

Feb. 17. Committee for Compounding to Mr. Aldridge, Navy Office, Tower Hill. The estate of Sir George Strode has long been in the hands of the trustees for raising 50,000*l.* for Ireland, with whom you had some relation, and by a Parliament order of 6 May 1646, 1,000*l.* was to be paid out of it to Sir John Evelyn. Tell us whether it has been paid, as we have written to the trustees about it and received no answer. [*G* 16, *p.* 20.]

Feb. 18. Petition of Rich. Carter and John Hayward, agents for co. Devon, to the Committee for Compounding, for an order to the county committee for payment of their salaries, 30*l.* each, due Nov. last, which the commissioners cannot safely pay without order. With order that Art. Squibb peruse the letters and returns of the county committee touching the petitioners. [*G* 73, *p.* 332.]

Feb. 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Berks. Directions in particular cases. Recusants are not debarred by the Act from farming their own estates, nor would any give better rates, but we cannot apprehend how any Papists would have such power in the county as to deter others from bidding for the estates. They may influence their tenants and neighbours, but it seems very strange that they should discourage others; your prudence in letting 1 or 2 estates where you suspect tampering may prevent future obstructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 14.]

Feb. 18. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Brecon. We cannot in justice but confirm the contracts for the estates of Edw. Winter, the Earl of Worcester, and others, unless we find they were not surveyed and posted according to directions. You are therefore to let the leases thereof accordingly. [*G* 30, *p.* 420; 98, *p.* 163.]

Feb. 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Essex. We are satisfied with your resolution of posting the 130 acres of underwood of Wm. Petre's estate. We will allow 150*l.* for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the necessary repairs, the other $\frac{1}{3}$ Mr. Petre is to take care of; when they are completed, we may allow more if needful. Allowance for the charge of collecting quit-rents is unreasonable; if it had remained in the State's hands, they would have been paid without expense; consider further of it. We approve your intention to make good the repairs out of the underwood, and confirm your contract. [*G* 30, *p.* 141.]

Feb. 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Monmouth. In your survey of Abergavenny Lordship, you neither certify whether you surveyed it in person nor whether you posted it. You are not to seal any lease till you inform us therein. [*G* 30, *p.* 271.]

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Feb. 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Somerset. We approve the contracts named in yours of 16 Jan. As to yours of 29 Nov. about Bristol, we will carry on the business there by the same hands as we do in other counties where there are great cities, such as Exeter, York, and Chester. You are to demand of the former commissioners duplicates according to the Act, and accounts of proceedings, and if not delivered in a month, to levy the fine of 20*l.* on them, and return their names, and those of any others who interrupt your proceedings, and we will take course therein. [*G* 30, *p.* 393.]

Feb. 18. Committee for Compounding to the Mayor and Aldermen of Bristol. On our appointment we nominated county committees for Somerset and Bristol, as in other counties where there are great cities as well as lesser corporations, such as York, Exeter, Chester, Newcastle, &c., leaving the business in the same hands, and no magistrates or officers have scrupled to submit thereto save yourselves; but we hear from the county committee that you wish none but yourselves to manage things of this kind. We know not how far any not yet detected are concerned therein, but we believe there is a desire rather to conceal than punish offenders. We confirm the power of our commissioners, and have ordered them to proceed vigorously, and you are to suffer them to act in your precincts, and to give them all assistance. We shall take a strict account of your carriage herein. [*G* 30, *p.* 393.]

Feb. 18. Committee for Compounding to the late County Committee for Somerset. Your duplicates should have been returned to the county committee 2 years ago, and we know not how you can excuse your neglect. If you delay longer you will be proceeded against. Your carriage, and that of some in your city [Bristol], make us believe that either some persons are concerned who fear detection, or that you have not acted as becomes those who hold so great a trust. You must deliver the duplicates in a month, or you will be fined 20*l.* each, and a serjeant-at-arms sent to bring you up in custody, and then it will be too late for you to wish you had not compelled us to proceed so far. [*G* 30, *p.* 393.]

Feb. 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Stafford. You say you have difficulty in returning the money in hand. Name the sum, and we will get the treasurers-at-war to have it assigned in those parts, unless meantime you find a safe way of sending it. [*G* 30, *p.* 428.]

Feb. 18. Gloucester. **57.** County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding. We sent up the surveys and rentals of all sequestered estates a year since, and would have sent the accounts had you required them; but will attend you with them, and also the contracts, by the time limited. [¾ *page.*]

They are made up from our first acting to Michaelmas last, and we have used and shall use all endeavours to get in the arrears. You have an exact list of all the contracts and the improvements thereon, the estates having been exactly surveyed and posted. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 19. Certificate by John Baker, that Thos. Parsons, nominated as sequestration agent for co. Leicester, is well affected and fit for the employment. With note of a commission to be drawn accordingly. [*G* 111, *p.* 83.]

Feb. 19. Order in the Committee for Compounding that John Baker and John Horton be Sequestration Commissioners of co. Leicester.

Also that Thos. Parsons attend them as agent. [*G* 12, *p.* 401.]

Order that Geo. Smith, of the King's Arms, Long Lane, London, deliver up the papers come into his hands by his marriage with Elizabeth, widow of Thos. Tipton, late under-clerk to the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 16, *p.* 44.]

Order that no discharges be passed on fines, or reports, or confirmation of discharges, without a certificate from Mr. Dallison that there is no information exhibited against the party or concerning the estate for delinquency, recusancy, omission, undervaluation, &c. [*G* 13, *p.* 43.]

Feb. 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Wilts. We wish you to survey the estate of the Marquis of Winchester in your county, if you have not done it, and certify to us its true yearly value. [*G* 16, *p.* 43.]

Feb. 19. **58.** Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Monmouth. We wish you to pay 2,000*l.* of the sequestration moneys in your hands to Sir John Wollaston, Thos. Andrews, Fras. Allen, and John Dethick, late treasurers-at-war.

With note by Andrews and Dethick, 23 March, requesting payment of 1,460*l.* thereof to Denis Gauden.

Also note by Gauden, requesting its payment to John Bunbury, and receipt by Bunbury, 2 April. [2 *pages; also G* 12, *p.* 402.]

Feb. 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding that John Pye be agent to the Committee for Northumberland in place of Geo. Redshaw. [*G* 12, *p.* 404.]

Feb. 20. Ipswich. **59.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. You imply that we are careless in our trust and neglect your orders; but on receipt of them, we always set ourselves to performance. Last year we sent you a perfect rental, and then our account of arrears, and the cause of non-collecting them, also the year's accounts and our vouchers; but our clerk had not put them in proper form, and they had to be transcribed; this was done long since, but we could not attend the auditors with them, and that account was also returned. For a rental of this year, as our contracts have been confirmed by you, and only commenced from Michaelmas last, we did not apprehend your desire. We should be sorry to be thought unfaithful.

The cause of the backwardness in paying the arrears has been the great fall of corn, butter, and cheese, out of which the rent must be raised; it has occasioned several to give us notice to leave their farms if the rent is not lowered, to which we shall not yield unless enforced, our endeavours having been to advance the rents. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 21. Bedford. **60.** County Committee for Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. A poor man, Thomas Savage, tenant to part of Sir Lewis Dives' estate in this county, has lately been sued by John Wooden (to whom Wm. Rotchell assigned his pretended title), who sealed a lease of ejectment for the grounds in Savage's occupation, and declared against him last Michaelmas term, Rotchell alleging that the estate was mortgaged to Sir Lewis for certain years now expired. We believe that it was but a feigned business, for they let the suit fall upon Sir John Strangway's purchasing Sir Lewis's life interest, as we suppose they conceived he could produce evidence for it. Savage has been put to 50*l.* charges in defence of the State's right, and asks allowance thereof; but, as we have no such power, we crave directions whether we shall compel satisfaction from Wooden or Rotchell, or allow him his costs out of his rent. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 21. Kendal. **61.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We enclose a list of all persons under sequestration here. We have searched the books of the late committee, but cannot find any estates discharged otherwise than by your predecessors, yourselves, or the commissioners at Newcastle; neither do we know of any person that has produced any discharge upon appeal to the Committee for Sequestrations or the Barons of the Exchequer, or anything done therein by the late county committee otherwise than we gave you an account of. The suit in Chancery between the tenants of Holme and the Commonwealth's tenants was commenced by the tenants, on pretence that Holme Park, sequestered from Sir John Preston, belonged to their ancestors, and was usurped by Sir John's predecessors, and they seek to recover it; but we will find out what further evidence we can, as there is but a single witness in it.

You charged 1,000*l.* upon the sequestrations here, and no one calls for it; we wish to pay it to some one you may appoint. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

1. *List of* 46 *delinquents and Papists in Westmoreland, whose estates are under sequestration,* 22 *of whom are named in the lists of* 13 *April* 1648, *or* 22 *Feb.* 1650.

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The remainder are as follows:—

John Jackson, Shap.
John Richardson, Crosby.
John Park, Kendal.
Ant. Garnet, Kendal.
Thos. Waller, Ewbank.
Chris. Gilpin, Kentmere.
Bridget Lawson, P., Hornby.
Mary Kirkbeck, P. ,,
Rob. Watkinson, P., Keyber.
Agnes Garnet, widow, P., Skelsmergh.
Anne Washington, widow, P., Grayrigg.
Thos. Thwaites, P., Whitwell.
Rob. Pattison, Sowerby.
Hen. Salkeld, Winton.
John Phillipson, Hollinghall.
John Smith, Whitwell.
Charles Saul, Saulwood.
Joan Mounsey, P., Patterdale.
Joan Blenkinsop, P., Helbeck.
Wm. Fleming, P.D., Rydal.
John Wilkinson, P., Gill.
Mary Hilton, P., Burton.
Thos. Thornburgh, P., Methap.
Bridget Nicholson, widow, P., Patton.

[1⅓ *pages. P. signifies Papist.*]

Feb. 24. **61A.** Act of General Pardon and Oblivion for all delinquencies, &c., committed before 3 Sept. 1651, and discharge for all estates not sequestered before 1 Dec. 1651. With numerous exceptions and provisoes. Also with order for its printing. [26 *pages, printed.*]

Feb. 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding, allowing a discharge by the Barons of Exchequer of Sir Rich. Dyott. With certificate by Martin Dallison that there is no charge against him. 28 Feb. 1652. [*G* 16, *p.* 53; 80, *p.* 578.]

Order on Peter Egerton's charge against Mich. Brett and Fras. Bland, commissioners for co. Notts, after a full hearing of both sides, that the charge is proved against Brett, that he is to act no longer, and is to pay 20*l.* fine.

That the lands which Brett bought of Wm. Colborne are to be sequestered, he confessing himself a delinquent.

That the order about Bland be further considered.

That both bring accounts of their sale of timber from sequestered estates. [*G* 16, *p.* 53.]

Feb. 24? Petition of William Fetherstone, of Normanton, co. Notts, to the Committee for Compounding. Was the primary discoverer of the unwarrantable proceedings of Fras. Bland and Mich. Brett, commissioners for sequestrations, and proved the injuries they had done to many; but having other material charges to bring, has travelled 100 miles to London to prove them, and remains at great charge. Begs an order to Bland and Brett to perfect their accounts, if they can, and when he has a copy, he will prove the damage they have done. [*G* 86, *p.* 935.]

Feb. 25. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Durham. We beg you to peruse a letter lately sent from Mr. Gilpin, and to examine Lady Hammond touching the plate therein mentioned, and what else she can discover, and to take information from Mr. Gilpin, and certify us. [*G* 30, *p.* 65.]

Feb. 25. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Gloucester. We shall expect the promised returns. We can take no excuse about the arrears, as you have power to distrain for them, so collect them carefully. [*G* 30, *p.* 154.]

Feb. 25. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Notts. You name in yours of 26 Jan. [*see p.* 535, *supra*] moneys received from Thos. Tress and Hen. Gill on our orders of 18 April 1650. What orders were they? Send us copies. Notes of cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 324.]

Feb. 25. Committee for Compounding to the County Commitee for Suffolk. We were obliged to write sharply, finding such neglect and delay in your accounts and rentals. We must see these things put in order while we have time before us, since 2 years has produced so little. We could not take notice that your accounts failed in method only, nor that the fall in butter and cheese caused arrears of rent. These do not suffice against the State more than against a private person, and none of you would take such an excuse for payment of rent. You could not always expect new directions, you had our general instructions. If arrears

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have arisen in your time, we must impute the blame to you, as you have power to distrain to compel payment. We are glad that you are now so forward. [*G* 30, *p.* 434.]

Feb. 25. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for York. On yours of 31 Jan. about the sheriff's levy of sums on the estates of Sir Phil. Hungate and Lord Dunbar, we desire an oath that the under-sheriff was acquainted with our order, and that 100*l.* was levied on Dunbar's estate. [*G* 30, *p.* 487.]

Feb. 25. Sarum. **62.** County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. We supposed we had given you a sufficient account of the revenue, having every half year sent particulars of our contracts, the names of the persons to whom the estates were let, the rents, term, and what improvements had been made. Since our employment we have sent 3 such returns, with the revenue cast up.

Since your instructions, we have not contracted for any estate but what has been surveyed and posted. We wrote you of our sending to the [late] committee for their books, and of their answer that John Strange, their clerk, detains all which relate to the north part of our county, and will not deliver them; he being in London, and out of our reach, we cannot force them from him. As those that relate to the south part have now come to hand, we shall speedily answer your expectations, and for those detained we shall lay on the 20*l.* a month. We will return all moneys received up to the last rent-day.

With note of reply, 19 April, that they are to inquire where Strange may be met with, or who knows anything of him, and whether he has any estate in the county. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 466.]

Feb. 25. Reading. **63.** County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. Having surveyed and posted the estates of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Fras. Purcell, and Anth. Englefield, Papists, we have treated with several persons to become tenants according to the contracts enclosed; we desire your opinion. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 26. Hereford. **64.** County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. At request of Major Nehemiah Collins and Lieut-Col. John Harpur, we have taken their oaths of a statute acknowledged by Hum. Berrington, delinquent, of his lands in Herefordshire for 200*l.*, which statute was confessed in 1645 or 1646, when Will. Cater was Mayor in Hereford, and also that no defeasance was entered, and no part of the money paid to Major Collins. Pixley Court belongs to Berrington, and is let at 32*l.* a year, but is worth 50*l.*, and it is upon this that Major Collins desires the statute may be enforced. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 26. Kingston. **65.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. Request replies to former letters, for their direction in particular cases. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 27. Petition of Capt. Adam Baines, for Major-Gen. Lambert and other soldiers under his command, to the Army Committee. States that 400*l.*,—part of 6,700*l.* paid by Sir John Wollaston and the other treasurers-at-war to Paul Beale, merchant of York, for disbanding supernumeraries in Yorkshire, and for advance of pay to such as should engage in the service of Ireland,—yet remains in his hands, while a great part of his estate is now seized for other debts. Prays that care may be taken for securing the said 400*l.* out of Beale's estate, being a public debt, and therefore to be paid before private debts. Referred 19 Feb. to the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 65, *p.* 313.]

Feb. 27. Order of the said committee for discharge of Beale's estate when the other public debts are satisfied. [*G* 16, *p.* 76.]

Feb. 27. Chelmsford. **66.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. Our accounts shall be ready to pass before your auditor by the time limited, and we will send a list of our contracts. It is very difficult to get the duplicates from the late committee, according to the Act of Jan. 25, 1650, as they profess not to have the records mentioned. As to levying the fines imposed upon them for neglect, there have been so many alterations by death, disaffection, and removal,

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that most of the members are out of our power; and if the penalty is inflicted, it will fall upon those who least deserve it. Some collectors of sequestrations have brought in their books; if the rest do not, we shall pursue your commands concerning them, and prepare you a book as required.

We have discharged our duty to the best of our ability, but found the business exceedingly perplexing, as the former managers suffered houses to fall into decay, and kept things in so dark a condition that it has increased the charge of the Commonwealth and our trouble. Particulars of cases. [1½ *pages.*]

Feb. 27. Preston. **67.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. At our first entrance into our employment, we sent to the old county committee for duplicates of their proceedings. They said the books and papers were in the hands of their officers; whereupon we wrote Mr. Okie, their auditor, and Mr. Harrison, their solicitor, for all that were in their hands. The auditor returned a great number of accounts, but in such a confused manner that we conceived the sending of them up would give little satisfaction; we sent to him for more exact accounts, to which he replied that he did not think it reasonable to deliver up all his accounts, but if we would pay him, or employ others, we might have copies, and we have not heard further from him. We have again sent to the committee and the solicitor and auditor, to meet us on 25th March next. We could not meet earlier, as our assizes are on the 11th March, and some of the former committee will be employed therein. We shall then press the business so home to them that we hope we shall be able to give you a better account.

As to the return of the names of those continued under sequestration, if you or your auditor will signify wherein it is defective, we will do our best to amend it. As to your only having received our accounts and rentals for one year, and no surveys or contracts, we sent you a perfect account by Messrs. Cunliffe and King of all sequestered estates; from whom, and for what, to whom let, and the clear yearly value at which the same were let, and a survey made by us of one half of the sequestered estates, which was left with your auditor. We would have sent the whole, but the sickness and death of [Peter] Holt, and the marching of the Scots and the Earl of Derby through the county, prevented. The winter is unseasonable for making surveys; but we are still going on with them, and shall shortly give you a good account.

We are now making leases of all estates surveyed, and have ordered our agents to perfect their accounts and levy all arrears due to 24 Dec. last; if they delay, we will stay their salaries. We hope by Easter term to send up one of our number with all the accounts. [2½ *pages.*]

Feb. 28. Exeter. County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. Our agents are enquiring after Joshua Hall, and he shall be sequestered if discovered. Many charges and orders are brought in, but the prosecutors are silent, in expectation of the new Act of Oblivion, "which exceedingly heightens the spirits of the enemy, and makes them jeer at those whom they have wronged." No lenity will win "their affections, because their Satanical spirits are still in enmity." Particulars of cases. Note of receipts. [*G* 151, *p.* 517.]

Feb. 28. Presteign. **68.** County Committee for Radnor to the Committee for Compounding. We have had no answer to our last three letters, and fear a miscarriage; we will send up our accounts when we can safely. Pray advise as to the effect of the Act of Grace [Pardon] in matters of delinquency. Next week we meet to grant leases of sequestered lands, and will certify all our proceedings. We have not yet received the books and papers of the late committee. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. ? **69.** Account of moneys received [by the County Committee for Devon] out of 10 sequestered estates named since 23 Jan. 1652. [½ *page.*]

Feb. List of 55 bonds delivered into the Treasury. [*G* 82, *p.* 675.]

March 2. Petition of Thos. Reeve of Rowington, co. Warwick, to the Committee for Compounding, for discharge, on producing as ordered his discharge from the Committee for Sequestrations. Granted. [*G* 16, *p.* 83; 113, *p.* 323.]

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70. County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. As to the duplicate pressed for, we hoped you had been satisfied with the return already certified, and the statement of Sir Thos. Jervoise, Mr. Wallop, [Nich.] Love, and others of the late committee who attended you, and as we conceived, had proved the impossibility of their making the duplicate desired, for the reasons expressed in our letter of 22 Oct. 1650. You direct us to call together the former collectors, and by perusing and comparing their books and accounts, to make up a duplicate of estates at any time under sequestration, and so supply the defect of the late committee, occasioned by the loss of their first book at the siege of Basing, where their clerk was slain, and that book taken.

This, with great pains and much expense we effected, and transmitted; it is the utmost that we are able to do, and we hope you will not put us to levy fines, as the gentlemen concerned have done what they possibly can, nor engage us upon what no diligence of ours can amend. In the duplicate is expressed what estates were continued under sequestration and turned over to us. Yet for your better satisfaction, we have summoned all persons concerned to make certificate therein. We shall endeavour to perfect our accounts within the time limited, and send them, together with a particular of estates under sequestration, and how let, and with a rental of the same. [1 *page.*]

March 2. York.

71. County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. Though we are fallen low in your eyes, we have not wilfully omitted anything or acted for our own advantage. Though we have not come up to our instructions, we are not guilty of breach of trust, but have spent all our time in the work.

About levying money on the old county committee, we replied 24 Dec. 1650, but have received no answer to our letter, and therefore supposed you were satisfied; we should have expected directions rather than reproof. The gentlemen concerned were our countrymen, most of them M.Ps; they served gratis, and none were privy to all that was done, as they acted in parts and by turns. Also they were not to be paid for the transcriptions, and we knew not why to levy on one more than another, therefore we expected your order, which would have been an excuse to us, rather than your putting us on what would so much reflect on us; however, we will press those that are in the county hard to give in their accounts.

We had long since sent our accounts and rentals, but that we are ordered to deliver them by one of ourselves, and this we have been prevented doing.

We have often given the arrears in charge to the agents, and they have seized cattle, but the fall in price is such, growing worse every market, that unless we half gave away what we distrained, we could not make money of them; but as you wish us to proceed so strictly, we will observe your orders. Many arrears can never be got, for the persons are desperate and the estates will not let. Our treasurer has 4,630*l.* in hand, besides Lord Dunbar's rents, which you have ordered to be paid to Martin Browne.

With notes of reply 5 May. We do not wish to undervalue your services and good endeavours, judging you active and faithful, but as you confess coming short of your instructions in a material point, the omission of which may frustrate the ends proposed by Parliament in the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, requiring the return of duplicates, wherein we also may be blamed, we press you to execute your power, as an account will be exacted from us. We did not accuse you of breach of trust, nor did we urge anything but what is indispensable.

You did in Dec. 1650 send us the names of the former committee, but few of them ever meddled with sequestration matters, and we judged your letter rather witty than weighty, and thought you would try to obtain returns from those who really carried on the work and their officers, and levy fines on them according to the order of Parliament. Your argument that they acted gratis is not of force, because all who accept trust are accountable therefor. You are persons of understanding and honesty; read your letter and the Act, and then show how we can satisfy the Act, to which we are sworn, other than by doing as we have done. You will see that we had more reason to take exceptions than you had to take offence; but we had better join in fulfilling our duties than prosecute any contest.

In cases of distresses, you had better send the cattle to the public market; those estates which none but desperate persons will take must be let by the year, in hopes of better tenants. [2 *pages; also G* 30, *pp.* 437, 438.]

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March 3. Order of the Committee for Compounding, allowing the discharge by the Committee for Sequestrations of Edw. Wade, clerk, co. Leicester. [*G* 16, *p.* 90.]

March 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Dorset. Particulars of cases. Enquire whether Lieut.-Col. Raymond has any estate, real or personal, and where it lies. If tenants do not pay tithes, you have a way open by complaint to a justice of peace; if that fail, send the names of the tenants, with oath of your demand and their refusal, and what they are in arrear, and we shall send for them. [*G* 30, *p.* 47.]

March 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancaster. You are to post ⅔ of Clifton's estate and let it to those who offer the best rent, since Robinson takes that advantage. As to the bishop's rents demanded by Capt. Farmer, tell him we can allow no rent that is not proved on oath before us, nor in any case what has grown due before 24 Dec. 1649. Require him at his peril not to disturb the tenants, and if he proceeds further, you have power to oppose him, which you are to do, and certify us.

Re-commit Ambrose forthwith till he perfect his accounts; enquire what he has received since his last enlargement, and levy it, with 20*l.* fine; warn the tenants to pay no more to him or his agents, and in case they are forced to pay, levy the same again upon them by distress.

We confirm the 7 years' lease to Capt. Elletson of the water corn mill sequestered from the Earl of Derby. [*G* 30, *p.* 212.]

March 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancaster. Your answer about the duplicates of the late county committee is not satisfactory, nor have you done your duty in not fining them. Take a speedy course, for we must require them from you, since Parliament has given you power to compel obedience to your demands.

For returning the names of those continued under sequestration, you need no better directions than the Act of 29 Jan. 1650, viz., that you require the name, surname, and address of each delinquent, the date and cause of sequestration, and particulars of the estates and their value. These we expect to receive. [*G* 30, *p.* 213.]

March 3. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Essex. The Militia [Commissioners] have no power to levy fines on sequestered estates. You say you cannot oppose them; give them notice of our orders, and if they persist, send us proof on oath, and we will sign any warrant against them. [*G* 30, *p.* 141.]

March 4. Petition of Anthony Deane to the Committee for Compounding, for leave to keep 15*l.*, one half-year's rent for the Mulberry House, being Lord Goring's, due from 28th Feb. 1651, when he was discharged, to Midsummer 1651, and not seized till half-a-year after, Lord Goring being indebted to him a greater sum.

With note of reply that as it is now alleged by Mr. Wilford, clerk to the [Middlesex and Westminster] commissioners, that the rent of Mulberry House is received for the use of the Commonwealth, this committee will give no order therein. [*G* 88, *p.* 1009.]

March 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that a letter from Rich. Carter, agent to the Commissioners for co. Devon, of 22 Jan. 1652, be sent to the said commissioners, who are to certify what they know on the particulars named. [*G* 16, *p.* 97.]

March 4. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Essex. You are not to allow any augmentations from sequestered estates to ministers without certificate of their taking the engagement, and you are to report the names of defaulters. [*G* 30, *p.* 141.]

March 4. Note by Ralph Clarke that Ald. James of Nottingham, and Gregory Silvester of Mansfield, are fit to be commissioners for co. Notts. [*G* 108, *p.* 67.]

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1651-52. March 4. Coventry. **72.** County Committee for Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose the names of persons sequestered and not discharged by order of Parliament, or by you, whom we have summoned to produce their discharges. The cause of their sequestration, and the nature of their estates, will appear in the duplicate of the late committee with Auditor Sherwin; they were all either personally summoned, or the warrants left with the proprietors of the estates sequestered, or with some of their tenants. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

72. I. *List of* 14 *persons summoned residing in co. Warwick.* [¾ *page.*]

[March 5.] Articles by John Rayment of Westminster against Agricola Waylett, a Commissioner for co. Cambridge.

1. That he often absents himself from duty, and refuses to join in turning out tenants who will not pay rent, &c.

2. That being a maltster, he buys corn of delinquent farmers, and helps witnesses to speak favourably of them in examinations.

3, 4. That he shared with Ralph Claydon in the profits of underwoods which he sold him below their value.

5. That he detains money from the treasurer on pretence of salary, and advises him not to be so forward to pay it into Goldsmiths' Hall.

6. That he discouraged the prosecution of several delinquents on an order of the Committee for Compounding last June, so that no return has yet been made on it, and the parties have their estates, though some, conscious of guilt, offered large sums to have the prosecution taken off.

7. That he refused to join the other commissioners in preventing the woodward cheating the State as to the value of some sequestered woods. [*G* 127, *p.* 405.]

March 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding on perusal of the above, that Waylett be suspended and answer the charge, and the other commissioners and the agent carry on the work meantime.

Order that two of the Acts of General Pardon and Oblivion be sent to Hen. Scobell, clerk of Parliament, to be examined with the record remaining with him, and that he be desired to attest them with his hand. [*G* 16, *pp.* 102, 103.]

March 5. Durham. **73.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We wrote you that we had received 3,000*l.*, which we would gladly pay into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall, if we could return it; but being so far remote from London, it still remains in our hands. We now desire it may be transferred to the treasurers-at-war, and assigned for the pay of some of the soldiers in these parts, or that we may be otherwise directed as to its disposal. We have our account for the half-year ending at Martinmas ready to return, but meantime we are endeavouring to collect in the arrears mentioned therein. We require your confirmation of our contracts for sequestered estates. [1 *page.*]

March 5. Durham. **74.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 31 Dec. 1651, we have perused the books, &c., of the former committee, and find the 6 persons underwritten to have been sequestered, and not discharged. We have therefore given them notice to produce their discharges before you, and procure your allowance.

— Evans, Keverstone.
Administrators of Ant. Maxton.
John Hester, Bedburn.
Wm. Garth, Headlam.
Chris. Mickleton, Durham.
Tenants of Rob. Wild, Preston.
Hen. Marley, Hilton.

Like notice is given to 8 others named who are suspended. With the dates of serving the respective notices. [1½ *pages.*]

March 5. Winton. **75.** The late County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. You command a punishment upon us until we have done what we can never do. When we began as a committee, our country was in the power of the enemy, and our committee consisted mostly of Members of Parliament, who, having their estates lost, made use of their credits to borrow great sums to recover their country. Our first actions as a committee were in the first leaguer of Basing, and the greatest number of the delinquents of this

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county were then sequestered. The House of Basing, when ready to be rendered, was relieved by a strong party from Oxford, our records taken by the enemy, and our solicitor, who was also our clerk, slain. Our next sitting was the summer following, in the second leaguer there, and during most of the time we acted, we were environed and alarmed by the enemy from Dennington, Farringdon, and Oxford, until the reducing of those places. When that was effected, and we were in hand to take accounts of our officers, we were ordered to send our accounts to a committee of accounts at Southampton, which we did. When our country was settled, we dispersed, and committed the receipts of money to such as we believe honest, to whom we have and must still refer you for accounts.

If there be any amongst us that have dealt falsely or corruptly, we do not desire favour for them, but we believe you will find none such. If, in continual jeopardy of our lives, after loss of our estates, we have extended our credits to serve Parliament and our country faithfully, and never fingered the public stock, or eaten the public bread, we hope that, though we may not expect thanks for what was but our duty, we need not fear ruin, and to be made a scorn to those God has thrown at our feet. For the safety of our country our own lives and estates were not dear to us. We wish we could have done as methodically and as wisely as you expect, but what is in our power we have and shall readily assist you in.

With note of reply 5 April, that the 20*l.* penalty is to be respited until further order, and the commissioners to levy it upon the officers of the former committee. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 406.]

March 5. Worcester College. **76.** County Committee for Worcester to the Committee for Compounding. We have been careful to lease sequestered estates to the best advantage, and the tenants paying their rents and observing their covenants, both they and we conceived they would be secured from trouble by the sheriff, for former debts contracted by the proprietors of the land; yet he has driven away the cattle of a tenant to a great value for the debt of the owner, and the tenant expects defalcation of so much rent; the sheriff avows his act by authority from Westminster. We have no power to deal with either party, and beg directions.

We have paid John Rushworth all the rent received since 24 Dec. 1649 for the two meadows purchased by him, sequestered from Dr. Potter for delinquency, and have given him possession thereof, according to your order.

With notes of reply, 6 May, that they are to send the name and address of the sheriff and of the tenant, the account of the debt, and of the damage by the distress, when further course will be taken. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 474.]

March 6. The George, Derby. **77.** The surveyors for county Derby, to the Committee for Compounding. There are two farms, one cottage, and some tithes in Elvaston belonging to the Earl of Chesterfield, to which John Stanhope pretends a lease at 22*l.* a year, but has not produced it, and as neither the land nor the rent have been yet discovered or sequestered, we desire your directions therein. [¾ *page.*]

March 6. Kendal. **78.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We supposed the accounts sent would have given satisfaction, but the main obstruction was the want of the acquittances for payments out of the estates which we will send. You also object to letting estates at clear value, though far more advantageous here. We also thought we had given satisfaction as to the value of particular estates under sequestration, but as you have ordered us to survey, we have made some progress therein; though we hasten it as much as may be, if the farming of estates be respited until it is perfected and returned, the year will be so far spent that many will lie waste. Shall we let the estates for this year at a clear rent, or with the allowance of assessments, as we shall see most advantageous for the State?

We, amongst others, were members of the late county committee, and having perused several accounts and papers which we have already got into our hands, we would have answered your former letters ere this, but that divers of the committee are dead, and two of them are agents in Ireland, which has hindered our proceedings. We enclose an order from the Trustees for sale of delinquents' lands, and desire directions what to do with estates in such a condition, as also how to proceed against the estates of such as were active in

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the last war, whether we must seize their estates and receive the profits out of the same.

With notes of reply, 6 May. As to the not passing of your accounts, the auditor has one rule for all, and we cannot allow payments from estates till we have heard and passed the claims. You need not postpone farming estates till your survey is returned, but post and contract them as you survey them; if you act on your instructions, we shall not disallow your contracts, only make no deduction for taxes, but leave them for the State; take the full rent, and only deduct them as they grow due. Send the duplicates as soon as you can. Take no notice of orders by the Trustees for sale till allowed by us.

Examine witnesses against those who were in the late engagement, and if the charge is proved by two, secure their estates. The Act of Pardon, far from discharging them, exempts them from composition. [2 *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 461.] *Enclosing,*

78. I. *Order by the Trustees for sale of estates forfeited for treason. Several persons, on pretence of power given them by the County Committee for Sequestrations, have presumed to make leases, keep courts, grant customary estates, take fines, and sell woods on the estate of Sir Philip Musgrave, and others of Westmoreland, appointed to be sold, since the interest thereof vested in us by virtue of the late Act of Parliament, to the great prejudice of the State and deception of those who deal for the same. The surveyors for the county are to prohibit such persons proceeding further in such unlawful practices, and to furnish us with the names and qualities of the offenders, together with their miscarriages, and the damage arising thereby, that such further course may be taken with them as may conduce to the preservation of such estates.* 3 *Feb.* 1651. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

March 8. Bedford. **79.** County Committee for Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. We have searched the books of the former county committee, and find the estates of the several persons mentioned in the enclosed list to have been sequestered by them, but not discharged, yet they were not returned to us as under sequestration. We have summoned them to appear before you, and produce their discharges. We cannot return those unduly discharged, as the orders for discharges are in the keeping of the former committee's solicitor in London; Sir Wm. Boteler has sent for them in order to making up the duplicates.

We also found an estate of Sir George Blundell (of Ireland) in our county to have been sequestered for his delinquency, and discharged upon a certificate from Sir Adam Loftus and other gentlemen of Ireland, that he was not a delinquent. We also find that the estate of George Halfhide of Elvestow was sequestered for his refusal to pay taxes, but that the sequestration was taken off upon his doing so. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

79. I. *List of* 6 *delinquents and* 3 *recusants under sequestration in the county of Bedford.* [1 *page.*]

79. II. *List of persons in co. Bedford summoned to appear before the Committee for Compounding at Haberdashers' Hall within* 28 *days, viz.,*

John Kidd of Elvestow, yeoman and delinquent. Mr. Auncell bought the estate, and now occupies it, and the summons was left with his wife.

Lewis Conquest, a delinquent, deceased, had an estate in Houghton Conquest, occupied by Wm. Risley, upon whom a summons was also left.

Charles Ventris, a deceased delinquent, had an estate at Campton, and the summons was left with a tenant.

Lord Vaux had an estate at Pavenham, and the summons was left with the tenant. [1 *page.*]

March 8. Bedford. **80.** County Committee for Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. We wrote to Sir Wm. Boteler, chairman to the former Committee for Sequestrations, for duplicates of their records, and he stated they were in the custody of Mr. Spencer of Bedford, and referred us to Capt. Smith; if we do not receive them within the time limited, we will levy the fine of 20*l.* a-piece on each of the said members, as directed, but we desire further time for perfecting our accounts. [1¼ *pages.*]

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March 8. Bedford. **81.** County Committee for Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. We received your order for sequestering the estates of Thos. Abbis of Statfold, Wm. Taylor of Clapham, and Rich. Cooke of Cranfield, for neglecting to pay the moiety of their fines, but the estates of Abbis and Cooke were sequestered by former order from you, and the rents have since been received, which we will transmit, as also the names of all persons under sequestration in this county. Taylor has no estate here and does not reside here. [¾ *page.*]

March 9. **82.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, allowing the discharge before the Barons of the Exchequer of John Paget of co. Worcester. [*G* 16, *p.* 105.] *Annexing,*

82. I. *Discharge by the Barons of the Exchequer alluded to,* 27 *June* 1649. [½ *page; also G* 109, *p.* 1089.]

82. II. *Order by the County Committee to Paget to produce his discharge before the Committee for Compounding within* 28 *days, and to bring their discharge to the County Committee within* 6 *weeks, on pain of re-sequestration.* 28 *Jan.* 1652. [⅜ *page.*]

March 9. Hereford. **83.** County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. Can we safely let copyhold estates, and make money of delinquents' woods? What shall we do with Papists that were in arms, and were sequestered in other counties 7 years since, but have kept their estates in this, and since sold them? Also with Papists who keep their estates from sequestration, or get them off, on pretence of debts which are already satisfied? Also with those who have compounded at under-values?

We have got some bonds from the other committee. By the Act of Pardon, the State loses many thousands, because many were voted delinquents by the late committee, and yet are not sequestered. [¾ *page.*]

March 9? **84.** County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We find that Barrow and Merrick have let all the sequestered estates at undervalue, and that much improvement may be made in estates leased contrary to instructions.

We want a commission for George Lynn to keep courts and thus save charges. Are those who were voted delinquents by the late committee, and gave bonds for their estates, included in the late pardon? Sir Rich. Weston was in Hereford when it was a King's garrison. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

I. *Account of how* 11 *estates, co. Hereford, were let by* [*Mat.*] *Barrow and* [*Walter*] *Merrick for* 7 *years; with note of improvements that might be made therein to more than double the value.* [*G* 157, *pp.* 191, 192.]

March 9. Newcastle. **85.** County Committee for Northumberland to the Committee for Compounding. As to the duplicate of the proceedings of the late county committee, we hoped our former letters had satisfied you, but we will not fail to return what is required by Easter next, and also our accounts since our entrance. [1 *page.*]

March 10. Ant. Pearson to the Committee for Compounding. I request an order to the Durham Committee to repay to Sir Art. Hesilrigge the rents, with arrears, of Bishops' lands in Evenwood and Wolsingham, co. Durham, purchased by him. [*G* 94, *p.* 175.]

March 10. **86.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the Durham Committee pay in those rents to Sir Arthur, he having purchased them, and received them till the year 1651, and also that they suffer his officers to receive them in future. [*Also G* 16, *p.* 115.]

March 10. New Radnor. **87.** County Committee for Radnor, to the Committee for Compounding. Not hearing from you, we fear miscarriage of letters. We posted up the lands of the parties mentioned in the enclosed list, upon Presteign Cross and likewise in New Radnor, being the nearest towns; when the time arrived, we found no tenants but the former, who are willing to hold them according to their leases from the parties, and become tenants to the Commonwealth, but we have not granted any leases, not having heard from you; only the tenants keep the lands and will pay no rent.

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We expect the books of the late committee, which are at London, on receipt of which, we hope to discover some old delinquency long dormant. We have very full proofs of the five gentlemen going to Worcester to assist Charles Stuart. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

87. I. *Note of lands liable to sequestration in co. Radnor belonging to Nich. Meredith, John Bull, Thos. Gomey, Wm. Taylor, Baynham Vaughan, and others.* [2⅔ *pages.*]

87. II. *Deposition of John Lloyd of Presteign, that Meredith, Taylor, Bull, Gomey, and Andrew Higgins, went from Presteign towards Worcester armed, and meeting Major-General* [*Robert*] *Montgomery at Bewdley, told him they had sent him some wine, he being then one of the chief officers belonging to Charles Stuart, who was at the head of his army at Worcester.*

There being then an order to march, or an alarm, Meredith and the others accompanied the Major with his brigade of 2,000 *horse to Worcester, and rode with the Duke of Buckingham in his troop; when Lord-General Cromwell came against Worcester, they joined the troop of the Duke of Buckingham, and advanced into the field; but perceiving their party retreating, the whole troop retreated likewise, and then were all scattered.* 11 *Feb.* 1651–52.

Also depositions of 4 *others, to prove the part taken by the said persons in the cause of Charles Stuart at Worcester, or of the late King,* 27 *Feb. and* 1 *March.* [3 *pages.*]

March 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding on Parliament orders of 13 Jan. 1649 and 8 July 1651, about raising 3,000*l.* by felling wood in Whaddon Chase, co. Bucks, to pay Windsor garrison and the horse forces, that Mr. Mayne produce the debentures of the soldiers who are to be benefited by the said orders, and the receipts of the officers thereon. [*G* 16, *p.* 119; *G* 71, *p.* 729.]

Order that the counsel set down at the foot of their reports what proof is wanting in every case that they state. [*G* 36, *p.* 292.]

March 11. Berkhampstead. **88.** County Committee for Herts to the Committee for Compounding. The former committee sent you, in May last, a duplicate and some accounts of estates and persons then under sequestration, and as many of their officers are dispersed, they cannot give another; but we have now obtained another duplicate, which we enclose. Particulars of cases. We will give you a speedy account of what you require. We also send a rental of estates under sequestration since we came in, and of our contracts, and intend next week to pass our accounts with your auditor. [¾ *page.*]

March 11. Salop. **89.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We have done our best to observe your orders, and do not deserve your severe censure; our trouble is great in riding on surveys, and some of us living far from the town spend 40*l.* a year, and our fees are small. Also we are so abused by the malignants that only our affections to the Commonwealth have carried us through. We are quite willing to surrender our commissions if you can find others more faithful. [It was a general letter, and most counties deserve the reproof, having failed in many particulars required by the Act of 25 Jan. 1650. We shall be glad if you can clear yourselves, but we must require from you what Parliament requires from us, and you should not take offence, our letter only pressing you to that duty. We are sensible of your pains, but a trust when undertaken is to be discharged.]

At Ladyday there will be 700*l.* due from Sir Hen. Fred. Thynne's estate, which you have leased for 7 years. [You are to demand and receive his rent, or to distrain.] We contract with many tenants to pay their rent to your treasury, but we hope you will allow us 1*s.* in the pound before they pay you. [You can detain 1*s.* in the pound on what you return.]

We brought up our accounts, but your auditor not liking the form, and some surveys being omitted, we brought them back to perfect them, and shall soon send them; we cannot come now, as some of us must be at the assizes.

Are reviews on delinquents' estates cleared by the Act of Pardon? [Reviews not adjudged are cleared.] The passages in brackets are notes of reply. [1¾ *pages.*]

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March 13. Carmarthen. Morris Thomas to the Committee for Compounding. You appoint Wm. Fleming, Jenkin Dawkins, and myself Commissioners for Sequestrations for this county, but neither of my associates are willing to take the oaths, or to act as commissioners, though I have several times repaired to them.

With note of reply, 6 May, that Major-Gen. Harrison will send in names to supply these. [*G* 167, *p.* 684.]

March 13. Gloucester. **90.** County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding. The coming forth of the Act of Oblivion has put some stop to our proceedings against such delinquents as have been questioned, and their estates seized and secured by us. Does the Act pardon them, or how are we to proceed therein, and to whom are they to apply for discharges? What are we to do with the bonds and securities taken, whether to deliver them up to the parties who sealed them or not?

We have also taken many informations and proofs of delinquency against persons whose estates are not yet secured, and the prosecutors have been at great trouble and expense, and daily cry out for justice. Have we power to let for 7 years any estates of delinquents which are to be sold? The 25th of March, the day upon which our grants are to begin, being at hand, some of the tenants have applied to take them for that period. What shall we do with persons who are behind for their 20th part? Shall we proceed further in seizing and sequestering the estates of delinquents compounding at an undervalue; or does the Act take off our power therein?

We want your resolution touching the estate of Benedict Hall, a notorious Papist, from which no profits have been received since 25 July 1650, we being prohibited by your order from intermeddling further therewith; also touching the wood cut upon the lands of Sir Wm. Poole, being 30 acres, yet unsold, and amounting to 200*l.*, as great loss is likely to ensue by its lying on the ground.

With marginal notes for a reply, 6 May. You are to certify about estates seized, when we will give orders, and on our discharges, you are to deliver up the bonds. All are discharged whose delinquency was not since the change of government, and we can allow nothing to the prosecutor. No estates in the bill of sale to be let for more than a year, unless let before the bill was passed. All twentieths not received before the time expressed in the Act, and all undervalues not sequestered are pardoned; but the parties must apply for a discharge. Benedict Hall's case is before Parliament, on the point of letters of grace granted by the late King. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 154.]

March 16. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Wm. Phillips, late clerk to the Committee for co. Radnor, deliver up to the present commissioners all the sequestration books and papers in his hands. [*G* 16, *p.* 138.]

[March 16.] Note by Fras. Haslar, recommending [Thos.] Lindley of Skegby, Rob. Brunts of Mansfield, and Thos. Bristow of Elston, as fit men for Sequestration Commissioners, co. Notts. [*G* 108, *p.* 63.]

March 16. Order of the Commttee for Compounding, that a certificate be drawn up for their appointment, and that the former commissioners be discharged, and ordered to deliver up their books, papers, &c., to the present commissioners, and to make up their accounts. [*G* 12, *p.* 410; 108, *p.* 63.]

March 16. Committee for Compounding to [Mich. Brett and Fras. Bland] late Commissioners for co. Notts. We signify to you that you are no longer to act as Commissioners for co. Notts, but deliver all your books and papers to Mr. Lindley, Brunts, and Bristow, whom we have appointed, and make up your accounts with our auditor. [*G* 16, *p.* 144.]

March 16. Committee for Compounding to [Thos. Lindley, Rob. Brunts, and Thos. Bristow]. On a good report of your fitness, we have appointed you Commissioners for co. Notts, and doubt not your acceptance, which we request you to signify to us. You are to demand the books and papers from the late commissioners. [*G* 16, *p.* 144.]

March 16. **91.** Query by the said commissioners, whether, if they appoint one of themselves treasurer, and he dies or becomes insolvent, they, as joint commis-

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sioners, be not severally liable to answer for all moneys in the said treasurer's hands, not pardoned by the Act of Oblivion.

Endorsed "Mr. John Stephens, counsel, Elm Court, Middle Temple." [1 *page.*]

March 17. **92.** Order in Parliament that such delinquents as have been admitted to composition, and paid part of their fines, and elapsed their times for payment of the residue, be admitted to pay in the residue of their said fines, with interest at 8*l.* per cent.; those who are within 80 miles of London to pay the sums, with interest, by 20 April next; those at a further distance by 20 May next. That the Commissioners of Goldsmiths' Hall take care that this vote be sent to all their sub-commissioners in the several counties of England and Wales, and published, that none may plead ignorance. [*Printed,* 1 *page; also G* 172, *p.* 703.]

March 17. Order of the Committee for Compounding, allowing the discharge by the Barons of the Exchequer of Thos. Reeve, clerk, Alburgh, co. Norfolk. [*G* 16, *p.* 147.]

March 17. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Notts. We lately confirmed the contracts made by the former commissioners, being certified that the estates were surveyed and posted according to instructions; but we find that that of Sir Edw. Golding, Papist, was not surveyed nor posted, so that the tenants had no notice, and it was let at a great under-value. You are to summon Brett and Bland and their clerk to give an account of the letting, and state the real value of the estate for a 7 years' lease. [*G* 16, *p.* 153.]

March 17. Nottingham. **93.** Fras. Bland, one of the County Committee for Notts, to the Committee for Compounding. Though your encouragement for my continuance be such that I cannot build upon a certainty of employment for the future, yet since my return here, I have had so many applications and so much business that if you order my continuance, I beg speedy assistance by the addition of others, as the urgency of the business and the execution of your orders require. I recommend John Bellamy for an agent, a person whom I have employed since the late agent's desertion, and whose future service and diligence will much advantage the State. [1 *page.*]

March 17. Cambridge. **94.** County Committee for Cambridge, to the Committee for Compounding. As there is a complaint depending before you against Agricola Waylett, one of our members, who has been suspended by you, we desire, in case he shall endeavour to make any defence thereto, that we may have notice, as we can give you full satisfaction therein. [½ *page.*]

March 18. Order in the Committee for Compounding that discharges on the Act of Pardon are only to extend to the county mentioned in the auditor's certificate.

That all discharges on sale of lands by the Drury House Trustees are to be entered with the auditor. [*G* 36, *p.* 295.]

March 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Durham. We have acquainted the treasurers-at-war with the money you have in hand, and hope there will be assignments sent you. Meantime if you can safely return any part of it, do not lose the opportunity. Your contracts are so numerous that we have not yet had time to run through them, but hope we shall do so soon. [*G* 30, *p.* 65.]

March 18. Committee for Compounding to Ald. Allen. We cannot hear that you have yet given directions for receipt of the money from Northumberland, Cumberland, Lincoln, and Notts, about which we wrote you, and you gave us your resolution for 5,000*l.* from Yorkshire, 5,000*l.* from Northumberland, and 500*l.* from Cumberland. As we hear of other large sums in the Northern counties ready to be paid, tell us whether you can assign the payment in those parts for greater ease and security, and say what order you have taken about the aforesaid sums. [*G* 16, *p.* 165.]

March 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Middlesex. We confirm the contracts named in yours of 27 Feb., so far as they are according to the Act and instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 258.]

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March 18. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Radnor. We hope the late committee will fulfil their promise of the books and papers; if not, you must levy 20*l.* a-piece on them, and let us know, that we may send for them in custody. We send you printed instructions, and Acts and rules for your proceedings. [*G* 30, *p.* 421.]

March 19. Account by John Deverell, late treasurer to the County Committee for Bucks, of receipts in part of 1,500*l.*, parcel of 3,000*l.* ordered by Parliament to be raised for pay of the forces, from sale of the Duke of Buckingham's trees; total 357*l.*, leaving 1,143*l.* still due. Audited by Sherwin. [*G* 71, *p.* 727.]

March 19. Order thereon, that the Committee for co. Bucks pay the said 1,143*l.* to the said treasurer, out of the profits of the woods therein mentioned. [*G* 16, *p.* 171.]

March 19. Haberdashers' Hall. **95.** Committee for Compounding to the county committees. We desire you to search in the books and papers of the late committees, and also of your own proceedings relating to sequestrations, for all persons sequestered within your jurisdiction since 1 April 1643, and not discharged by the Sequestration Committee, or allowed of by ourselves before 1 Dec. last; and within eight days to send us an alphabetical list of them, giving their christian and surnames, their titles and places of abode. You are to omit none that have been sequestered (not seized only), and punctually observe our directions herein, and to notice the day this letter comes to hand. [1 *page; also G* 16, *p.* 170.]

March 19. **96.** Evers Armyne and Benj. Norton, late County Commissioners for Rutland, to the Committee for Compounding. You threaten to levy a fine of 20*l.* a-piece on us, or to send a messenger for us for not giving satisfactory answers to your former orders, which we are confident we have twice done, if you make your clerk produce them; being again threatened to have our goods distrained, we for the third time say,

1. That Armyne lived in London till Mar. 1644, and Norton was not of the committee till 1646, and that Armyne cannot give an account or be responsible for sequestrations whilst at London, nor Norton before he was of the committee.

2. That Col. Waite, [Capt.] John Hatcher, Robt. Horsman, John Osborne, and others of the committee, and Capt. [Mat.] Barry as solicitor for sequestrations, were actors, both at Burley garrison and Rockingham Castle, before Armyne came from London.

3. When Armyne came first to Burley garrison in Michaelmas 1644, he found no horse forces there but what were borrowed from Northampton, and within a short time he, with some others deputy lieutenants to Henry, late Earl of Kent, raised two troops of horse, well armed, under Major Leafield and Capt. [John] Clarke, one of your sub-commissioners; and afterwards another troop under Capt. Collins, by virtue of an ordinance as deputy-lieutenant, and the order of Parliament as a commissioner, and that he took care to pay them.

4. That the Easter following he went up to London again, leaving Capt. Hatcher, Christ. Browne, and John Osborne of the said committee in the garrison, and the said 3 troops of horse under Major Leafield, Capt. Collins, and Capt. Clarke well-armed and in good condition. That in his absence, Burley garrison was burnt with his goods, books, and papers, amongst which were remembrances that he voluntarily took to control the accounts of the receivers of money there. That when he came to Burley stables in Aug. 1645, he found a sub-committee of accounts there, who took accounts upon oath, and who, no doubt, can do much for your satisfaction.

5. Neither of us have ever been treasurer or receiver of money belonging to the sequestrations or Commonwealth, as declared in Armyne's answers to the sub-committee of accounts, who can inform that the colonels, captains, committeemen, &c., received the public moneys.

6. That as they received the money, some of them have challenged and received great pay as a colonel, captains, or solicitor for the sequestrations in Rutland. The receivers of the public money and the actors from first to last in the sequestrations ought to give satisfaction to you, and not those that were neither, but were otherwise employed for the public.

7. After Armyne came to the garrison, some malignant prelatical ministers were sequestered before him, and others placed in their livings by authority of

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Parliament, which has been 3 times certified by Armyne to the late and present Committee for Compounding and to your sub-commissioners; Nich. Estwick, the writer hereof, is ready to made this good by oath, as he can all the rest of the matters herein alleged on Armyne's behalf.

8. If your sub-commissioners will not serve your orders upon those that acted in the sequestrations and received the profits, but upon those who neither can nor ought to satisfy you, the cause of your non-satisfaction may appear.

With note of reply of 19 April, that the County Committee are to forbear levying the 20*l.* upon these commissioners until further order; but they are to levy a similar sum upon the officers to the former committee, unless they make the returns required by the Act. [2 *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 371.]

March 20. Blandford. **97.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. According to your letter of 18 Feb., we have given notice to the former committee, and they have promised to satisfy you as to their returns. Rich. Stephens, their clerk, keeps their records; he lives at Dorchester. Give us longer time for our accounts; two of us being ill, one only is able to act. Besides our hands will be full with disposing of estates and receiving rents till May, when we shall be able to clear all our accounts to this quarter. [½ *page.*]

March 21. **98.** County Committee for Monmouth, to the Committee for Compounding. Had we not thought the knight of our shire, with other principal members of the late committee, had satisfied you as to these accounts, we should have levied the fines imposed on them; but being sensible of our neglect, we have performed your commands and secured the fines. The books and papers have been tendered to us by Samuel Jones, their clerk, but he desires the use of them until they have perfected their accounts. We are preparing accounts, but have not received any return for the moneys in our hands, without which we shall not be discharged. We seldom receive a letter but it is broken open. [1 *page.*]

March 23. Petition of Chris. Wasse, of Mansfield, Notts, to the Committee for Compounding. Has expended much money in prosecuting at his own charge Fras. Bland and Mich. Brett, late sequestrators for co. Notts, in examination of witnesses, in two costly journeys to London, and in consulting counsel, &c. Begs his charges, and some encouragement for his service. With note for him to put down his charges. [*G* 127, *p.* 111.]

March 23. Order in the Committee for Compounding that he be paid 7*l.* 10*s.* for his expenses therein. [*G* 16, *p.* 190.]

March 23. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Monmouth. On hearing Mr. Herbert, M.P., on behalf of the late Committee for Sequestrations for that county, we respite our order for levying 20*l.* each upon them, for not returning duplicate accounts. [*G* 16, *p.* 191.]

March 23. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Durham. You are to pay to order of Sir John Wollaston and the late treasurers-at-war 3,000*l.* out of the sequestered moneys in your hands. With note of like letter to the Commissioners of co. Notts for 1,000*l.* [*G* 16, *p.* 175.]

March 23. Receipt by John Blackwell of the said letters from the Committee for Compounding; also like receipt, 22 June, of a letter to the County Committee for co. York for payment of 6,000*l.*; and, 12 Nov. 1652, of an order to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall to pay 100,000*l.* to Mr. Leman on a Parliament order of 17 Dec. 1651. [*G* 183, *p.* 601.]

March 23. Wrexham. **99.** Thos. Ball, sheriff, and the County Committee for North Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your two letters requiring an account of the two last years. We have not been neglectful, but have been retarded by our assizes. We hope to send it in 20 days, and intreat your patience. [¾ *page.*]

March 24. Reading. **100.** County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. We have surveyed and posted the estates of John Doncastle and Sir Edward Mansfield, Papists, and of Hen. Daniell, delinquent, as also part of Lord

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Craven's, and have treated with several persons to be tenants thereof. We desire you will confirm the contracts enclosed.

With note confirming them 31 March. [½ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 15.]

March 24. Exeter. County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. We cannot tell whether by your printed papers of 17 March, the Act clears all omissions and under-valuations of compounders' estates, some of which we have posted and let, because as they are omitted in all suspensions, we considered them still under sequestration. Others are still offered us by prosecutors, but we wait your orders. We give a list of our late receipts; the money has been sent. We are busy certifying the causes of sequestration, but hope you will not trouble us to send the charges of those which you have already.

With note of reply, 5 May, that the under-valuations already let are not to be discharged, and that they are to send in their accounts and receipts separately, for transmission to the auditor. [*G* 151, *p.* 511.]

March 24. Carlisle. **101.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. The parties prosecuting charges against certain delinquents have expended 20*l.* to bring them to maturity, and are unsatisfied for their employments in securing the goods of such persons. We request you will consider their pains and expense, and grant the parties informing an allowance by special order, their actions tending to the advancement of the service. [¾ *page.*]

March 24. Chelmsford. **102.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. Mr. Mann, treasurer for sequestrations in this county, being made unfit to perfect his accounts by a very great distemper, we intreated a respite of 14 days; but the request seeming unmeet, he has since applied himself with so much intentness to perfect that work that he gave advantage to his infirmity, which prevailed to that height that he was speechless a whole day. He is now recovering, but the work has been so much retarded that we are forced to acquaint you with it, and request time.

Noted that no answer is needed, as the commissioners have now come up with their accounts. [¾ *page.*]

March 24. Preston. **103.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Robert Middleton of Warton produced a certificate of having compounded for his estate in Westmoreland; but having an estate in Lancashire which descended to him by the death of [Thos.] Kitson, in right of his wife, who was Kitson's sister and heir, we sequestered it and let it to John Chippingdale, the highest bidder, who has ploughed and fenced it; but upon the passing of the Act of Oblivion, Middleton ejected him, and took possession. If he is suffered to retain it, we shall be troubled with others of the like kind. [1 *page.*]

March 24 ? Order or warrant by the County Commissioners of Somerset to their agents in the several hundreds. The committee, being charged by Act of Parliament to demand accounts from all sequestrators, pressed the work, and received some accounts so imperfect as to cause suspicion. Wishing to obtain full and clear discovery of the profits made from sequestered estates,—all men being now, by the Act of General Oblivion and Pardon, free to give informations and assistance—they issue copies of this warrant to all petty constables and tithing men, requiring them, taking bailiffs, &c., to their assistance, to give in writing their best information in answer to queries annexed, and certify the names of refusers or obstructors; attending themselves with a list of the parishes and tithings in their hundreds, and the names of the sequestrators. Also the warrant is to be read at all parish churches. [*G* 167, *pp.* 245, 246.] *Annexing,*

1. *Five particulars of inquiries to be made about the disposal of sequestered estates in co. Somerset, the timber,* ⅕ *and* $\frac{1}{20}$ *parts allowed, &c.* [*G* 167, *p.* 247.]

March 24. Taunton. **104.** County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. As things now lie before you, we may be thought negligent in our accounts; at Michaelmas our treasurer, Col. Gorges, went to London to complete them, but could not obtain confirmation of our contracts. Further delay was caused because, till yours of 18 Feb., we had not confirmation of our late letting of estates. We shall soon send accounts and the rents. [1 *page.*]

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March 24 ? Rough notes of queries by Col. John Gorges to be propounded to the Committee for Compounding, relative to the payment of the County Commissioners of Somerset, reducing their number, the expenses of the commissioners for keeping courts, and of himself for 3 journeys to London, &c.; also relative to the allowances to the families of delinquents. With marginal notes in reply. [*G* 167, *pp.* 241–244.]

March 25 ? County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. John Pointer of Tavistock, our late agent, having State's money in his hands, which he acknowledged not till discovered, refuses to pay it to us without a general discharge.

We send Mr. Spory's account; he comes not near us to perfect it.

The Marquis of Winchester's rents are stayed in the tenants' hands. Many tenements are fallen in. The keeping of courts will be a charge, but will also be an advantage. Note of receipts.

With note in reply that Pointer is to be summoned before the Committee for Compounding, and a serjeant-at-arms sent for him if he comes not. [*G* 151, *p.* 521.]

March 25. Particulars by the County Committee for Kent of 3 leases made before the order of 30 Aug. 1650, for posting estates above 20*l.* a year, and 2 made after, and particulars of 4 leases made, but not sealed. [*G* 158, *pp.* 259–266.]

March 25. Lewes. County Committee for Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. In yours of 18 Jan., which only reached us 16 March, you desire a duplicate of the persons sequestered by the old committee, and order us, in case of refusal or delay, to levy a fine of 20*l.* on each of the committee. We have done our best therein, but there are 6 rapes in the county, and there was formerly a committee in each, chiefly Parliament men, who were mostly in London or at Lewes, where the grand committee of the county sat, having the business of 2 rapes, and the greatest share of the other rapes. Their clerk has been dead 3 years, and he made few entries of orders for discharge.

On writing to the surviving county commissioners for the duplicates, they wrote to their solicitor to make them out as far as he could, but on account of the size of the county, and the many commissioners to whom he must apply, he begs delay till next term.

As to our accounts, we have given them in for the year 1650, with arrears, above a year since, and should have given those of this year before, but some of us were very ill. We will send them with rent-rolls, and the late committee's accounts, by 3 May next. [*G* 170, *p.* 87.]

March 25. Wrexham. **105.** Ben. Rodenhurst to the County Committee for Montgomery, at Redcastle. The county committee here ordered me to send you letters and votes of the Haberdashers' Hall Committee, which concern you equally with themselves. I also send an order which Edw. Vaughan kept unproduced all the week, at the meeting here, till you were gone out of town; but our committee being unwilling to intermeddle in a case which mostly concerns your county, asks your advice, and will join you in promoting the service. [⅔ *page.*]

March 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that on Friday next they will hear 4 reports as commissioners for compounding, the next after the 6 appointed for Thursday. [*G* 13, *p.* 43.]

March 26. **106.** County Committee for Derby to the Committee for Compounding. We send the return ordered by yours of 19 March. [⅓ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

106. I. *List of* 16 *undischarged Papists and delinquents in the county.* [1 *page.*]

March 26. Preston. **107.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Since the passing of the Act of Oblivion, we are importuned by old delinquents to discharge such parts of their estates as were not sequestered 1 Dec. last. Are we to sequester new estates discovered since 1 Dec. of old delinquents formerly sequestered? Are we to proceed as formerly against Papists discovered since 1 Dec., if they offer to take the oath of abjuration? [¾ *page.*]

March 27. Brecon. **108.** County Committee for Brecon to the Committee for Compounding. [Roger] Havard and the late commissioners have returned certain contracts, but many persons who contracted with them refuse to give security for rent, and

some have given in their bargains. Most of the estates of the Earl of Worcester and Sir Fras. Fane consist of impropriate tithes. How are we to proceed therein? [¾ *page.*]

March 27. Brecon. **109.** Same to the same. Your letters of 16 Jan. did not arrive till 25 March, so we could not give a timely account of sequestered estates in our county, There are none sequestered, but that of the late Mrs. Bevans of Alexanderston, recusant, worth 30*l.* a year, on whose death the late committee allowed the grandchildren to receive the rents before it was discharged. So Wm. Lloyd received his rents of 60*l.* on pretence of a composition, but as he has not produced a discharge, we shall sequester him. [¾ *page.*]

March 27. Hereford. **110.** County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We have published the Parliament order of 17 March in our several towns, but we cannot improve upon your instructions, because we have not either the books of charges or the discharges of the late committee, and we have done nothing but seize and secure estates, which is rendered invalid by the late Act of Oblivion. [¾ *page.*]

March 27. Kendal. **111.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. We send a survey of the chief estates under sequestration, and shall finish the rest shortly, and give you an account. [1¼ *pages.*]

March 29. Salop. **112.** County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We send you a list of all estates under sequestration since 1 April 1643, and not compounded for or discharged. The duplicate required from the late committee is drawn, but as the gentlemen live far from each other, it will require a week to have it signed; they use no delay, and as soon as we receive it, we will transmit it. We have finished all our surveys, and are perfecting our accounts.

We are proceeding against new delinquents that entered into the late invasion with Charles Stuart, and are also examining the late committee's agents' accounts, 30 in number, which will take up much time, but there will be great advantage to the State thereby. [1 *page.*]

March 30. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers pay Peter Brereton, counsellor, the balance due of his salary of 5*l.* a week for 40 weeks, from 24 June last. [*G* 16, *p.* 237.]

[March 30.] Petition of Charles Burton, sadler of London, to the Committee for Compounding. Complains that his whole estate of 93*l.* was seized by the late Camden House Committee, on false information that he was a delinquent, though he fought for Parliament at the battle of Worcester, and that, obtaining no redress from the said committee, he appealed to the Barons of the Exchequer, who discharged him. Begs restoration of the 93*l.*, with damages. [*G* 71, *p.* 645.]

March 30. Committee for Compounding to Col. Downes, [of the Army Committee.] We present this petition to you, Burton being very poor. We cannot restore the money, because it was paid in long since, but we beg you to present this case, with the rest of the reports in your hands, to Parliament for his relief. [*G* 16, *p.* 238.]

March 30. Committee for Compounding to the trustees for sale of delinquents' estates. We desire that in future your orders for discharge of estates sold may mention the time of payment of the first ½ of the purchase-money. If on survey any prove to have been much undervalued, let us know, that we may take course with our commissioners for remedy. [*G* 16, *p.* 240.]

March 30. Hereford. **113.** Capt. Silas Taylor to James Russell. Direct what you would have us do in the cases we wrote about. It lies upon my spirit that I meddled with this employment, considering Parliament hath so fortified malignants against our acting, not leaving us a place of appeal.

We sequestered one man before the Act came forth for proclaiming the King at Bromyard. Does not this Act free him, because it was only words? We sequestered another for being in the second war, but yet because taken prisoner before 30 Jan., he is freed. We have no power to sequester a Papist as a Papist, nor to improve any sequestered estate by the felling of woods, because all

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discoveries since the time limited in the Act are invalid. We can do nothing against such as have compounded at an undervalue. When satisfied in these, I shall propose other queries.

With marginal notes of reply, 21 April. If the proclaiming the King were done before 30 Jan. 1649, the Act remits; but if since, the seizure of the estate is to be continued, and he to have a copy of his charge, and leave to examine witnesses. The same rule for the person who was in the second war.

You may improve any sequestered estate by felling wood, first certifying the quantity and value, and obtaining our order. You may administer the oath of abjuration to any suspected recusant, and sequester on refusal to take it. You cannot proceed on undervalues, unless discovered before 1 Dec. 1651. You may contract for copyhold estates. You may also seize estates for money due to the State on bonds. [⅔ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 175.]

March 30. Durham. **114.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 19 March, and the resolves of Parliament, both of which we have published, we have searched the books and papers of the late committee and our own, and send you an alphabetical list of all persons whatever that have been sequestered in this county from 1 April 1644 to 1 Dec. 1651, and are not discharged, having omitted none. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

114. I. *Alphabetical list of* 169 *persons above alluded to, and of* 17 *suspended on composition, but not discharged.* 30 *March* 1652. [6 *sheets.*]

114. II. *Blank form of certificate thereon.* [¼ *page.*]

March 30. Mansfield. **115.** Thos. Lindley and Robt. Brunts to the Committee for Compounding. On receipt of your commission to serve as county commissioners for Notts, we met, but Mr. Bristow was unwilling to join us. We summoned Fras. Bland and Mich. Brett, the late county commissioners, to enquire how they proceeded in surveying and letting the estate of Sir Edw. Golding, Papist, but Brett only appeared, and could not inform us, not having acted lately, and said the records were in Bland's hands, desiring respite for delivery till 8 April. Col. Fras. Hacker offers an improved rent of 100*l.* for ⅔, or 150*l.* for the whole of Golding's estate, but we cannot now certify its value. We beg an assistant instead of Bristow.

With marginal notes of reply, 6 May. Thanks for your cheerful acceptance of employment, and your care to carry on the work. If Bristow declines, you must proceed without other addition. Call on Bland and Brett again jointly for their records, and order them to bring in their accounts in 21 days; if they refuse or delay, levy 20*l.* each on them, and tell them we shall send for them by a serjeant-at-arms, unless we hear from them within the time. Ascertain by personal survey the value of Sir Edw. Golding's estate, and certify before we let it to Col. Hacker, or any other. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 324.]

March 31. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall pay to John Leech, registrar, the balance due of 192*l.*, his salary at 6*l.* a week from 26 Aug. last, deducting what has been paid. [*G* 16, *p.* 246.]

March 31. Durham. **116.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We return our account for rents and arrears received at Martinmas last. Give us your help for payment of 3,183*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* resting on this account, as we are so far from London. Our excuse for delay in collecting arrears is that our agent is an officer in the army, and is employed in providing for the Scots prisoners. Noted, "Needs no answer." [1 *page.*]

March 31. Certified by Aud. Sherwin that P. Brereton's salary for 40 weeks since last June, is 200*l.*, of which 130*l.* is paid, and 70*l.* still due. [*G* 83, *p.* 268.]

March 31. Stafford. **117.** Col. H. Danvers to the Committee for Compounding. Having to leave these parts and come to London, I beg dismissal from employment, to make way for some faithful person, and recommend Edw. Love, an able Christian, of whose zeal I have had long experience. He has long served diligently as our treasurer and accountant. We have lately sent in our accounts, which will be perfected on my coming up.

With note of reply, 16 April, approving the gentleman, who is to be commissioned when the accounts are perfected. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 428.]

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March 31. Stafford. **118.** County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. As Col. Danvers, one of our fellow commissioners, is removing from these parts, we join in his request that Mr. Love may succeed him, knowing his faithfulness and ability. [¾ *page.*]

March ? Petition of Sam. Wheeley of Chelmsford, Essex, to the Committee for Compounding, for allowance for all discoveries made by him after 8 Aug. 1650. Has always been faithful, and has been at great pains in discovering concealed delinquents. [*G* 130, *p.* 461.] *Annexing,*

I. *Certificate by the County Committee of Essex, that he discovered the estate of Ald. Bunce in Wickford, value* 80*l. a year,* 14 *Feb.* 1652. *With note by M. Dallison,* 17 *March, that he was the first discoverer.* [*G* 130, *p.* 463.]

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April 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the auditor state the Haberdashers' Hall accounts against this day week.

That Mr. Rich bring in, within a fortnight, all the conveyances he has made for settling impropriations, by order of the Committee for Compounding, and that the treasurer provide an iron chest wherein they may be kept. [*G* 16, *p.* 252; 36, *p.* 301.]

April 1. Petition of Wm. Hale to the Committee for Compounding. Was employed with Mr. Bellingham to examine the under-values of sequestered estates, co. Berks; served with his horse 74 days, bore Bellingham's charge 15 days, Cheeseman's 42, and one Matthews' 7, and has received 10*l.* Begs a fit allowance. With bill of charges, certified by Aud. Sherwin, total 46*l.* [*G* 89, *pp.* 504, 505.]

April 1. Cambridge. County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. In answer to yours of 19 March, we sent you alphabetical particulars of the christian and surname of every delinquent and recusant now under sequestration, and of all that we can find who were sequestered by the late county committee. Most have paid little or nothing for their personal estates. Are we to levy the money specified in their inventories and yet in arrears? [*G* 147, *p.* 301.]

April 1. **1.** County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 19 March, we send you a list of those who have been in charge of the sequestrations or in the solicitor's books, for whom we find no legal discharge. The solicitor's book is a book of the presentments of the constables and other inhabitants of Essex, delivered to the committee appointed by Parliament to seize and sequester the estates of all notorious delinquents, and ⅔ of the estates of all Papists; his widow refuses to deliver up any other papers.

We hear that many presented by the constables were discharged on hearing, and those that are in the solicitor's book, but not in the sequestrators' book, we have marked in the margin. The sequestrators say many discharges rest with the parties themselves. The other list is of persons now under our management. You had, in Jan. last, an alphabetical list of those that compounded with the committee for the late insurrection. [1 *page; see page* 525 *supra.*] *Enclosing,*

1. I. *List, alphabetically arranged, of* 176 *persons named in the books of the solicitor and sequestrators, as having been under sequestration since April* 1643, *and for whom no legal discharges were produced, though they were not under sequestration when* [*John*] *Maidstone and* [*Abr.*] *Barrington entered on the employment in Jan.* 1650. *Of these names* 73 *are checked, as being in the solicitor's book only.* [2½ *pages.*]

1. II. *Like list of* 69 *estates given over by the late to the present commissioners, and now under charge,* 1 *April* 1652. [1 *page.*]

1. III. *Like list of* 68 *persons sequestered in Essex, differing but slightly from the above, signed by Maidstone and Barrington.* [1 *sheet.*]

1. IV–VI. *Blank forms of certificates for compositions of Essex delinquents.* [3 *papers.*]

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April 2. Complaint by Chris. Wasse that though he has examined 20 witnesses, and spent more than 28*l.*, he has only received 7*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* and 2*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* paid by Mr. Bayley as fees. With bill of the expenses of Chris. Wasse, Wm. Fetherstone, and John Weaver, in prosecuting Brett and Bland of co. Notts. [*G* 127, *p.* 115.]

April 2. Order in the Committee for Compounding that he be paid 5*l.* more. [*G* 16, *p.* 258.]

Order that when any person has paid the first half of his fine, and secured the remainder, all persons are left to their legal remedy against the compounder, the sequestration notwithstanding. [*G* 13, *p.* 44.]

April 2. Penrith. **2.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. We send you the list ordered by yours of 19 March. We will soon send our accounts for the year 1651. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

2. I. *List, not alphabetical, of* 43 *persons whose estates are under sequestration, with their titles and places of abode.* 24 *Feb.* 1652. [1⅔ *pages.*]

2. II. *Like list alphabetically arranged.* [2 *sheets.*]

[April 2.] **3.** Alphabetical list of 194 undischarged delinquents and Papists returned by the Commissioners of co. Devon on the order of 19 March. Signed, John Serle and Rich. Clapp. [3¼ *pages.*]

[April 2.] **4.** Like list of 20 persons in co. Cambridge. [1 *page.*]

[April 2.] **5.** List of 21 persons, co. Cambridge, returned by the former committee as having little but personal estate, and having neither paid anything nor obtained discharge. [1 *page.*]

[April 3.] **6.** Alphabetical list of 25 sequestrations not discharged in co. Dorset, sent on the order of 19 March, and of 27 sequestrations made by the present commissioners. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

6. I. *Blank form for a certificate thereon.* [½ *page.*]

April 3. Reading. **7.** County Committee of Berks to the Committee for Compounding. We send you the list ordered in yours of 19 March from the books of the late committee, but some may be already discharged and their discharges not given in the books. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

7. I. *Alphabetical list of* 100 *sequestered persons in co. Berks.* [5½ *pages.*]

April 3. Reading. **8.** County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. We send contracts for the estates of Lord Vaux, the Countess of Banbury, and 6 other Papists, all surveyed (except Mary Blagrave's) and posted according to intructions, and beg confirmation. Granted 16 April. [⅔ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 15.]

April 3. Kingston. **9.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. Yours of 18 Feb. did not reach us till a fortnight later. The time for bringing in the accounts is lapsed, but they are so intricate that we beg more time; we have all the books and papers of the late county committee, except some kept by officers who left the land and are since dead. [⅔ *page.*]

April 3. Worcester College. **10.** County Committee for Worcester to the Committee for Compounding. Thos. Fowle, solicitor for the Commonwealth, orders us to examine Clement Writer and — Writer of Worcester, against Lord Coventry; there is a Thos. Writer lodging in Castle Yard, Little Distaff Lane, who was in Worcester when the Scots were there, and could discover what persons of quality he saw active. We are making good progress in the alphabetical list required of persons sequestered and not discharged, from 1 April 1643 to 1 Dec. 1652. Particulars of cases.

In spite of your directions of 9 Dec. 1650, Major Blackwall has distressed the tenants of Poden ground for 15 years' arrears of a fee-farm rent of 3*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.* due to the Crown. We offered to give him security, or to deposit the money till he had gained your allowance, but as he would not discharge the cattle, the sheriff granted us a replevin, whereby they were restored.

We send depositions against Rob. Yardley, for which he was taken prisoner, but is released on bail.

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With notes of reply 6 May. We have lately discharged those lands, partly to [Hugh] Peters on a Parliament order, and partly to Lady Anne Somerset, so that they are out of your care; only we have directed the seizure of ⅔ for her recusancy. [2 *pages; also G* 30, *p.* 474.] *Enclosing,*

10. 1. *Deposition by John Nicklis of Evesham, a Parliamentary soldier, that Yardley took him prisoner, and delivered him to the King of Scots' party, who kept him prisoner till he escaped.* [¾ *page.*]

April 3. Dorchester. **11.** County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. We send you, as directed, the names of persons sequestered and not discharged. We have not been defective in soliciting the former county committee for a more exact duplicate of their proceedings, except that we have not levied the 20*l.* fine, which task we beg you to confer on others. [We require you, according to your duty, to levy it on the clerk or any other that has the records, or on any of the commissioners that abet them.]

We want to know whether a confession by Johan Cole of an annuity due to her younger son, and her payment of part thereof, amount to sequestration, as we have distrained, and she now pleads the benefit of the Act of Pardon. We beg a speedy reply, as the cattle remain in pound. [¾ *page.*]

April 5. **12.** Fras. Russell, M.P., to the Committee for Compounding. From my good affection, I must certify what I hear, viz., that you pay 80*l.* a year for an agent in co. Cambridge, where the work is small, and the agent so often out of the way that the county committee have hired others to do the work. He has also employed persons not friends to the Commonwealth to act for him. The clerk there, for a small increase of salary, could do the work, or if you continue the agent, the county committee should be told of his unhandsome behaviour. [¾ *page; see p.* 575 *infra.*]

April 5. Bedford. **13.** County Committee for Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. We received your letter about the duplicates and accounts, and sent you up a packet wherein we craved further directions, in order to perfecting them; but as we have not received any, we entreat a speedy return of your resolutions, that we may be able to transmit them by the time limited. [¾ *page.*]

April 5. **14.** Alphabetical list from co. Bedford, on the order of 19 March, of 19 persons sequestered from 1643 to December last. Imperfect. [1 *sheet.*]

April 6. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the registrar do not deliver out any order to solicitors or others in any case, till they have taken forth the last order made at their instance. [*G* 36, *p.* 302.]

April 6. Committee for Compounding to [Fras.] Blake, Commissioner for Middlesex. We sent to you by our solicitor for a certificate in the case of Lady Mary Bowes, which is for the service of the State, and you refused to deliver it without fees. You are either to deliver it, or send your answer in writing. [*G* 16, *p.* 266.]

April 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that—as many petitions and motions are made in cases whereon there have been several proceedings, which the prosecutors keep back and do not produce the last order, though general directions have been given therefor, but attempts are made to keep back part of the proceedings, such as letters from the county commissioners and orders of judgment, &c.—no orders be granted till the respective registrars, in whose custody the proceedings are, have certified that the proceedings annexed (except unpublished depositions) are all that have been made in the case, expressing the nature and date of the proceedings. For such certificates no fee is to be demanded, and without them the parties concerned are to take notice that they will not be heard. This is to apply to cases exhibited, but not heard; where there have been no proceedings this is to be certified.

No order is to be delivered to any person till he has taken out the former orders granted him, that none may plead excuse for not producing his last order.

This order to be fairly written, one copy affixed on the door, and the other kept always before the commissioners.

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April 7. Order that the registrar make out discharges, on the order of the trustees for sale [of lands forfeit for treason] in the prescribed form, viz., "That from henceforth," &c., and see that the time of payment of purchase money be mentioned in the order. [*G* 13, *p.* 44.]

Order that Wm. Shuttlewood, a Commissioner for Sequestrations in co. Leicester, lately discharged, act as formerly with the other commissioners. [*G* 16, *p.* 278.]

Order that the Commissioners for co. Hereford pay John Williams, their agent, the arrears of his salary. [*G* 36, *p.* 300.]

April 8. Knutsford. **15.** County Committee for Chester to the Committee for Compounding. We could not observe the time ordered for our return to yours of 29 March, through sickness of one of us, and much other business. We send the particulars of the late commissioners, with an order from your predecessors, but we have positively discharged none, always sending all cases to you. We have no further proof against the inhabitants of Brereton, and your solicitor will not proceed on the examinations taken.

Thos. Jackson of Morewood's estate was secured since 1 Dec. last. We had directions only a little before Christmas to proceed against the two Hulmes and Mr. Phillipps of Chester; but business prevented it then, and we did not expect anything falling out that we could not proceed after. We have ordered the printed papers you sent to be published. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

15. 1. *Alphabetical list of* 78 *delinquents discharged as being worth less than* 200*l. by the late Committee for Compounding, on a Parliament order of* 8 *Dec.* 1646; *with notes on several of the cases. Also note that there were many others who were not proceeded against.* [1 *sheet.*]

April 8. **16.** County Committee for Monmouth to the Committee for Compounding. We carefully observed our instructions about Abergavenny lordship, posting it, and inquiring into its value. Most of it consists of chief rents, in the hands of 1,000 persons, some of whom pay only 2*d.* or 3*d.* a year. [1 *page.*]

April 9. Committee for Compounding to Wm. Shuttlewood. We lately sent a commission to your two partners to act in co. Leicester, leaving you out, thinking the salary would be so small, and the work so little, that two might do it. But as you think it a breach of reputation to be laid aside, especially as your neighbours in co. Notts were dismissed at the same time for miscarriage, we restore you to repair your credit, having very good thoughts of your integrity and prudence. [*G* 16, *p.* 290.]

April 9. [John Leech] to the County Committee for Leicester. I am ordered to enclose you your commission. The Committee for Compounding have written to Mr. Shuttlewood to continue him. [*G* 16, *p.* 291.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Order of the Committee for Compounding,* 8 *April, appointing John Baker, Wm. Shuttlewood, and John Horton commissioners for co. Leicester.* [*G* 12, *p.* 421.]

April 9. Bedford. County Committee for Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. When we answered your letter of 16 Jan., we could not satisfy you of all the discharges of sequestered estates; but on perusal of books since brought in, we find four, Sir Edw. Alston, George Bury of Gamlingay, co. Cambridge. Dr. Fras. Walsall, and Hum. Iremonger, who have not been discharged by Parliament or yourselves; we have therefore summoned them to produce their discharges. [*G* 146; *pp.* 92, 93.]

April 12. Preston. **17.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We send you the list of those who were sequestered 1 Dec. last and not discharged, noting such as are knights, esquires, or gentlemen; but for the inferior sort, we could not in so short a time note their callings.

On our sending to the late committee, most of them met us at Preston, 23 March, and we showed them your letters. They begged time till 8 April, when [Peter] Harrison, their solicitor, gave in a large bundle of books and papers, containing all the sequestrations since Jan. 1650, when he was employed. But they were so confused that it would take a man half a year to reduce them to

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order, so we refused them. The gentlemen are very willing to satisfy you, but they have never kept any books. Their order books, since the end of 1645, are in our hands, and we have ordered our clerk to draw up particulars of estates since sequestered, and will send them.

P.S.—On information that Capt. Sam. Birch, and Peter Harrison, late county solicitor, were seen at a rendezvous of the Earl of Derby's forces in the late war, having only one witness, we summoned Harrison to give evidence against Birch, but he refused. We desire your directions. [1¾ *pages.*]

April 12. Cardiff. **18.** County Committee for Glamorgan to the Committee for Compounding. There is no post this way, and your letters often fall into the hands of those prejudicial to the service; this retards their conveyance and our celerity. Yours of 10 Feb. last, and another of 19 March, did not come to our hands until the 5th inst., and this is the reason you have not received the required accounts before this. We find our predecessors very unprepared in their accounts; they will not deliver any until pressed, nor enable us to obtain information from their papers as to the arrears of rent due, though we have earnestly solicited it. We enclose the best list we can make, having no help or record from the old committee. *Enclosing,*

1. *List of 6 persons in Glamorganshire who were under sequestration and undischarged last December.* 12 *April* 1652. [1 *page.*]

April 13. Haberdashers' Hall. **19.** Committee for Compounding to all the county committees of England and Wales. As several persons apply to you for discharge on the general Act of Pardon, we advise you to puruse our late directions, and be careful how you discharge them, for many will plead the Act who have no right to it.

We find that persons apply to us who have been proceeded against by the late Committees for Advance of Money and Committee for Compounding and by ourselves, and have been judged; and even some that compounded on their own discovery, had their fines set, and proceeded no further, and yet have not been sequestered; but such fines are not pardoned by the Act. We acquit none but by certificate from our registrars and auditor, and have denied discharges to many who will probably solicit you.

Those in the additional bill for sale, who were long since sequestered, may claim the benefit of the Act; but we hope you have proceeded no further than in the cases with which you have acquainted us. If you have, send us the names and residences of those suspended or discharged, that if we discover here proceedings unknown to you, we may give order for regulating your error.

As divers sequestered estates have been sold by the trustees, you are not to discharge them on their order until approved by us. Also take care not to discharge any glebe lands sold by the trustees, nor any estate not within the Act for Sale. Receive all arrears of rents on estates sold that become due before the first ½ of the purchase money is paid, and observe the former rules as to all discharges and suspensions of sequestrations.

With note that this letter was sent to 11 counties named the day of its date; to 7 more on the 15th, and to the remainder on the 17th. [2 *pages; also G* 13, *p.* 45.]

[April 13.] Rough notes of the above. With a query to Parliament as to who shall receive the rents of a purchased estate, if the 2nd moiety of the purchase money be not paid in. Also note for an order to the county commissioners not to receive them if the purchaser produce a full discharge from the trustees, and acquittances for payment of the whole purchase money within 3 months. [*G* 125, *p.* 73.]

April 15. Mansfield. **20.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We are ordered to preserve all timber on sequestered estates. The late county committee having made sales of wood on the Earl of Newcastle's lands, we discharged the workmen from felling more wood; but they still continue it, committing great waste, and pretending the authority of Mr. Brett and Bland. Not knowing how to prevent it, we present the case to you.

We find most of the estates here illegally demised for 7 years, which is prejudicial to the State, and the ancient tenants much complain. We know not whether the demises will stand good. [1 *page.*]

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April 15. Mansfield. **21.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We sent warrants to the tenants of the late Alice, Lady Dormer, of Kneeton Manor, to pay their Ladyday rents, but they say that Mr. Ash, deputy undersheriff, and servant to John Hough, clerk to the late county committee, drove the grounds the very day the rent was due, and levied 86*l.* in receipts or bonds, by an Exchequer order, at the suit of Lady Grantham. The tenants beg that, as they took the estate free from incumbrance, they may not be forced to pay that debt and the rent, the rather as the other ⅓, which only was liable for it, was never let to them by Sir Hen. Moore, Bart., who holds it. We beg instructions.

With marginal notes of reply 6 May. We send a summons to the undersheriff to appear before us in 14 days, for driving away the cattle of Kneeton Manor on pretence of outlawry, which you must convey to him, certify the delivery on oath, and send proofs of the driving away, and a certificate from the justices of peace of the oaths so taken. [1 *page; also G* 30, *pp.* 325, 326.]

April 16. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of [Berks]. We confirm the contracts you have made for the estates of Lord Vaux and others. [*G* 16, *p.* 317; 30, *p.* 15.]

April 17. **22.** County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. You caution us about discharges on the Act of Pardon, but though often pressed for them, we have referred all to you. How are we to understand the words, "actually sequestered," in the Act, when seizures have been made and proofs transmitted long before, and no discharges brought to us within 3 months after seizure? We shall not discharge any, nor any glebe lands, on the Act for Sale, without your orders.

With note of reply 5 May. We are applying to Parliament to explain the words, "actually sequestered" in the Act of Pardon, therefore do not discharge any against whom proofs are sent up; but it is your oversight if you have not sequestered those whose 3 months are expired. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 488.]

April 18? **23.** Note of 20 reports appointed to be heard on Tuesday afternoons, beginning 20 April 1652. [1 *page.*]

April 18. Deddington. Tho. Appletree, County Commissioner for Oxford, to the Committee for Compounding. I cannot plead ignorance of your instructions, and I am troubled not to send fit returns, but I have waited months, and no man appears to join me, and I have no power to act alone. I undertook the trust only for the public interest, and feared it might be a prejudice if I were to lay it down. But [Wm.] Draper tells me you have granted him a discharge, and he has nominated Major Thos. Butler or Mr. Cole in his place. I recommend [John] Cary, of Dichley, well known to Lieutenant-Gen. [Fleetwood] and [Edw.] Ashe, or John Crisp of Chipping Norton, known to Lord Whitelock, who will not act for salary or private ends, and Rob. Leicester, your agent. Rob. Warcup's long absence, I hear, is occasioned by his intending for Ireland. If you accept Lester or Cole, their loss would be great unless you continued them in their present employments. [*G* 165, *p.* 291.]

April 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Hants. We confirm the contracts named in yours of 22 March, so far as let according to the Act and our instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 183.]

April 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancashire. In answer to yours, you cannot seize estates discovered since 1 Dec., unless of persons whose lands are already ordered to be sold; but recusants may be proceeded against as formerly, whenever discovered. The answer of the late county committee's auditor, that he can give in no other accounts, must not satisfy you, and unless he do, the fine must be levied on him. You have power to imprison Capt. Birch for refusing to answer queries about the delinquency of Peter Harrison. [*G* 30, *p.* 213; *see* 12 *April, p.* 569 *supra. It was Harrison who refused to witness against Birch.*]

April 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Monmouth. We expect you forthwith to perform your engagement as to accounts. We confirm your contract for Abergavenny, as you have acted on instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 271.]

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April 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Northumberland. Concerning duplicates and accounts, we expect a return to be made forthwith, according to your engagement. [*G* 30, *p.* 309.]

April 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Notts. We know not what bargain the late county committee could have made about the Earl of Newcastle's wood [*see* 15 *April p.* 570 *supra*], but if they have sold any part of it, and received the money, we cannot prevent the buyer taking it off. Enquire what sale has been made, and get a copy of the contract. Meanwhile, if on a second warning the workmen refuse to desist, get sufficient power from the sheriff's officers and soldiers to compel obedience, and certify us further. [*G* 30, *p.* 325.]

April 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for North Wales at Wrexham. The 20 days within which you promised your returns are over, and none are come to hand. We are still expecting them. [*G* 30, *p.* 341.]

April 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Montgomery. Note of a case. You send us contracts, saying you have let no estates without knowledge of the value from your agent. If you consult the Act, you will see that such a proceeding is not warrantable, nor can we confirm any contract unless you have personally surveyed the estate, posted, and put it to the box. If you satisfy us therein, you shall receive speedy allowance. [*G* 30, *p.* 342.]

April 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Somerset. Perfect your promised accounts as speedily as possible. As to the timber on Lord Craven's estate, we desire you to give order for felling it, and to sell it to the best advantage. [*G* 30, *p.* 394.]

April 19. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Brecon. If you sequestered the undervaluation of Sir George Vaughan's estate, of which you write, before 1 Dec. last, it will hold good; otherwise it is discharged by the Act. Also Wm. Lloyd's estate must not be proceeded with unless sequestered before 1 Dec., as Parliament is giving till 20 May to pay in the latter halves of fines. [*G* 30, *p.* 421.]

April 20. Northwich. **24.** County Committee for Chester to the Committee for Compounding. None have applied for discharges of sequestration on the late Act of Pardon; if they do, we will discharge none without order from you; neither have we any against whom you have given judgment, or who desire to compound on their own discoveries, not being sequestered. We will not discharge any without your orders who are in the additional Act for Sale, though they claim the Act of Pardon. No estates have been sold here except Cattenhall, Sir Art. Aston's, to Lieut.-Col. Gilbert Gerard, who owes for the last 2 years' profits. Also the Earl of Derby's lands in Wirrall to [John] Manley of London, and his "salt waleinge" in Northwich to Mr. Starkey; but they have not applied to us for discharge, and we cannot interfere.

We are gathering in the arrears of rents, but know not how to demand those on estates to be sold. We omitted four names from our former list of delinquents. Is the old Countess of Derby, against whom there is a charge of delinquency, to have her jointure? With marginal notes of reply. [1 *page.*]

April 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Auditor Sherwin pass the first ½ year's account of the Northumberland Commissioners, they affirming that it is according to the contracts and leases made by the late committee. [*G* 16, *p.* 331.]

April 21. Committee for Compounding to Col. Fras. West, lieutenant of the Tower. Have you received orders for admitting us, according to the enclosed letter of the Council of State? If so, we shall repair to you on Friday next, at the time you signify as convenient. [*G* 16, *p.* 329.]

April 21. Carmarthen. John Hughes, sen., to the Committee for Compounding. The plague began at Carmarthen last May, raged without decrease till December, but continued, though diminished, till the beginning of April. The town and market have been forsaken of all commerce, and the inhabitants loathsome to their nearest friends. Thus I, living therein, could neither act as your substitute nor send accounts, and Major Franklin, my associate, being an officer under Col. Johns,

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was sent off to Worcester. Now, having deliverance, I send you a full account of our business, though our agent returned from visiting the counties without money, and died of the plague. I have now in hand from sundry estates named 17*l.* 3*s.*, and want a way to pay it in. Having long desired to be free from the office, I will give assistance to those whom I hear you have settled in my stead. I will deliver up my books and papers, and collect small sums due, but beg not to be held remiss, being penned in for 10 months. [*G* 167, *p.* 685.]

April 21. Cardigan. **25.** County Committee for Cardigan, to the Committee for Compounding. We could not answer your letters requiring an account of all persons sequestered in our county since 1648, and how their sequestrations were taken off, because all the records of the late committee for those parts are locked up in Haverfordwest, on account of the pestilence there; and until the Lord in mercy diverts His judgments from that place, we cannot get a perusal of them.

All the persons sequestered in our county since April 1643 had their estates cleared by Act of 23 Feb. 1649, save Sir Walter Lloyd, of Llanvaier, Sir Fras. Lloyd of Machevellin, and John Lloyd of Crinbryn, but the latter two we hear were discharged by you. Sir Walter Lloyd having paid in only one moiety of his composition, we sequestered his estate according to your order of 16 Jan. last, but have since respited the sequestration, on production of the Act of Oblivion and the resolutions of Parliament of 17 March last, by which he is admitted to pay in his second moiety with interest.

The arrears of the rents of Judge Jenkins in this county for the last year have been collected, and amount to 200*l.*, out of which we paid 40*l.* to Mrs. Jenkins as her 5th part, and the balance will be sent up to you, unless you can arrange for the payment of it here, for the service of Ireland or for some of the garrisons; there is no way of sending any money from this remote county to London but by the drovers, once a year, and that in August; sending it on purpose we conceive will be too expensive. [1 *page.*]

April 22. Haberdashers' Hall. **26, 27.** Committee for Compounding to the county committees. We have lately found out some indirect practices in the altering of our orders after they are delivered to the parties concerned. We therefore direct you in future to carefully file and keep all our orders and letters, that we may be able to discover such practices by producing the originals. Observe this notwithstanding any pretences of the party. We have never denied orders to each of the counties where the party has an estate.

P.S. to the preceding letter. We have sent you a list of convicted recusants, and desire you to sequester ⅔ of their estates if not already done, and of all others convicted. If any have been discharged on taking the oath of abjuration or otherwise, without order from us, you are to re-sequester ⅔ of their estates till such order. With note of counties to whom this was sent. [⅔ *page; also G* 31, *pp.* 755, 756.] *Enclosing,*

27. 1. *Form of an order referring a petition to the county commissioners and to Reading, adding the order for filing it as above directed.* [¼ *page.*]

April 23. Petition of Henry Horsley, commissioner and treasurer for sequestrations, co. Northumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. Has acted 2 years as treasurer, and most of the business lies on him because he resides in Newcastle, 2 of the other 3 commissioners being on service in Scotland, and the other too old to act. Has been obliged to employ Mat. Newton as his deputy these two years; his salary being very small, and his charges very great, begs some allowance. [*G* 91, *p.* 737.]

April 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding that he detain 50*l.* in his hands till this Committee report the case to the Army Committee, and Aud. Sherwin is to allow it on his account. [*G* 16, *p.* 346.]

Order that no discharge on the Act of Pardon be given without the certificate of the county committee as to whether the estate or party was under sequestration 1 Dec. 1651, although no sequestration appears from the registrar's certificates; as there have been sequestrations in the country which do not appear on the registrar or auditor's certificate. [*G* 13, *p.* 46.]

April 23. Kendal. **28.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We have, as ordered, sent up a list of Papists and delinquents with their several additions and addresses. We can find none discharged except by you

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and the committee for Newcastle, and though we had satisfied you therein by former letters, we send a survey of all the estates but 4, which will soon be sent; many are posted to be let for 1 year, and then 4. We sent a list of the offers made. We also set those under 20*l.*, and send a list of those for which offers were made, and of those for which there was no bid. Those who offered desire leases for the term. We will send up the proceedings of the late committee and our accounts as speedily as possible.

With note, 14 May, confirming the contracts. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 462.]

April 28. Wardrobe. County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. On the coming out of the Act of Pardon, we had several matters before us for the immediate bringing in of money; others for a right understanding of some things done by the late County Committee, that if needful, we might have reviewed their proceedings. But the Act,—prescribing a penalty for those who, by virtue of their places or otherwise, molest those who are pardoned,—stops us till we know from you how far we may go, as several with whom we are in hand plead the benefit of the Act. We want your instructions whether we may proceed against them till you discharge them, as they tell us that we know now the danger of troubling them. [*G* 162, *pp.* 379, 380. *See* 3 *Aug.* 1652.]

April 29. **29.** Deposition by Emanuel Drew, Yealmpton, co. Devon, that being sequestered for delinquency in Sept. 1651, and being on his appeal, he was told 8 weeks since that he was freed by the Act of General Pardon, and was directed to Pengelly, a solicitor, to whom he paid 5*l.*, and gave bonds for 25*l.* for his discharge.

Rich. Palmer of Shaw, gave Lieut. Whitehead 5*l.*, and security for 45*l.* more for his discharge. Thos. Gimblett of Plympton Mary, gave Pengelly 20*s.*, and a promise of 20*l.* more for his discharge. [½ *page.*]

April 29. Exeter. **30.** County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. We find that by Capt. [Edw.] Mugford's motion, Emanuel Drew was discharged 23 March last. We think it our duty to inform you of such a combination to extort great sums from poor men, for what was freely given them by Parliament.

With note, 25 May, that it is a business worthy of complaint, but should be presented for relief to the Commissioners of the Great Seal. [½ *page.*]

April 29. Gloucester. **31.** County Committee for Gloucester to the Committee for Compounding. We have herewithal sent you our accounts from our first acting 1 Nov. last, and particulars of estates for which we have contracted with several tenants for 7 years, of which we ask your confirmation. We desire your resolution touching the undervaluation of Wm. Poole's estate, and the 800*l.* for his 20th part, and Benedict Hall's recusancy. What shall we do as to distresses from tenants refusing to pay, as we have no power to sell or otherwise dispose of the estates?

With note of reply, 11 May, that as to Wm. Poole, what was sequestered before Dec. 1651 the collectors are to levy, and what sale they have made before Dec. 1651 is good. When they have a distress for sequestered profits, they are to proceed to sell. [¾ *page.*]

April 30. **32, 33.** County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We beg you to relieve Lieut. John Marsh in regard of his constant fidelity. In his absence on service in Scotland, his wife, who farmed Welshman's house in Preston, sequestered for Wm. Crook's delinquency, being destitute of a habitation, was forced, by the ill affection of some towards her husband, to give 40*s.* a year more for it than it was worth. Besides she has incurred great expense for repairs. Pray regard this hard bargain with a propitious eye. It is the last case of the kind with which we shall trouble you.

With note of reply, 10 June 1652, that convenient repairs must be allowed for, but no abatement of rent made. [1 *page; also G* 16, *p.* 521.] *Annexing,*

33. 1. *Account of repairs of Welshmans house in* 1651 *and* 1652, *total* 7*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* *Noted as allowed, the petitioner paying his full rent, and keeping the house in repair for the rest of his lease.* [¾ *page.*]

April 30. Fenchurch St. Edw. Ashe to the Committee for Compounding. I hear that the County Committee for Oxford are laying down their commissions, and that four others

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are presented; two of these I know are very faithful and honest, John Cary of Dichley, and Robt. Leicester of Adderbury, who has always been employed in sequestrations. Pray continue his salary, and choose these two men. None in Oxfordshire will serve you better. [*G* 165, *p.* 289.]

April? **34.** Col. Wm. Crowne, one of the County Committee for Salop, to the Committee for Compounding. Coming last week to Hereford, I found out two gentlemen's estates that lie in this county, worth 300*l.* a year, concealed from us, and yet they are delinquents under sequestration. I have seized upon them. I have likewise discovered the actings of some eminent persons in the late business at Worcester, all which you shall receive an account of.

We asked whether reviews were taken off; the words in the Act of Pardon are dubious, as they say all lands, tenements, &c., that stood actually sequestered on 1 Dec. 1651, and not discharged, are not acquitted; therefore all delinquents' lands which were not compounded for must still remain under sequestration, and are not pardoned. Are the judgments upon delinquents by the late committee, though the estates were not seized upon through the remissness of their agents, quite pardoned? The estate of Gifford of Chillington, a Papist in Staffordshire, is set but at 800*l.* a year, whether by you or the county committee, I know not, but it is worth 2,000*l.* Noted, Inform yourself fully of this, and certify us. [1 *page.*]

May 3. **34A.** Account by the County Committee for Devon of rents received from 34 sequestered estates since 28 April 1652. [1 *page.*]

May 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall send an alphabetical list of all who have paid in any money on fines, with their qualities, places of abode, and date of payments. [*G* 16, *p.* 348.]

May 5. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Brecon. You are to let the estates given up to better advantage, and to take back all where the tenants persist in refusing security for the rent. As to impropriations, we are not to meddle with them. [*G* 30, *p.* 421.]

May 5. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Radnor. Note of a case. You accuse Nich. Meredith, John Bull, Wm. Taylor, and Thos. Gomey, but you do not send a charge. You must enter one, and if proved by the oaths of two witnesses, seize their estates, give them their charge, and leave them to examine witnesses in their defence. [*G* 30, *p.* 422.]

May 5. Committee for Compounding to the Committee in County Cardiff. As the former committee will not give in the duplicates required by Parliament, you are to levy 20*l.* on each of them, and to discover if you can in whose custody the books remain, and levy the like fine on them, in case of refusal to deliver the books. [*G* 30, *p.* 422.]

May 5. Penrith. **35.** County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. There are none here who entered their compositions at Haberdashers' Hall but have effectually prosecuted them. Notes of cases.

We know not the names of the persons in the bill of sale, and therefore cannot answer your letter of 13 April thereon. Among those sequestered 1 Dec. 1651, were returned the Earl of Annandale, a Scot, and Edw. Page of Penrith; but we find their estates were only secured, and they were never voted delinquents. We will carefully observe your instructions. [1 *page.*]

May 6. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Warwick. You return us the names of several persons craving allowances out of Lord Craven's estate, but we can allow none without proof of claim. [*G* 30, *p.* 454.]

May 6. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Chester. Your wish to quit your employment proceeds, we think, from our plainness concerning your duplicates and accounts. We shall not persuade any to serve longer than they do it freely, nor can we dispense with the neglect of any Parliament rule without urging its observation; if when we do this, men take it heinously,

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and resign their trust, our management of these affairs is of no use. The letter was a general letter sent to most counties who have failed in those particulars; if you have not been remiss, why should you be offended that you are pressed for what may be for your own security? We thank you for your pains, but neither you nor we can satisfy Parliament without pursuing their rules, to which we are sworn. We hope you will consult your duty, and instead of contesting, repair your omissions.

Revenues not adjudged and not sequestered 1 Dec. last are discharged; but as to Barker, if he was sequestered by the former committee, you are to continue the sequestration till his discharge is ordered. [*G* 30, *p.* 93.]

May 6. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Chester. Your letter without date is already answered. As to Mr. Gifford's estate in Staffordshire, which you report to be let exceedingly under value, we beg you to make further inquiries. [*G* 30, *p.* 94.]

May 7. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cheshire. We will shortly answer yours about such as have compounded or petitioned to compound on their own discoveries, and have not paid their fines. Particulars of cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 95.]

May 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the counsel, auditor, registrars, examiner, and Mr. Fowle, solicitor, give in a notice in writing in a week of what employment they have, which is not taken away by the Act of Pardon, that this Committee may be satisfied as to their usefulness to the State. [*G* 16, *p.* 370.]

May 7. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Bedford. Instructions in particular cases. As to the duplicates delayed between Sir Wm. Boteler and Capt. Smith, unless they are forthwith returned, let the fine be levied on each. There is no reason why the estate of Sir Arthur Blundell should be meddled with, it being no case of delinquency. [*G* 30, *p.* 2.]

May 7. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cambridge. We hear complaints of the carelessness of your agent, Mr. French, which, if true, should have rather come from you than from a stranger. Tell us the truth as to his attendance and demeanour, without concealing anything, that we may consider what is to be done on the information received. [*G* 30, *p.* 79.]

[May 7.] **36.** Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Wilts. We hear that French, agent to the County Committee for Cambridge, was formerly employed in your county, and did not behave as he ought; certify what you know, and the rather because in yours about the alphabetical list, you say you cannot find out French, and so you find not the book of charges; inquire about him, that we may displace him if we see cause. With note of inquiry whether Fitzherbert, a recusant, is sequestered at Bledlow Ridge, co. Bucks, since 15 Aug. 1649, he being discharged by the late Committee for Compounding. [¾ *page, draft.*]

May 7. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Herts. The duplicate returned in yours of 11 March was so imperfect that it will not answer our instructions. Inquiry must be made what officers of the late committee have records in their hands, and the transcripts or originals must be demanded; if they refuse, the fine of the Act must be levied on them. Directions in cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 165.]

May 7. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancaster. We think the estate of Rob. Middleton of Warton, which you secured 10 Dec. last, is discharged on the Act of Pardon, but he must plead before us.

In answer to our demand for duplicates, some of the late county committee write that all the records are in the hands of Mr. Harrison, solicitor, Okie auditor, and Wall clerk. The said committee are to see the returns made, but as we are willing to assist them, you are to require from those officers the returns ordered by the Act, and on refusal, to levy fines of 20*l.* a-piece on them. [*G* 30, *p.* 214.]

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May 7. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for York. We send you a letter from [Thos.] Raikes and others of the late county committee, and desire you, if you can find time, to go to Hull and take their accounts. If you cannot, then send the names of 4 fit inhabitants of Hull whom we may authorise therefor, as the gentlemen cannot undertake a journey hither. [*G* 30, *p.* 488.]

May 7. John Leech, registrar to the Committee for Compounding, to Hen. Goodrich, Hull. I gave your letter to the commissioners, and though they would not discourage any man's zeal for the State, they think if you had taken your informations carefully about the proceedings in Sir Thos. Gascoigne's case, some of your heat might have been spared, for he was sequestered as Papist and delinquent, and so is uncapable of composition; his estate is let, and the contract for it confirmed. If your insinuation against officers and clerks is intended for any here, your judgment is rash, as all that attend here are of unstained reputation. [*G* 30, *pp.* 488.]

May 7. Lieut.-Gen. Chas. Fleetwood to the Committee for Compounding. I hear that [Wm.] Draper and [Thos.] Appletree have resigned as County Commissioners for Oxford. I have recommended, among others, Major Butler, John Cary, and Mr. Crisp. These I know well, and your approval of them will do the country service. [*G* 165, *p.* 287.]

May 8. Certificate by the County Committee of Hants, on an order of 22 April 1652, that John Woodman, late collector in Fawley division, was seized of Prother Ellis' estate in 1646, it being sequestered from the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, and on his death, took possession of it, to the value of 715*l.* 15*s.*, by letters of administration, on pretence that Ellis was a bastard, and could not make a will, and then concealed the estate. [*G* 167, *p.* 587.]

May 10. Committee for Compounding to the late County Committee of Oxon. We think it strange that in 2 years we have received no account of the sequestered estates under your management. We hope you will speedily perfect them without further trouble, as before that we cannot discharge you of your employment. [*G* 16, *p.* 378.]

May 11. Cardigan. **37.** County Committee for Cardigan to the Committee for Compounding. We have already told you that most of our delinquents were cleared by the Act of 23 Feb.; if there be any that have entered their compositions at Goldsmiths' Hall and made no payment, we desire notice, and we will sequester them. We shall observe your directions as to glebe lands and delinquents' estates appointed to be sold by the Act for Sale, except part of Judge [David] Jenkins' estate; we will be careful in filing up all warrants and discharges that come from you. Let your letters be directed to the Governor of Carmarthen, to be forwarded by him to the Mayor of Cardigan, and endorsed for the especial service of the State. [¾ *page.*]

May 12. Order in the Committee for Compounding that,—as the Committee for Plundered Ministers, on 9 Jan. 1652, gave Mr. Dutton, minister of Knighton, co. Leicester, 60*l.* augmentation from Dalby Rectory, till some godly minister was settled in Dalby Church; and as, on 7 Jan., they appointed Thos. Melbourne as 9 months' probationer there, granting him 30*l.* for those months, and 40*l.* a year afterwards, as the maintenance did not exceed 20 nobles a year—the county committee pay Melbourne the said augmentation, and the remainder to Mr. Dutton, without receiving any fee for the same. [*G* 16, *p.* 387.]

May 12. Chester. County Committee for Cheshire to the Committee for Compounding. It has been our constant practise to file your letters, noting the date of receipt, and we shall continue it. On 8 April last we sent you a list of persons discharged by the late county committee or others, and not by the Committee for Sequestrations or Barons of the Exchequer; also an alphabetical list of all now under sequestration. Notes of cases. [*G* 147, *p.* 443.]

May 12. Fine Office. F. Blake to the Committee for Compounding. In answer to yours of 6 April, I think I have the same right to the fees of my office as to the house and inheritance. You know that the State wishes you and all employed by you to be paid for their pains; therefore I hope you will order your solicitor to pay me what is justly due. [*G* 82, *p.* 503.]

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May 13. Bulstrode Whitelock to the Committee for Compounding. I presume you will discharge [Thos.] Appletree and [Wm.] Draper from acting as County Commissioners for Oxon at their request, they having faithfully served in that and other employments. I recommend Hen. Goodwin, J.P., a very faithful man from the beginning, for that employment. [*G* 165, *p.* 284.]

May 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding, to write to the Commissioners of co. Oxford that it is thought very strange that in 2 years' time they have sent no accounts, and that this must be cleared before they can be discharged from employment.

That causes be heard in their course, whether the persons concerned appear or not. [*G* 37, *pp.* 4, 5.]

May 13. Information by Wm. Fetherstone, that a year since, Fras. Bland and Mich. Brett, Commissioners for Sequestrations for co. Notts, Gleythorpe Grange, lands of the Earl of Newcastle, worth 70*l.* a year, at 20 marks. Also that they turned Ant. Litchfield out of his lands, for which he paid 70*l.*, and let them to Mr. Baskerville for 50*l.* [*G* 86, *p.* 938.]

May 13. **38.** Giles Hancock to James Russell. The County Committee of Gloucester desire direction in the following particulars:—

1. As to delinquents returned by the late county committee as without estates, so far as they knew, but we have found some land 12 months' since, sequestered it, and taken 40*l.* security for it. [If sequestered for delinquency 12 months since, they are not pardoned.]

2. Concerning keeping courts on sequestered manors. No steward will keep them without competent allowance, which we have no power to pay. [To allow 20*s.* to the steward for keeping each court.]

3. Concerning under-valuations of Wm. Poole's estate. Your order binds us from meddling with it, yet others make much spoil of it. [To proceed to levy.]

4. As to Benedict Hall's recusancy we are tied by your order. [Two-thirds of the rent reserved to Hall is to be sequestered.]

5. As to 800*l.* ordered to be sequestered from Wm. Poole's estate for a 20th part, there being rents sequestered in the tenants' hands 12 months, but not levied.

The passages in brackets are notes of a reply.

May 13. Kinnerton. **39.** County Committee for Radnor to the Committee for Compounding. We have tried to find out old delinquents and Papists, but there are few that pay any rent. We have received some books from the late commissioners, and will send you a list of delinquents and Papists, and particulars of the annual rent they pay; John Yardley, one of our members, is to be our treasurer. [⅔ *page.*]

[May 14.] Petition of Wm. King, Commissioner for Salop, to the Committee for Compounding. In 1650, paid 440*l.* to Rich. Bagot, draper of Shrewsbury, being the rents of sequestered estates, to be paid by him on bills of exchange, but he only paid 400*l.* Begs an order to him to pay the remaining 40*l.*, that petitioner may clear his accounts. [*G* 65, *p.* 392.] *Annexing,*

1. *Certificate by the county commissioners that Bagot received* 440*l., and has only paid* 400*l.* 19 *March* 1652. [*G* 65, *pp.* 393, 402.]

May 14. Order by the Committee for Compounding that Bagot, being returned by the County Commissioners of Shropshire as debtor to the Commonwealth in 40*l.*, have notice thereof, and forthwith show cause why he should not pay the debt. [*G* 16, *p.* 403; 65, *pp.* 398, 402.]

May 14. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Gloucester. We have received your surveys, and confirm your contracts, as far as they are according to the Act and your instructions, which you are to peruse with the sequestration ordinances; we perceive by your present and former queries that you are not as well acquainted with them as you should be. [*G* 30, *p.* 155.]

May 14. Brecknock. **40.** County Committee for Brecon to the Committee for Compounding. After much solicitation and delay, we have at last such a confused account from some of the late committee that it is altogether unfit to trouble you with; but it appears that good sums of money are in the hands of some of them, which they will not willingly account for, and three of them, viz., Edw. Rumsey,

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Thos. Lewis of Llangorse, and Chas. Walbief, are so refractory that, without some special course is taken with them, no satisfactory result will be obtained.

Noted that they are to levy 20*l.* a-piece upon such as refuse, and make another demand for duplicates. [¾ *page.*]

May 14. Ipswich. **41.** County Committee for Suffolk to the Committee for Compounding. We ask your approval of our contracts for several farms which were posted according to instructions. Granted 20 May. [½ *page; also G* 30, *p.* 434.]

May 14. Westminster. **42.** [Committee for Plundered Ministers] to the Committee for Compounding. Wm. Farmer, our receiver, says that 80*l.* a year for 3 years is payable to us from Chipping and Chidwell rectories, co. Lancaster, but the county committee, who receive the rents for delinquency of the farmers or lessees, refuse to pay them without your order. We have received several like complaints, so that the payments for charitable uses and augmentations for ministers are retarded. We beg you to direct all your sub-commissioners to pay to our receivers or treasurers all arrears reserved from sequestered rectories and vested in us, which will be a charitable work and acceptable service.

Noted, letter to be sent accordingly. [1 *page.*]

May 15. Brecknock. **43.** County Committee for Brecon to the Committee for Compounding. We have not discharged any estate from sequestration; we lately sent you particulars of estates under sequestration on 1 Dec. last. Send your letters for us to Mr. Boyard, haberdasher, at the west end of the New Exchange in the Strand. [½ *page.*]

May 15. Hereford. County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We do our best to prosecute public affairs, but our greatest enemies are some of ourselves. Mr. Barrow, when an order comes for collecting the rents of estates sold at Drury House till discharged by you, rides over to the tenants as commissioner, and forbids their paying.

On the 11th, we were to sit at Mr. Coningsby's house to hold courts and transact business for that side of the country, but Wm. Hill solicited divers tenants to oppose us by force, and on their refusal, put into the house some desperate rogues who had been in arms with the Scots at Worcester, who refused us admittance. We got bars and sledges to force an entrance, when they escaped through the garden and by boat. Mr. Hill knew that his lease was discharged, and moreover that it contained a proviso for the commissioners to come onto the premises. We voided the lease, as not being made according to instructions, nor confirmed; also for his defrauding the hospital of ½ their allowance, making money of woods, letting the houses go out of repair, and seizing heriots and fines. We expect to make 400*l.* a year out of the estate, and if Hill comes before you, we beg he may be vigorously prosecuted. We want instructions about Mr. Moore's estate of Burghope, let at 76*l.* a year, but worth 250*l.* [*G* 157, *p.* 225.]

May 17. Radnor. County Committee for Radnor to the Committee for Compounding. There is a thing called the corporation of Radnor, a grievance and burden to all the Godly and well-affected in these parts, compacted of corrupt and dangerous members, most of them against Parliament, and refusing conformity to the present government. To get at the secrets of one of our agents, their servant tripped up his heels so that he was wounded in the face. If they are suffered to act as a corporation, we can have no heart to act whilst thus affronted. [*G* 168, *p.* 189.]

May 17. Thos. Appletree, County Commissioner for Oxon, to Nath. Partridge. Thanks for your free love. I hear the Committee for Compounding have done nothing about this county. I do not wish the State to suffer, and therefore will act during the time named in the Act, if Cary may be added, or if Warcup will return. Draper will soon be in London, and give an exact account from our first acting till our leaving off. No one has been trusted with the money but honest Rob. Leicester. If Cary is not added, I cannot hold on unless Draper continue. [*G* 165, *p.* 281.]

May 17? Statement by Nath. Partridge, that [Thos.] Appletree, County Commissioner for co. Oxon, wants helpers, because, as [Wm.] Draper will not act, and [Rob.] Warcup is much in London, the service is neglected. He has often been to Oxford, but for want of assistance, could do nothing, and the people were disappointed. He wishes John Cary of Dichley, to take Draper's place. [He

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is a fit person and shall have a commission.] As none of the 3 commissioners undertook the treasury, but appointed Rob. Leicester of Adderbury their agent, he begs that the accounts may pass on Leicester's oath; the commissioners can only certify on their confidence in his faithfulness. [Mr. Draper and Appletree to sign the account.]

He asks if the surveying is necessary, and if so, begs that Mr. Cary may be added soon, before the last leases expire, as uncertainty makes the tenants unwilling to improve their lands. [It is necessary, being required by the Act, and without it they cannot post and value the estates.] [*G* 165, *p.* 285.]

May 18. Order in the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Pigott appear before the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall on Friday, touching the business of Robt. Massey.

That Barrow, one of the commissioners for co. Hereford, be suspended for the present, and that in 10 days he give in an account, and deliver in his books and papers to the other commissioners, who are to certify in case of refusal. [*G* 16, *pp.* 405, 410.]

May 18. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Wilts. We hear that French, agent to the County Committee of Cambridge, was formerly your agent, and mis-behaved himself. Certify us what you know, the rather that you say you cannot make your alphabetical list as fully as you would, because you cannot find French or his book of charges. [*G* 16, *p.* 409.]

May 18. **44.** County Committee of Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. On further perusal of the records of the late committee, we find the under-written were sequestered, but no discharges appear by order of Parliament or Committee for Compounding. We have therefore summoned them to appear before you, and produce their discharges, viz.:—

Wm. Smith, for the estate sequestered for delinquency of Sir John Hewitt.
Fras. Boteler, for an annuity from Sir Wm. Boteler.
Tenants of Sir Hen. Cason.
Thos. Foster, of Elvestow.
Sir Peter Osborne.
Tenants of Fras. Hewitt, of Ampthill.
Tenants of Lady Ferrace's estate, Studham.
Tenants of Lord Capel's estate. [1 *page.*]

May 18. Kinnerton. **45.** County Committee for Radnor to the Committee for Compounding. As we have not received the instructions and Acts mentioned in yours of 18 March, we could not proceed. We are calling on the old delinquents to produce their discharges, and find that some have paid, while others appeal to the Act of General Pardon; none shall partake of the benefit thereof but those whom it may concern. [½ *page.*]

May 19. Committee for Compounding to [Capt. And.] Yarranton. You are to appear personally before us on special business concerning the State. [*G* 16, *p.* 416.]

May 19. Hereford. County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. Wm. Hill's tenants complain of the 3 Wottons disturbing them, but the act is ours. Finding this and other estates let at ½ or ¼ their value, we have according to our oaths voided the leases, and find none obstinate but Hill. We let the tithes and glebes of Marden, part of Coningsby's estate, to these Wottons for 190*l.*, nearly as much as the 220*l.* which Hill gives for the whole; of the rest we shall make 300*l.* this year, and 200*l.* of the high rents, if we are not disturbed. Hill cannot have made less than 500*l.*, which had better have been paid into your treasury than spent in bribing others to maintain his bargain. Should you alter what we have done in this leasing case, the State will lose 1,000*l.* a year. [*G* 157, *p.* 229.]

May 20. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Hereford. We send you Hill's reply, denying your charge, and require your answer. If you further affirm the charge, we must consider what to do with him for his contempt. In Moore's case, we want proof that the late committee went beyond their instructions. We suspend Barrow for the present. [*G* 30, *p.* 175.]

Annexing,

1. *Answer of Wm. Hill, denying or explaining the charges of the county committee.* 19 *May.* [*G* 157, *p.* 227.]

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May 20. Request by the County Committee for Middlesex to the Committee for Compounding, for an order for Baron Tomlins to continue to keep courts in Hendon Manor, as steward, he having been forbidden by the trustees for sale of delinquents' lands so to do without order. [*G* 101, *p.* 633.]

May 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding thereon, that Tomlins be empowered to keep courts in Hendon Manor. [*G* 16, *p.* 425.]

May 20. **46.** Queries by the County Committee for Lancashire for solution by the Committee for Compounding.

1. When a 7 years' lease is made, and the farmer has spent much money on the land, and then the delinquent compounds, may he out the farmer, or is the farmer to possess the estate during the lease, paying the rent to the compounder?

2. When a tenant renews a lease from a landlord whose delinquency has been discovered since the Act of Oblivion, shall the tenement be sequestered, or is it discharged?

3. Are concealments discharged by the said Act, or may concealed estates lately discovered be secured, and then sequestered?

4. Where the delinquent procures the benefit of the Act, is the estate to be discharged before he has subscribed the engagement?

5. When a Papist comes to take the oath of abjuration before the county committee, can they dispose of any part of his estate?

6. Can they secure any man's estate for refusing to abjure Popery? [1⅔ *pages.*]

May 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancaster. We answer your queries thus:—

1. The letters of suspension which the delinquents produce on payment of the first ½ of their fines answer this.

2. The Act itself resolves that the estates should be discharged.

3. In concealments, those estates only under examination are to be freed by the Act. Those on which a judgment has passed are still to be sequestered.

4. The delinquent has a time limited by the Act of Pardon, therefore a discharge cannot be denied on that account.

5. You cannot release any Papist's estate, even though he take the oath, till further orders, Parliament not having decided what they will accept as conformity.

6. If persons refuse the oath of abjuration, sequester ⅔ of their estates.

We send commissions for John Case and James Hardman to be agents, the former having mis-carried. [*G* 30, *p.* 214.]

May 20. Committee for Compounding to Peter Ambrose, late agent for Lancashire. You make your imprisonment an excuse for non-delivery of your accounts—a weak pretence, since you have been most gently used. But if they do not come within a month, we shall send for you by a serjeant-at-arms, and represent your refractoriness to Parliament. Your conduct is a scandal to your professions of conscience and religion. [*G* 30, *p.* 215.]

May 20. Committee for Compounding to Sir Beauchamp St. John. We understand that, as guardian to the two daughters of the late Lord St. John, you have received rents from an estate mortgaged to George Benion and sequestered for his delinquency. You are to show cause before us next Thursday why we should not require restitution of those rents. [*G* 30, *p.* 216.]

May 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Gloucester. We have received your several surveys and contracts, which we confirm so far as let according to the Act and instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 155.]

May 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Somerset. Examine an affidavit sent about timber on an estate held by Mr. Flower, and certify the proofs; meanwhile forbear felling or disposing of it, as we have no proofs beyond a single information. [*G* 30, *p.* 394.]

May 20. **47.** County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. Notes
Reading. of cases. [⅔ *page.*]

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May 21. Committee for Compounding to Aug. Garland. We renew our request for a speedy answer to our letter of 12 Feb. last, about the books of the late Dean and Chapter of Winchester, said to be purchased by you. [*G* 16, *p.* 435.]

May 21. Statement by Auditor Sherwin that the Committee for Sussex, on entering into office in Jan. 1650, found the estates granted by the late county committee for a year to end Midhaelmas 1650, the tenants to be allowed for charges thereon. Some of these charges are for annuities and rents, which the Committee for Compounding are directed to examine, and some for repairs, but the former he cannot allow on their accounts, the agreements with the late county committee being no rule to him.

With note 25 May that the Committee for Compounding cannot allow of the payment of the said arrears. [*G* 116, *p.* 981.]

May 21. Worcester House. Committee for Middlesex and Westminster to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 21 Jan., we send a list of the debtors for delinquents' goods. [*G* 113, *p.* 679.] *Enclosing,*

1. *List of persons who owe for goods to the late Committee for Westminster.*

Debtors.	Delinquents.	Sums. £	*s.*	*d.*
[*Rich.*] *Rose*	*Several* - - - -	37	0	0
Earl of Denbigh	*Duke of Buckingham* - -	104	10	0
Earl of Kent	*Lord Savile* - - - -	3000	0	0
Hen. Darley	,, - - - -	251	8	0
Rich. Jennings	*Hen. Brett* - - - -	105	3	11
Dr. Wyncopp	*Dr. Bray* - - - -	11	17	0
Charles Pymm	*Earl of Derby* - - -	54	10	0
[*Ant.*] *Nicholls*	*Sir Lewis Dives* - - -	81	4	0
Lord Wenman	*Sir Thos. Aylesbury* - -	77	2	0
— *Masterson*	*Dr. Dukeson* - - -	10	3	6
Sir John Hippesley	*Several* - - - -	58	0	0

With note that Mrs. Jennings will move for a long time to pay in her money. 2 *Jan.* 1652. [*G* 113, *pp.* 665, 677.]

May 21. **48.** Queries by Capt. Thos. Garrett, for the County Committee of Norfolk, as to whether to discharge the estates of Sir Ralph Skipwith, sequestered Jan. 1651, Nich. Battelie of Norwich, and John Ayde of Brooke, sequestered for the insurrection in Norfolk. Notes of cases. I want an order for fetching all court rolls and books belonging to the State out of the hands of former stewards.

With notes of reply, 2 June, that the sequestrations are not to be discharged without orders produced from the Committee for Compounding. The stewards are to deliver up all books and court rolls, &c., to the county committee, and in case of refusal, their names and addresses to be certified, that they may be proceeded against for contempt. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 294.]

May 25. Treason Trustees to the Committee for Compounding. Mr. Fowle having a particular of the time of the conviction and seizure of Popish delinquents, we desire you to order him to send us a transcript as far as relates to persons in the late Act for Sale, the better to enable us to preserve the State's interest against claims that may be made thereon. [*G* 125, *p.* 75.]

May 25. Order by the Committee for Compounding, on request of the trustees at Drury House for sale of lands forfeit for treason, that Solicitor Fowle make a transcript of the time of conviction and seizure of all Popish delinquents named in the late Act for Sale.

Order on a paper delivered in by Aud. Sherwin—about allowances craved by several county commissioners who entered on employment in 1649, and found that the former commissioners had allowed charges, annuities, &c., upon estates, to Michaelmas 1650, though not allowed by the present Committee for Compounding—that such deductions cannot be allowed in their accounts. [*G* 16, *pp.* 450, 451.]

May 25. Committee for Compounding to the Council of State. Your commands of the 14th inst., with the papers relating to Geo. Price, we have perused. The charge against [George] Hackett, a merchant lately living in Danzig, is too general;

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besides, being attested by men living there, it is too weak, unless the attestors are examined. Our powers do not extend to foreign parts. If we are to proceed on those papers, be pleased so to represent it to Parliament that we may give commission to some English merchants to examine in this and the like cases. [*G* 16, *p.* 440.]

May 25. Committee for Compounding to [Wm.] Collins, Commissioner for co. Worcester. We request you, as we have Capt. Yarranton, to appear personally before us about special business. [*G* 16, *p.* 440.]

May 25. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Hereford. We thank you for looking to the interest of the State, and order you to void all leases made by the late commissioners contrary to instructions. [*G* 16, *p.* 442.]

May 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the auditor do not allow any orders for augmentations without their special approbation; the registrar to draw up orders according to the form given. [*G* 13, *p.* 46.]

May 26. Petition of Richard Goddard, Reading, Berks, to the Committee for Compounding. Treated with the late county committee for a 7 years' lease of Burfield Court, *alias* Goddard's Farm, but the lease was stayed for a survey, on a mistaken supposition of under-valuation. A lease was then drawn according to agreement, but before it was signed, the late county committee were questioned and refused to act; the present committee have posted it, but before it was let, the sequestration was taken off, yet they distrain him for the rent, though he never had possession and has lost 100*l.* Begs a lease on good security, or freedom from trouble. [*G* 88, *p.* 355.]

May 26. Order thereon that the County Committee for Berks certify what they know in the case. [*G* 16, *p.* 459.]

May 26 ? Petition of George Redshaw to the Committee for Compounding. Being appointed agent for the County Committee of Northumberland, acted from 1 Feb. 1650 to 18 May last 1652, when John Pye produced a commission to act in his place. Is injured in credit by being turned out. Always endeavoured the State's interest, and was at great charges in maintaining 3 horses and men, and in executing his office, by reason of the continual incursions of the Scots, and the stubbornness of the people in collecting rents and bringing in composition money, and has only had 4*s.* a day paid to 11 Nov. 1651. Begs allowance for charges, payment since 11 Nov. 1651, and re-instatement in his office. [*G* 138, *pp.* 421, 425.]

May 26. Petition of George Redshaw, agent to the County Committee for Northumberland, to the Committee for Compounding, to give an order for Ant. Woodman, whom he has been obliged to employ with 3 more since 1 Feb. 1650, to act as agent with allowance. The county is large, and the danger great by reason of the Scots, Capt. Richardson and other moss-troopers, and for the most part he had no forces at command, they being on duty or denied to him. [*G* 138, *p.* 429.]

May 26. Order in the Committee for Compounding that the county committee certify what the revenue of the county is before another agent be allowed. [*G* 16, *p.* 464.] *Annexing,*

1. *Reply of the county committee that the revenue of the county for* 2 *years ending* 11 *Nov.* 1651, *was* 17,215*l.* 2*s.* 2½*d.*, *except disbursements in salaries, taxes, fifths, &c., and that Redshaw did his duty as agent, and had the assistance named.* 18 *June* 1652. [*G* 138, *p.* 419.]

May 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on motion on behalf of Mr. Goddard, treasurer for sequestrations in co. Wilts, that he perfect his accounts in a month and send them up, and that the county commissioners forbear to trouble him meanwhile, but have a copy of the accounts, to surcharge them if they can. [*G* 16, *p.* 467.]

May 27. Order in the Committee for Removing Obstructions, that—as Thos. Fisher relinquishes any interest in Burfield Farm before 25 March 1647,—the Committee for Compounding have notice, that they may call Edw. Blagrave to account for the rents between 1642 and 1647.

Also order on like relinquishment by Fisher, that they call John Gravett to account for the rents of Hartley Court, held by Mr. Palmer, for lands in Carshalton, Surrey, and David Williams for lands in cos. Montgomery,

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Denbigh, and Flint; and John James for lands in Aston, co. Montgomery, held by Sir Edw. Herbert.

Fisher to be allowed 60*l.* for Parliament taxes on Blagrave's estate, and 61*l.* 19*s.* 5*d.* on Sir Edw. Herbert's. Also to have interest on the principal debts unpaid, and 2,694*l.* 7*s.* 5¾*d.*, balance of his account, to be allowed him. [*G* 85, *pp.* 967–969.]

May ? **49.** Certificate that Sir Edw. Herbert of Carshalton was returned a delinquent by the late Surrey Committee, and stood sequestered 1 Dec. 1651, according to an order of the Committee for Compounding of 19 March 1652. Also that he was discharged by the Westminster Committee. [1 *page.*]

May 28. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Leicester. We confirm your contract with [John] Lawe for the tithes of Wigston, and with Rich. Davenport for the parsonage and glebe lands, so far as made according to the Act and instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 225.]

May 28. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to Hen. Horsley and John Ogle, County Commissioners for Northumberland. We wish that you two only would certify to us why you and the rest of the committee have given in no account of the money remaining in the hands of the former committee or their agents or tenants; also whether William Shaftoe and Hen. Ogle, who are in commission with you, are in arrears to the State, and so cause you delay. Also how much the yearly revenue of the county amounts to. [*G* 138, *p.* 433.]

May 29. Hereford. **50.** County Committee of Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We hope, in the midst of much opposition, to give you a good account of our work. Mrs. Wigmore of Lucton, whose estate is worth 300*l.* a year, produces an order from you for her thirds, and wants confirmation of her old lease at 76*l.* a year, or allowance of an extent in trust to Ald. Allen, which we think fraudulent, and procured since the Act. Her husband was in the 2 first wars, and in this last at Worcester, and is such an implacable enemy that we think he has violated the order for the thirds. [If he was in the last war, the order for the ⅓ and for his composition are void.]

The Smith who owes Sir Rob. Whitney 1,500*l.* is Wm. Smith, since dead, leaving Barth. Smith of Hampshire his executor. Whitney pretends part of the debt is paid. Smith also lent 200*l.* to John Wigmore, sen. [Whitney to pay in ⅔ of the debt if he gave a bond to the former committee. Wigmore to be examined on oath.]

The notes in brackets are the reply, sent 18 June. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 176.]

May 29. Exeter. **51.** Committee for co. Devon to the Committee for Compounding. We have received 80*l.* 8*s.* 6½*d.* from the estates of the Marquis of Winchester and Earl of Worcester, and have let some of the former, not surveyed or sold by the trustees, at 88*l.* a year, the full value. Our agents will levy arrears till our next meeting, 10 June. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

51. I. *Note of receipts from estates of Papists and delinquents since* 26 *May last.* [½ *page.*]

June 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on resuming the debate between the Commissioners of Lancashire and Mr. Massey—Mr. Pigott refusing to act with Mr. Massey, and the former commissioners having written to say they would rather beg their bread than act with him—that the present commissioners be laid aside, but that they continue to act till further order. [*G* 100, *p.* 347.]

Order on information that Peter Ambrose, late sequestration agent for Lancashire, has received large sums for which he refuses to account, that he perfect his account in a week, and that the commissioners levy what he owes on his estate. [*G* 37, *p.* 12.]

June 1. Dorchester. **52.** County Committee for Dorsetshire to the Committee for Compounding. We send you surveys of several sequestered estates, and our contracts, which we desire may be confirmed. Noted, contracts delivered to the auditor. [½ *page.*]

June 1. **53.** Queries of the said county committee, with notes for reply in particular cases. Also

We request power, if we have it not, to pay ⅕ to those on whose discoveries estates have been seized, the delinquents having confessed; divers sums

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have been received therefrom, and the discoverers are urgent for the ⅓. [To be allowed, on certificate that the discoveries were entered before Aug. 1650.] We have acknowledged in our accounts receipts of moneys only received by bond; is there any other nearer way for recovery of State money than putting the bond in suit? [If it is due on a sequestered estate, and the bond taken before Dec. 1651, on your certifying particulars, we will enable you to distrain.]

We are authorized to survey and post, and let for 7 years estates above 20*l.* a year, but no instruction is given for those of lesser value. [They may be let for 7 years at the best value.] Some of those to whom rectories are let refuse to pay tithes; what course is to be taken, as there can be no distress, some pretending a title by their tenure? [Apply to the next justices of peace, and they will give treble damages.] [1 *sheet; also G* 30, *p.* 47.]

June 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, granting the County Committee of Shropshire till next term to make up their accounts, Colonel Crowne, one of the county committee, having been lately sick and now on his recovery, Mosely and three of the committee being in Scotland on the public business, and King the only member left. [*G* 16, *p.* 489.]

June 2. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Northampton. We confirm your lease of Lady Frances Tresham's estate, so far as you have, in the letting thereof, pursued the Act of Parliament and your instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 281.]

June 2. Committee for Compounding to Denis Bond, M.P. Mr. Weare, one of our Commissioners for co. Dorset, is dead, and another is sickly, so that most of the work lies on the third; Thos. Savage is named as a fit person. Will you tell us what you know of him, and if you think him unfit, name some other person? [*G* 16, *p.* 483.]

June 3. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that every Thursday afternoon they will hear 3 remaining reports, the parties concerned to attend; in case of their default, the registrar to write to the county commissioners to proceed as if the case were not depending before this committee. This resolve was the same day fixed on the door. [*G* 13, *p.* 46.]

June 3. Committee for Compounding to the Drury House Trustees. We hear you have surveyed and intend to sell the timber on Sir John Byron's estate, co. Notts. We beg that those to whom we sold some by our order to the county committee of 2 July 1650 may enjoy it, and that no disposal thereof may be made. [*G* 16, *p.* 499.]

June 3. **54.** George Redshaw to the Committee for Compounding. I hope my wrong is not your law. Lady Forster says it is Col. Fenwick. I seized 1,000*l.* left her in 1645 by Sir Thos. Swinborne, but it was seized before by Sir Wm. Armyne, and inventoried. She gave me an engagement to discharge this for the State, and also a charge against herself for delinquency. She told me a year ago she would get Col. Fenwick to disgrace me, but I desire you will not do it without a charge proved. Pray give pay to my assistant, for we collected 17,000*l.*, beside 5,000*l.* composition money, paid in at no little charge. The rents came to 17,000*l.* beside deductions, and are now let at over 10,000*l.* a year. Noted, "Needs no answer." [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

54. 1. *G. Redshaw to Col. George Fenwick. I find it is through you I am turned out of employment. You will please to make it good at Haberdashers' Hall. My reason for proceeding against Lady Forster is that I knew Sir Thos. Swinborne was a delinquent, his goods sequestered, and he fled and protected by Lady Forster, so his goods in her possession were sequestrable. She lent* 400*l., and sent horse and arms to the enemy, harboured delinquents, and sent them away disguised; so if I be displaced, it is for doing my duty. Newcastle,* 3 *June* 1652. [¾ *page.*]

June 4. Salop. County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We have surveyed and posted the unlet estates, but the offers for many were not as high as last year, because cattle and grain are cheap. The hot season has burnt the pastures, and the corn is much blasted. Are we to contract at the highest rates we can get? We have set Lord Craven's tithes at their full value.

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Sir Hen. F. Thynne's estate of 700*l.* is taken out of our hands, as he has to pay his rent into Goldsmiths' Hall; also that of Thos. Brooks of Madeley, worth 750*l.*, by your late order to us to pay the rent and arrears to Mr. Ashe. The remaining revenue will hardly pay the minister's augmentations settled out of Lord Craven' estate, and the officers' fees; therefore expect no returns from us. [*G* 166, *pp.* 173–4.]

June 4. Salop. County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We want your order about restoration of the writings of Sir George Devereux of Warwickshire, which he requests, having never been found a delinquent.

The removal of a cart-load of writings when Shrewsbury was taken, the hire of a room to keep them in here, and the inventorying of them, has put us to great charge. Will you allow it on our accounts, or must the delinquents pay in proportion, as they fetch them away by order?

With note of reply, that when the parties apply to this committee, further order will be given. Meantime the county commissioners must keep the writings. [*G* 166, *p.* 13.]

June 5. Kendal. **55.** County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We send copies of the court rolls kept here by your orders. Sir Fras. Howard's tenants submitted to an 8 years' fine, and have paid their money, which we keep in deposit till we know your pleasure. The tenants of Betham Manor, late the Earl of Derby's, refuse a general fine of 6 years, and 8 years rent for a particular fine, and we need directions. The tenants of Sir Phil. Musgrave and Mr. Blenkinsop have not submitted to their fines, which are arbitrary. If you set a rule for them, a competent sum might be raised. The Thornthwaite tenants have submitted. The lands of John Leyburne, in Skelsmergh and Esthwaite, though posted, lie waste on our hands. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

55. 1. *Detailed accounts of courts leet and baron held in Westmoreland from June* 1650 *to Dec.* 1651, *giving the names of the tenants and of the jury, and, in some cases, the rental. The courts were held at Brough and Thornthwaite; at Hartley and Kirby Stephen, Crosby Garrett, and Musgrave Great and Little, belonging to Sir Phil. Musgrave, Bart.; at Betham, late the Earl of Derby's; at Holme and Preston Patrick, late Sir John Preston's; and at Thornthwaite, Sir Fras. Howard's.* [23 *sheets,* 20 *written and* 3 *blank.*]

June 7. **56.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. Though we have often ordered and importuned our agent, George Charleton, to levy the arrears due by 25 March, and told him of your order to withdraw his salary in case of neglect, he has failed us, and has not appeared to-day, when we came on purpose to receive an account of his proceedings. We are therefore obliged to employ others to levy the money, and beg you will order him to give in a speedy account to yourselves or us.

With note of a letter to Charleton accordingly, 8 July, and to the commissioners, ordering that he is to have no salary while he neglects his duty. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 113.]

June 8. Cambridge. **57.** County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. As to your inquiry about our agent, Mr. French, we think him just, careful, and understanding in his office. The information must proceed from ignorance or malice. We have no cause to complain of him, and think him deserving far better encouragement than this place affords him.

With note of reply, 8 July, that if any offer a complaint hereafter, they will be required to sign it; meantime, the Committee for Compounding are satisfied with the character given. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 79.]

June 8? County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. Queries on particular cases; a commissioner of sequestration having received delinquents' rents refuses to give them up; how is the treasurer to get the moneys out of his hands? [*G* 147, *p.* 289.]

June 10. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. York. You are to pay to order of Sir John Wollaston and the late treasurers-at-war 6,000*l.* of sequestration money in your hands. [*G* 16, *p.* 521.]

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June 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Lathom, one of the Commissioners for co. Worcester, be suspended till further order. [*G* 16, *p.* 531.]

June 12. Leicester. **58.** County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 28 May, we let Wigston tithes to John Lawe for 6 years at 167*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* and the glebe lands to Rich. Davenport at 33*l.* We have lately received an order from the Committee for Plundered Ministers to pay 50*l.* to Zachary Borough, minister of Wigston; and the inhabitants, being 160 families, beg us to represent that he is well-affected, has 10 children, and only 10*l.* a year beside their charity.

With note of reply, 8 July, that the Committee for Compounding would have gladly granted the allowance to the minister, but it is not in their power, the estate not being seized for delinquency of Sir James Stonehouse, but for a levy on the rents till a debt of 3,000*l.* due to Sir John Byron, a delinquent, is paid; they will note the poverty of the place, and order the registrar to remind them of it, when it is in their power to settle an augmentation. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 225.]

June 13. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for co. Devon. We cannot authorize you to let any part of the Marquis of Winchester's estate for more than a year, as Parliament has ordered it to be sold. [*G* 30, *p.* 39.]

June 13. Hereford. County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We warned Hill at Ladyday not to meddle with Coningsby's estate, and told him we had taken a particular survey, and should post it, and he might bid as well as others, but it could not be let to him by treaty. On your order we have posted up the chief estates of this county, and expect to increase them above ½. [*G* 157, *p.* 295.] *Enclosing,*

I. *Depositions to prove the charges against Wm. Hill,* 10 *June* 1652. *With note,* 15 *July, for him to appear and answer, or he would be sent for by the serjeant-at-arms.* [*G* 157, *p.* 291–293; 17, *p.* 15.]

II. *Deposition by Edw. Freeman of Gray's Inn, that Hill paid several sums, but how much he knows not, to the servitors of Coningsby's Hospital, near Hereford; that the* 200*l. a year was duly paid for their maintenance till the beginning of these wars, and that there is no place vacant.* [*G* 77, *p.* 99.]

June 15. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on a Parliament order of 5 May 1649, that Aud. Sherwin receive that order in discharge for that part of the account of the Commissioners of co. Dorset which relates to the estate [of Joan Fitz-James] therein named. [*G* 16, *p.* 540.]

Order appointing Col. John Gorges, Nehemiah Collins, Sam. Whetcomb, and Nath. Quash, Commissioners for Sequestrations, co. Somerset. [*G* 12, *p.* 458.]

June 15. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Monmouth. We cannot give any orders about John Morgan, recusant, who has lately taken the oath of abjuration in order to his discharge, Parliament not having yet declared what they will accept as conformity. [*G* 30, *p.* 271.]

June 15. Reading. **59.** County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. You confirm our contracts about the estates of Lords Vaux and Craven so far as we pursued your instructions. But conditional confirmations do not satisfy the tenants, who refuse leases on improved rents without absolute confirmation, as the manuring those great farms requires large stock and charge. We therefore certify that we surveyed the estates, had them posted up, and accepted the highest bid. If anything is omitted let us know; if not, please to confirm the contracts.

With note of reply, 8 July, confirming the leases, the commissioners having surveyed and valued them, and posted them 14 days before letting. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 15.]

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June 16. Petition of John Coles, for the inhabitants of Duston, co. Northampton, to the Committee for Compounding, for an order to the county commissioners to allow for reasonable repairs of the town mill, which was formerly repaired at the expense of the lord of the manor, but is now sequestered for delinquency of Thos. Cooke, the former lord. [*G* 81, *p.* 546.]

June 16. Order thereon that the county committee may allow for needful repairs, keeping within compass of the rent, provided the mill be sequestered as stated. [*G* 16, *p.* 553.]

Order that Mr. Pigott, one of the sequestration commissioners for co. Lancaster, be suspended for opposing several orders sent to the commissioners there. [*G* 37, *p.* 17; 112, *p.* 243]

Order that the county commissioners be authorized to examine any issues or out-rents of estates not exceeding 40*s.* a year, giving notice thereof to the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 16, *p.* 559; 37, *p.* 17.]

June 16. Queries by Auditor Sherwin upon numerous points in the 2 years' accounts of the Committee for Sequestrations for co. Dorset. [*G* 64, *pp.* 753, 754.]

June 16. New Radnor. John Yardley and John Dauntsey, county commissioners, to the Committee for Compounding. We are doing our uttermost, but are still in the dark till we receive instructions, those we have being out of date since Jan. last. Pray send others speedily. You spoke of sending them, but they were not enclosed. [*G* 167, *p.* 651.]

June 17. **60.** Account by the County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding, of their contracts for sequestered estates, viz.:—

	Rent. £	s.	d.
WEST RIDING.			
Thos. Tankard, Gwendale, Branton, Mealby, &c.	770	0	0
Sir George Ratcliffe, Fairburn	140	0	0
,, ,, Cowton	350	0	0
EAST RIDING.			
George Metham, Metham	730	0	0
Hen. Cockerill, Staxby	30	0	0
,, ,,	25	0	0
Thos. Cockerill, Littlebeck, ⅔	2	2	0
Dr. John Danby, Borrowby, ⅔	5	6	8
Earl of Derby, Thirsk	168	0	0
James Harwood, Sandhutton	66	0	0
Thos. Beckwith, Cold Ingleby	200	0	0
Ralph Pudsey, Stapleton	112	0	0
John Catterick, sen., Newsham, ⅔	1	11	2
John Catterick, jun., Gayles, ⅔	1	0	0
Lord Falconbridge, Thornton-on-the-Hill, ⅔	246	13	4
,, ,, Coxwold, ⅔	293	0	0
,, ,, Sigston, ⅔	120	0	0
,, ,, Easingwold, ⅔	13	6	0
,, ,, Lund	16	13	4
Sir Marm. Langdale, North Dalton	95	0	0
Sydney Constable, Wikeham and Brunton	25	0	0
Phil. Constable, Acklam	7	10	0
WEST RIDING.			
Earl of Derby, Kirby Mallard	250	0	0
Sir Thos. Gascoigne, Barwick-in-Elmet, &c. ⅔	740	0	0

With notes of the clear yearly value of the estates, generally below the rental; of the rent-charges, &c., allowed upon them, and of provision for payment of ⅕. Confirmed 24 June. [*Book of 6 written and 2 blank pages; also G* 30, *p.* 489.]

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June 17? **61.** Queries by the County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. In case of distraint for a fee-farm rent, is replevin or re-sequestration to be employed? or if the tenant pay on the distraint, what course is to be taken against him or the distrainer?
With note of reply, 24 June. No distraints are to be allowed till approved by us; they ought to produce their contracts, and a constat from the auditor to us, before they distrain for any rents or arrears; if you cannot prevent their distraining before they have so done, you are to replevin. [½ *page; also* *G* 30, *p.* 489.]

June 18. **62.** Order in Parliament that 10,000*l.* be charged upon the remainder of the 50,000*l.* to be raised by way of doubling on the lands and estates forfeited for treason, and be issued as the Council of State shall direct, for carrying on the survey of such lands. [½ *page.*]

June 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Rob. Cunliffe, George Pigott, and Robt. Massey be Commissioners for co. Lancaster. [*G* 12, *p.* 455.]

June 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for co. Devon. Your complaint against Capt. Mugford should be attended to, but the business rather belongs to the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, as we have no power to relieve the parties oppressed. [*G* 30, *p.* 40.]

June 18. London. Request by Wm. Draper that John Cary of Dichley, Major Thos. Butler, Elisha Coles, or Robt. Leicester, may be employed instead of himself, as Sequestration Commissioner for co. Oxford. [*G* 81, *p.* 674.]

June 18. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Westmoreland. We confirm the estates passed to tenants by court rolls, as named in yours of 5 June, if according to instructions. Tenants obstinately refusing to pay must be put out, according to the custom of the manor. We leave it to you to proportion the fines due to landlords in such cases as Sir Phil. Musgrave's estate, where the fines are arbitrary. You are to let John Leyburne's estate to the best advantage, and not suffer it to lie waste. [*G* 30, *p.* 462.]

June 21. Sarum. **63.** County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. We have received the books and papers of the late county committee, but no duplicates are taken of them; they are large, and will take time, but we have written to the late county committee and their clerk to do it, and will then send them. Mr. Strange, who had the books of the North part, lodged at a saddler's within 2 or 3 doors of Charing Cross tavern, Strand.
With note of reply, 8 July. You are to levy the fine directed by our former letter on those who delay their returns. With summons to Strange to appear before the Committee for Compounding. [⅔ *page; also* *G* 30, *p.* 465 (2).]

June 22. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Removing Obstructions. The tenants of Bromham, county Bedford, parcel of the possessions of Sir Lewis Dives, and lately purchased by Sir John Strangways of the trustees for sale, being ordered to appear before the Committee for Removing Obstructions, to produce their leases and show cause why they keep Sir John out of possession, Henry King will attend and produce the leases granted them before the sale. Beg that he and the rest may be continued tenants to Sir John, and that turning tenants and paying rents to him, they may be freed from further molestation. [*G* 16, *p.* 570.]

June 22. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Somerset. We hear that, notwithstanding our order of 20 May, you still fell timber on Lord Craven's estate in possession of Mr. Flower. We require you to perform our directions, and what sales you have made contrary to that order are hereby made void. [*G* 30, *p.* 494.]

June 22. County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. Beg confirmation of their contracts given for 15 delinquents' estates, and directions to proceed in letting others. With note, 30 June, of confirmation. [*G* 157, *pp.* 189, 190.]

June 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cambridge. Particulars of cases. As to your return of estates formerly sequestered, say

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whether they were ever actually sequestered, and how they now stand, and whether any have been discharged, and by what order. We will then give further directions. [*G* 30, *p.* 79.]

June 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding confirming an order of 7 April last,—which was fixed on the door, but has since been taken away and not observed,—that no order will be granted in any case unless the previous proceedings are annexed to the petition, as otherwise much time is spent and delay incurred in searching for them; also ordering the registrar to put aside all motions and petitions whereon the last order is not produced. This resolve to be posted up, and the parties concerned to take notice. [*G* 13, *p.* 22.]

June 24. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cardigan. We hope you will be satisfied in the particulars you name, as soon as you dare peruse the records. [*See* 31 *July*, *p.* 600 *infra.*] Directions in cases. We cannot yet dispose of any money by bill, but hope to get the treasurers-at-war to dispose of its payment for Ireland, or otherwise in those parts. [*G* 30, *p.* 423.]

June 25. Radnor. **64.** County Committee for Radnor to the Committee for Compounding. We are surprised at not receiving any instructions, and fear they have been intercepted. Ever since our commission, we have endeavoured to discharge our duty, but we are still very much in the dark, and until we receive your instructions we cannot act, as our former instructions expired in January last. We have already given you an account of what we have done, and received a reply, in which it was stated that certain instructions and Acts of Parliament were enclosed; but they were not, so we are at a stand for want of them. [1 *page.*]

June 25. Preston. **65.** County Committee for Lancaster, viz., Cunliffe and Pigott, to the Committee for Compounding. Recapitulation of several preceding letters relating to Peter Ambrose, and of the following not preserved:—

By yours of 19 July 1650, you say you cannot allow more than 2 agents in any county, and appoint John Case to act with Mr. Ambrose.

On 19 Nov. 1650, we wrote you that we should long since have sent up our accounts, but were obstructed by Ambrose, and had summoned him, but he in reply said he was on his way to London. Col. Birch said he had taken great sums of money to London, which he well knew ought to have been paid to us; therefore we know not what to think, he having lately sent off 2 sons to New England. So we wrote you to request that his accounts, if tendered, might be sent to us to examine, and that if he gave none, security might be taken for accounts and payment. His statement that we wished him to be treasurer was untrue.

On his return, he promised attention to the accounts. Still he made excuses. Then we relieved him of Wigan and Ormskirk parishes; he seemed pleased, but still continued to act, refusing to acknowledge our authority, and saying he held office from you, and he refused to act unless he had the whole employment, nor then for the stipend allowed by yours of 9 Dec. We then nominated Case to act in that division, and asked your orders for Ambrose to act as before in Derby Hundred only.

On your order of 3 June, he protested that if he might be left free, he would set to the accounts and finish them in 2 months. We consider that we are nowise chargeable with his accounts, for he never acknowledged our authority; therefore we beg leave to pass our accounts without his.

Endorsed with an order that Ambrose forthwith send up his accounts, and that meanwhile the county committee seize and sequester his estate. [4 *pages.*]

June 29. Order in Parliament, that the Committee for Compounding take effectual course for bringing in the remainder of the moneys due for compositions on the Act for North Wales, and proceed, according to the powers in that Act, to sequester the estates of those who are behind with their compositions. The Army Committee to effectually prosecute this order, if the moneys be not brought in by 1 August next. [*G* 69, *p.* 633; 172, *p.* 689.]

June 29. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Warwick. Wm. Sheldon's estate in your county is not yet sequestered, although his estate in co. Worcester is sequestered for recusancy and delinquency. You are therefore to proceed to sequester ⅔ of his estate in your county. [*G* 16, *p.* 607.]

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June 29. Mansfield. **66.** County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. The inhabitants of Eakring have sent informations against George Lawson, their minister, for wilful neglect about obeying the injunctions of Parliament to publish in his congregation the returning of thanks to God for the many victories given to the State, especially the great deliverance at Worcester. Conceiving this renders him liable to sequestration, we have seized his estate, and beg your orders.

With note of reply, 8 July 1652, that the Committee for Compounding cannot authorize the seizure, but refer them to the Committee for Plundered Ministers. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 326.] *Enclosing,*

66. I. *Informations of* 5 *inhabitants of Eakring against Mr. Lawson to the said effect,* 23 *Jan.* 1652. [3 *pages.*]

June 29. Note that Wm. Andrews offers to prove that John and Arthur Blayney, of Tregynon, co. Montgomery, and John Price of Llanvylling, a father of Papists and Popish priests, are delinquents, but excused by favour of the committee of that county. [*G* 63, *p.* 867.]

June 29. Petition of Rich. Carter and John Hayward or Howard, agents for co. Devon, to the Committee for Compounding, for orders for payment of their salaries. Received them for one year, but since 14 June 1651, the county commissioners refuse to pay them without special order. There is 80*l.* due to each, for want of which they are much in debt, and unable to perform their duties. [*G* 73, *p.* 330.]

[June 29.] Like petition, not duplicate. [*G* 73, *p.* 333.]

June 29. Order in the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Searle, one of the county commissioners, attend to-morrow, and make good the charge against the above petitioners, or show cause why they should not be paid their salaries. [*G* 16, *p.* 606.]

June 30. Order on hearing Mr. Searle, on the case of Carter and Hayward, that but one agent be allowed henceforth. That Carter pay to the county commissioners the money that he has withheld in lieu of his salary, that they then pay him according to what they think his services deserve, and that he be henceforth dismissed from employment as agent. [*G* 16, *p.* 630.]

June 30. Petition of Thos. Ashe, deputy under-sheriff of Notts, to the Committee for Compounding. Apologizes for driving away the cattle of the State's tenants, by order of the sheriff, in the manor of Kneeton, being ignorant of any sequestration on the lands. [*G* 64, *p.* 767.]

June 30. Order dismissing him from attendance about this business, the sequestration of the lands being taken off. [*G* 16, *p.* 618.]

June 30. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Hereford. We confirm your contracts returned to us 22 June, so far as let according to instructions. [*G* 16, *p.* 627.]

June 30. Gray's Inn. Auditor Barth. Beale to Mr. Leech. Send by bearer the 3 books of Mr. Rowe's accounts for coals sold at Sunderland, which the committee wanted in the business between Sir Art. Hesilrigge and Col. Lilburne. With receipt thereof by John Cragg. [*G* 68, *pp.* 553, 551.]

June 30. Sidbury. Rich. Clapp to John Serle, one of the Committee for Sequestrations for Devon, at Mr. Harper's, opposite Arundel Gate, near Clement's Church, Strand. I advised Mr. Williams to write you about the old Committee for Sequestrations of Devon. We cannot understand what they have done with the great revenue in their hands. Mr. Waldron's money is 1,300*l.* Many of the agents have foul accounts and much money in hand. Mr. Williams has made a good step. Nich. Tripe carries himself most unworthily, he will do nothing but in prejudice of his trust. He does not work for nothing. He wanted a lease for his son of part of the Marquis of Winchester's estate, which we have only power to let for 1 year, and offered to get security; but being prevented, came near us no more. He does not enter his receipts. If

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our masters knew his carriage, they would put him aside. Get an order for him to meddle no more till he has cleared his accounts.

With note in reply, 6 July, that if Mr. Serle confirms this, Tripe is to be suspended, pay over his money, and give up his accounts; and certificate by John Serle, as required. [*G* 151, *p.* 441.]

June 30. Holborn. John Berners to the Committee for Compounding. I received yours this fast day morning, and am glad to have seen the Act. It is not want of affection, but my duty in Parliament that keeps me from you; I have trusts in several places to perform, as in the Committee for Removing Obstructions, where I have the advantage of my brethren, having been so long with you in sequestrations. The limited time is October, and many will be ruined if we attend not truly. Most of my fellows dwelling in the country, and acting without a salary, we should sometimes not have been a committee had I not been there. I hope to wait on you to-morrow at Haberdashers' Hall, or at the Flying Horse, though unresolved to take the oath. [*G* 67, *p.* 703.]

July 1. Certificate by the Committee for Compounding of many names behind, that had their money ready and attended to pay their fines, according to the late votes in Parliament, but 4 or 5 days after the expiration of the time, and request that leave may be given to receive them.

Also that leave be given to discharge any part of a delinquent's estate which he wishes to sell to pay his fine.

That all who have savings to compound for parts of their estates which are contested prosecute their compositions in the limited time, or be liable to the penalty for omissions.

That those who discover their own undervaluations or concealments may compound at their former rate; others are to pay $\frac{1}{3}$ instead of $\frac{1}{10}$, or $\frac{1}{2}$ instead of $\frac{1}{4}$.

Directions needed about renewing leases on old rents. Also whether the heir of a tenant for life is to pay the fine, if the tenant die before it is satisfied.

Allowances requested for incidental charges.

Queries as to the Act of Pardon, and encouragement to discoverers of delinquency committed since 30 Jan., 1649. [*G* 63, *pp.* 715–717.]

[July 1.] Shorthand notes, seemingly of the above. [*G* 63, *p.* 719.]

July 1. Petition of Walter Knight of Reading to the Committee for Compounding, for an order to the county commissioners to pay him the usual allowance for stewards, having in $1\frac{1}{2}$ years kept 26 courts on sequestered estates, by which large sums have been raised and paid in, and received no salary. [*G* 98, *p.* 695.] *Annexing*,

1. *Certificate of Thos. Bateman and Edw. Penning, that he has kept* 15 *courts in the county.* 13 *Nov.* 1651. [*G* 98, *p.* 701.]

July 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the county committee certify what moneys have been raised by him as steward, and how many courts kept, when they will consider the matter. [*G* 16, *p.* 633; 98, *p.* 697.]

Order that, as David Massey, who has a chamber at Tarthall near St. James's, and was an ancient servant to Lady Stafford, a recusant, positively refuses to take the oath of abjuration, the Commissioners of Middlesex enquire into his estate, and seize $\frac{2}{3}$ if he have any. [*G* 16, *p.* 640.]

[July 1.] List of Commissioners for North Wales to whom letters are to be directed, with the addresses. [*G* 106, *p.* 919.]

July 1. List of commissioners in the several counties of North Wales who are to gather in what is due on the general composition. [*G* 106, *p.* 921.]

July 1. Knutsford. **67.** County Committee for Chester to the Committee for Compounding. You speak of our wishing to quit the service on some offence about your orders as to duplicates. We remember no such thing. We have given in our accounts fully, and think the letter is a mistake, as you speak of Sir Hen. Thynne, and we have no such name in our county. [It is a mistake, and should be sent to co. Salop.] A former letter sent us we found was intended for Lancashire, and we sent it thither. As to other particulars named, we have written you in detail. [1 *page; see also G* 30, *p.* 95.]

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July 2. **68.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Aug. Garland, M.P., be requested to present to the House certain special cases, excepted from the Act of Pardon as being actually sequestered, 1 Dec. 1651, and also the following queries.

Is the exception in the Act of Pardon of all lands sequestered before 1 Dec. 1651, all fines on compositions, and all lands, goods, debts, &c., for which savings were made on composition to include—

1. Lands, goods, &c., sequestered, but on composition, or the sequestration suspended on 1 Dec. 1651.

2. Lands sequestered, but by permission or negligence, fallen into the hands of others, who received the rents without interruption till after 1 Dec. 1651.

3. Lands of a delinquent, part of whose estates are sequestered before 1 Dec., but the rest in other counties not discovered or sequestered.

4. Estates seized and secured, but through casualty or negligence, not actually sequestered before 1 Dec. [1 *page; also G* 16, *p.* 643; 17, *p.* 389.]

Order of the Committee for Compounding—on motion of the Gurney House Trustees for allowance of a rent of 10 qrs. of wheat, payable to the late Dean and Chapter of Chichester, out of a sequestered estate of which John Smith is tenant, for which their receiver, Mr. Woodman, distrained 9 cows from him, —that Reading state the title under which the said trustees claim, and report, and that meanwhile the cows be restored, according to the order of 19 June. [*G* 14, *p.* 186.]

Order that Rob. Cunliffe, Geo. Pigott, Edw. Aspinwall, and Rob. Massey be Commissioners for co. Lancaster. [*G* 12, *p.* 458.]

July 2. Committee for Compounding to Edw. Aspinwall. On appointing Cunliffe, Pigott, and Massey commissioners, we left you out, hearing you were refractory, and would not act with Massey; but finding you willing to do so, and having no special matter against you, we send you your commission, and hope you will act with cheerfulness, for the interest of the State. [*G* 16, *p.* 647.]

July 2. **69.** Wm. Masham to John Leech. Certify me whether the parties here enclosed were not sequestered and fined for having a hand in the Essex insurrection, and paid in their fines to Goldsmiths' Hall, and send word what those fines are. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

69. I. *Note of the names alluded to.* [*Scrap.*]

69. II. *Note* [*by Leech in reply*] *of fines set on John Searle of Epping,* 200*l.*, *Sir Dennor Strutt of Little Worley,* 1,350*l.*, *John Lynn of Horksley,* 330*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, *and Dame Anne Perris of Writtle,* 1,642*l.* 3*s. for assisting in the Essex insurrection.* [1 *page.*]

July 2. Westminster. Sir John Trevor to the Committtee for Compounding. Each county in North Wales has a several fine. Anglesey is most in arrear, on account of the unequal rating, the rich men sparing themselves and laying the burden on the middling and poorer, who refuse to pay, and the Commissioners cannot compel them. In other counties the arrears are chiefly collected, and in the hands of gentlemen and collectors, whose names have been returned to the Army Committee. Names of the principal commissioners, 3 of whom are in town and could give information. [*G* 164, *p.* 567.]

July 3. Kingston. **70.** County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. We refused to discharge the estates of John and Thos. Turner without your order. Is a sequestration laid on by us without your particular order valid, or are such to be discharged on the Act of Pardon?

Notes of cases. May we not question all discharges not appearing duly made, the Act of Pardon notwithstanding? Our agent has been threatened for summoning some of them.

With note of reply, 8 July, that delinquents claiming benefit by the Act of Pardon should produce their discharges, to show whether they are authentic. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 442.]

July 3. **71.** Peter Ambrose to the Committee for Compounding. In Dec. 1650, you demanded of me the last 8 years' accounts. I told you it could not be done without John Case, who had most of the papers. He now promises them by Michaelmas term, if this will suffice. The county commissioners collected for the year 1650, excepting the arrears. [1½ *pages.*]

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July 5. County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. We certify that Walter Knight has kept 11 courts since 25 March last, and that thereby 250*l.* beside quit rents has been raised. [*G* 98, *p.* 699.]

July 6. Order in the Committee for Compounding that Nich. Tripe be suspended from office for neglecting his employment and delaying to clear his accounts, and that he pay to Searle and Clapp, his fellow commissioners, the money he has in hand, and send up his accounts, and that he be suspended till further order. [*G* 16, *p.* 658.]

July 6. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Devon. We enclose an order for Tripe's suspension, and desire you to receive the money he has in hand, and take his accounts; and if he refuse to deliver accounts or money, to certify us. [*G* 16, *p.* 658.]

July 6. Hereford. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases, Thos. Jenkins, of Monnington, and Thos. Souch, of Huntington, are not sequestered that we know of. Being alone here, I cannot explain further, but refer you to the bearer. [*G* 157, *p.* 306; *see also p.* 375, *contents mainly repeated*, 27 *July* 1652.]

July 7. Cambridge. Wm. Pickering and Hen. Letchworth, County Commissioners for Cambridge, to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. As to the estates of those formerly sequestered, we find in the books of the late county committee that they were never discharged, and we have the inventories, divers of them having paid nothing for their estates. The list of convicted recusants which you speak of sending to us never came. The ⅔ of all estates that we know of are in our hands. If any be discharged on taking the oath of abjuration, we shall proceed as you direct. We send you the christian and surnames, addresses, titles, and qualities of the persons named in the list you sent us. [*G* 147, *p.* 295.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Addresses, &c., of Thos. Coningsby, North Mimms, Herts; Sir Ant. Cage, Burrough Green, co. Cambridge; Sir Rob. Hatton, now beyond seas, his estate, being in the last Act for Sale, discharged from sequestration; and Thos. Nightingale, Whittlesford, who compounded for his whole estate in Essex.* [*G* 147, *p.* 297.]

July 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on request of Walter Knight for allowance for his services in keeping courts in sequestered estates, co. Berks, that the county commissioners pay him 15*l.* [*G* 16, *p.* 673.]

July 8. Committee for Compounding to Col. Freeman. Hearing that Hen. Delahay, on pretence of a deputation from you, has kept courts in the manors of Lord Abergavenny, &c., co. Hereford, granted estates and received fines and heriots of value, without acquainting the county commissioners, we direct you to order him to appear before the said commissioners in 10 days, give an account of the premises, and pay in his receipts. [*G* 16, *p.* 668.]

July 8. Committee for Compounding to several county committees. An exact and speedy account of the revenues formerly vested in the Trustees for the service of Ireland being expected of us, fail not to certify us by the end of this month at what rents the estates of the persons hereunder named in your county have been let, from Michaelmas 1649 to Michaelmas 1652, what moneys received to Ladyday, &c. The occasions of the Commonwealth are very pressing. [*G* 16, *p.* 642.]

July 8. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the [County Committee for Bedford]. We expect from you an exact and speedy account of the revenues vested in Trustees for the service of Ireland. At what rents were the estates of the persons named let in your county from Michaelmas 1649 to 1652? What have been the clear receipts from rents or arrears? Answer this month, the occasions of the Commonwealth being very pressing. [*G* 73, *p.* 57.]

July 8. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Dorset. We are very much unsatisfied with yours of 3 April about the duplicates, and wonder that those sworn to an employment so easily dispense with their duties, and think us indifferent whether they act or refuse to act on their instructions. You are as able as others to give an account of the levy of 20*l.* on defaulters;

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you are therefore to levy it on the clerk or any others who have the books and papers, and refuse to give duplicates, or on any of the former committee who refuse to give assistance in recovering them. We expect a satisfactory account in 14 days. [*G* 30, *p.* 478.]

July 8. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Oxon. We confirm the contracts named in yours of 16 Jan., so far as let according to instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 357.]

[July 8.] Notes of queries to be proposed by Col. John Gorges to the Committee for Compounding, on behalf of the County Committee for Somerset.

Are the commissioners to have their 1*s.* in the pound out of the present rents, or out of the receipt of rents? Queries on particular cases. [*G* 167, *pp.* 241, 242.]

[July 8.] Like notes of queries.

1. Will you not reduce us 5 commissioners to a smaller number, most of us being employed on other public offices? [One of them, Mr. Blake, is in the Prize Office, and Mr. Whetcomb is an accountant.]

2. Will you give a very strict order, to be published through the county, that you have often pressed the calling to account those who have managed sequestered estates, and now again require it, and that all persons are to give evidence on oath? [Mr. Whetcomb to have a letter to bring in his accounts on pain of suspension. They shall have the order, but it will be better to execute it when the accounts are brought.]

3. Will you give us not only an allowance of contracts, but a positive command to quicken us in collecting arrears? [A positive order to be given, and the leases confirmed.]

4. May Lady Digby's $\frac{1}{5}$, ordered out of Clevedon Manor rents, which are paid in by mistake, be paid out of other rents? [Allowed.]

5. May Mr. Jones, a tenant in prison for non-payment of rent, be released?

6. We have fully obeyed our instructions in surveying 300 estates, and thus improved the revenue 1,500*l.* a year. We have kept 200 courts, thereby raising 4,000*l.* May we not add our necessary expenses to our accounts? Also, may I not set down my great charge in 3 journeys to London, and may not 3*d.* in the pound be allowed to the treasurer? it is a great charge to send up the money, and I have lost therein 140*l.* in desperate debts, and 200*l.* in 2 years. [*G* 167, *p.* 243.]

July 8. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Somerset. As Mr. Blake's employment in the Prize Office takes up his whole time, and obliges him to reside in London, he cannot serve as a commissioner in county Somerset. Hearing that the work was well settled and did not require so many hands, we had decided to lessen your number, and we sent you a new commission, leaving out his name. We should also have laid aside Mr. Whetcomb, as being accountable as a former sequestrator, but hearing a good account of him, we wrote to beg him to clear up his accounts or we must discharge him. To Col. Gorges' queries we answer:—

As to contracts for leases, you know your instructions; to post them at full value 14 days beforehand at the market town next your place of sitting, receive all offers sealed, and let to the highest bidder. Note of a case.

As to Jones, who is in prison for non-payment of rent, release him on the best security you can get, for in prison he will be incapable of paying it.

We have no power to allow extras, but if you put them in your accounts, we will respite them, and refer them to the Army Committee or Parliament. You ask us to call the late commissioners and officers to account. It will be better to wait till the accounts come in, and then surcharge them, or to stay till they refuse to account on your requiring it, when you must proceed according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and your orders. [*G* 30, *p.* 395.]

July 8. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Brecon. In answer to yours of 14 May, you must peruse the instructions of the Act, levy 20*l.* each on all persons capable, then make a new demand and levy the same sum for each month's delay; if this will not prevail, other means shall be used. [*G* 30, *p.* 423.]

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July 8. Norwich. County Committee for Norfolk to the Committee for Compounding. You require the christian names, titles, and the addresses of persons named.

Rich. Anguish, clerk, delinquent; his estate only ⅓ Scarning rectory, charged with serving ⅓ the cure.

Clippesby Bacon, Corpusty, delinquent.

Thos. Soame, tanner of Aylsham, sequestered for delinquency in the insurrection there. [*G* 164, *p.* 53; 10 *other names given are noted in their respective cases.*]

July 8. County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We have let Mansfield Manor, sequestered from the Earl of Newcastle, for 7 years, to Greg. Silvester, and 2 others, the best bidders, at 50*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* clear, and beg your confirmation. [*G* 164, *p.* 263.]

July 13. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Notts. You desire us to confirm your letting of the royalty and bailiwick of Mansfield, sequestered from the Earl of Newcastle. As you have no instruction to let royalties—and the 42nd instruction, and our general letter, expressly order you to reserve the royalties of manors for the State, and so take the benefit of renewing estates and perquisities—we can by no means approve this contract, and besides, the estate is already ordered by Parliament to be sold, so nothing can be more injurious than what you have done.

Whilst you are guided by Brett and Bland we can expect nothing better; take heed of them, lest they put you to justify their unworthy actions. Where any courts are to be kept and estates renewed, keep them with speed, taking fines and perquisites, and improving the value; but take no notice of sales till ordered by us, the whole profits, till sold, being at our disposal. We hope this will be such a caution to you that we shall have no further cause to except against your proceedings. [*G* 16, *p.* 684.]

July 13. Note of proceedings in the Committee for Compounding relative to North Wales.

Agreed that the commissioners' power in the former Act is re-inforced by the late resolve. A letter to be sent to each county and to all in general.

The committee nominated in the Act has the power of sequestration as far as concerns this Act only.

A commission is to be granted to the gentlemen nominated in the Act, to empower them to receive charges of delinquency against those that do not submit to the fine, and to seize and secure their estates after examination of witnesses, returning the depositions to the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 106, *p.* 924.]

July 13. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for the Act of general composition for North Wales. We enclose an order of Parliament for your getting in the remainder of the compositions, and require you to use the powers given you in the Act, and re-inforced, that this may be speedily accomplished. You are to meet and consider what remains due in the several counties, and the best means of collecting it, and give us a punctual account of your proceedings. [*G* 16, *p.* 685.]

July 14. Order in Parliament that Major Salway and [Luke] Robinson, M.Ps., report touching the powers and practice of the Committee for Compounding, in appeals. [*G* 172, *p.* 683.]

July 14. County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We took Lieut. Rich. Clarke, a sufficient man of this county, as tenant to some delinquents' estates; being in the militia, he was commanded out of the county; and on his return, he conveyed away his personal estate, and we cannot take sufficient distress for a large sum due for rent, but he has an estate in fee. Noted, "Levy it on the real estate, and certify where the personal estate is." [*G* 149, *p.* 381.]

July 15. Accusation by Col. John Gorges against [Rich. ?] Collier, Wm. Ceely, and Wm. Phelps, that they each hold 100*l.* of sequestration money, and request for proceedings against them. [*G* 88, *p.* 801.]

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July 15. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Somerset. We hear that [Rich.?] Collier, [Wm.] Ceely, and Wm. Phelps detain 100*l.* each received from sequestered estates. You are to enquire and examine witnesses, and if any refuse examination, to take them into custody till they conform. [*G* 17, *p.* 15.]

July 15. County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We find South Wheatley Rectory returned at 10*l.* rent, as sequestered from Rob. Tilson. John Cartwright claims it, but has no lease, so we have demised it to Gervase Harstaff of co. Derby, at 10*l.* [*G* 614, *p.* 257. *Confirmed by the Committee for Compounding*, 28 *July &* 12 *Nov.* *G* 30, *p.* 326; 17, *p.* 403.]

July 15. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Sussex. As to allowance of charges on Sir Thos. Gage's estate, you have a rule in your instructions. As to what is extraordinary, as in the sea breaches, when we hear from the Sewers' Commissioners what the charges will be, we will give further allowance. [*G* 30, *p.* 448.]

July 15. Notes of an order for settlement of 50*l.* a year on Brentwood, Essex; but the next money brought in being promised to be settled on "— Porter, minister of Pancr.," the said 50*l.* is to be settled on him, and Brentwood shall be provided for elsewhere. [*G* 112, *p.* 969.]

July 17. Carmarthen. County Committee for Carmarthen to the Committee for Compounding. We have received from Nich. Lewis' estate, sequestered for recusancy, 25*l.*, 1½ years rent, which we discovered in arrears in the tenants' hands; also we have received 70*l.* like arrears from Rob. Brett's estate, sequestered for malignancy. Consider how the money may be paid in, for we cannot send it at our own charge. [*G* 167, *p.* 681.]

July 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on the letter of the Committee of co. Lancaster of 25 June, that Ambrose forthwith give in his accounts, and that they meanwhile seize and sequester his estate towards payment of moneys due by him to the State.

Order on a certificate from Wm. Collins, one of the commissioners for co. Worcester, touching Capt. And. Yarranton, another commissioner, that Yarranton have a copy of the certificate, and answer in 14 days. [*G* 17, *pp.* 33, 50.]

July 22. Order in the Committee for Compounding that the case between Bagot and King be heard at 5 p.m.; Mr. Hardy, Bagot's partner, to attend.

Order on the hearing that—the suit being for money paid by King to Bagot, to be sent to the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall by bill of exchange, and a suit depending in Chancery on the accounts between them,—nothing be done till the suit is settled, when, if the 40*l.* is due, order will be taken for its speedy payment. [*G* 17, *pp.* 33, 42.]

[July 22.] Reply of Rich. Bagot of Shrewsbury [to the Committee for Compounding] on information that he owed the State 40*l.* [*See p.* 577 *supra.*] Two years since Mr. King asked me to return him 320*l.* for the State's use, and I gave him a bill of exchange to Mr. Hardy, my factor in London, but King only paid him 300*l.*, and kept the rest for his own use. A month later, he got from me a bill of exchange for 120*l.*, but only 100*l.* was paid and the rest promised. On a difference arising between us, you said I was only to pay what I had received, and King then seemed satisfied, but now that I seek for my own, he goes into Chancery, and puts me to trouble and charges before you. An ill way to pay debts. [*G* 65, *p.* 404.]

[July 22.] Reply of Wm. King to the above. I paid Bagot the full sum of 320*l.* in bills for 50*l.* and 270*l.* without any deductions, and Hardy paid only the 50*l.* when it was due, and the rest not till 5, 7, and 8 months after. I also paid Bagot the whole 120*l.*, and it is manifest he received it, or he would not have paid it in.

This is the third journey I have had to make to London on this business, and I hope you will order Bagot to recompence me for the wrong he has done me,

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and his factor, Hardy, to produce the bills of exchange, that the truth of the premises may be made manifest. [*G* 65, *p.* 394.] *Annexing,*

1. *Deposition as to the dates and amounts of Bagot's payments to King in disproof of Bagot's statements.* [*G* 65, *p.* 396.]

July 23. Sam. Bellingham to the Committee for Compounding. I received a commission to survey sequestered estates in co. Berks 9 Sept. 1651, and acted thereon till 19 Dec. following, when I was appointed one of the county committee; divers estates have been considerably advanced, but I have received nothing for my pains, except that Mr. Hale, when we lay out at nights, defrayed the charges. I beg an allowance for my service. [*G* 68, *p.* 29.]

July 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that as with approbation of the Army Committee, Sam. Bellingham was appointed to survey undervalued estates in co. Berks, and has had much trouble for 3 months, and improved the revenue 1,000*l.* a year, the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall pay him 25*l.* for his good service. [*G* 17, *p.* 43.]

July 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Derby. We confirm the contracts named in yours of 21 April, if let according to instructions, and leases are to be made to the tenants; but if any of the estates are in the bill of sale, they are only to be let for one year. [*G* 30, *p.* 30.]

July 23. Redcastle. County Committee for Montgomery, to the Committee for Compounding. We sent your letter to the commissioners of those counties that are in arrears of their proportions on the Act for Wales, but this county, Montgomery, has long since paid the full sum imposed.

With note of reply, that they are to press the commissioners to send up the money, as when the navy comes in, Parliament will greatly need money. [*G* 164, *p.* 577.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Receipts by Charles Walley of* 1,500*l.*, 430*l.*, 890*l.*, and 180*l.*, *from the receiver of co. Montgomery—total,* 3,000*l.* [*G* 164, *pp.* 579–581.]

July 23. County Committee for Notts, to the Committee for Compounding. We thought we were chosen for our fidelity, and there has been no just cause to stain our name, and if we have erred it has been, not from fraud, but want of ability; yet by yours of the 13th you disallow our contract for Mansfield Manor. The greatest benefit arises from chief rents, the copyholders are few, and most of the fees of the court baron, kept every 3 weeks, go to the steward, and the fines due to the lord are limited to 2*s.*, and troublesome to collect, so we thought it would be advantageous to let them. We are not led by Brett and Bland, nor have taken the corrupt principles of any as our precedent, but are faithful to our trust.

We do not associate with the men by whom you say we act, and cannot tell how your conceit arises. [*G* 164, *pp.* 261, 262.]

July 23. John Leech to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. You are to pay Mr. Bayley 525*l.* for the quarter's salary [of the commissioners] at the rate of 300*l.* a year each. [*G* 17, *p.* 43.]

July 24. Whitehall. Council of State to the Committee for Compounding. We have met with some letters concerning Lord Goring and his son George, both traitors and enemies to this State. It appears they have feoffees and trustees in England, who have the management of what they call their estate, particularly Hippesley and Butts, who may be living in or near Sussex, near that estate. We send these letters to you to make the best use of them, and of such information as you meet with, for discovery of that fraud and trust. We conceive you will send for Hippesley and Butts, and proceed to the examination of the matter for the advantage of the State. [*G* 88, *p.* 997.] *Enclosing,*

1. *George Goring to his father, Lord Goring. Six months since I received your two letters, being then sick in bed of a calenture, and since so persecuted with an ague and fits of the gout, and aches almost all over my body, that till now I have not been able to get out of my chamber, and though often on horseback, I can hardly go or stand alone; this has been the cause why I have not written. Nothing but mere impossibility shall keep me from performing my duty to you.*

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In one of those letters I find you have heard my condition is much easier than really it is, for in 9 months I have received but two months' pay; yet I have no reason to complain of the General's care of me, for the necessities are so great here that others of my condition are one of those months' pays behind me. I say not this to give you any thoughts of providing for me, for I verily believe that though I should continue a cripple all my life, these ministers will allow me bread; and if it please God I can recover but such a proportion of strength as I had when you saw me last, I need not fear want of employment, and means to be rather useful than burdensome to my friends. Let me hear in what condition you are, and how my brother disposes of himself, and particularly what is done in sale or mortgaging of that broken estate I left in England.

Next to your lordship, I am most concerned in the preservation of your house and family, and in those things which have relation to your own ease and subsistence, I daresay I am more concerned than yourself. With what recommendations and helps of money and friends I may promise myself from this court, I dare assure you I shall be enabled to give you a better account of the remainder of the estate in England than you have found or can expect from those greedy, unfaithful stewards, Hippesley and Butts; the last of whom has not vouchsafed me one word since my being in Spain, either on account of his trust as my feoffee, or of letters I sent him to my Lord of Portland, to pay him some money for me; but he supposes I am so [far from England that] he may use me with what contempt he pleases.

Not knowing through whose hands this letter may pass, I shall not adventure to send any news; but being in hope that a few months will set a happy end to this siege, I purpose, if God give me health and life, to go to Madrid, and thence to take my rise as I shall be advertized from you, and obliged by the necessity of my condition. I humbly beg your lordship's blessing. From the army before Barcelona, 27 May 1652. [*G* 88, *p.* 999.]

II. *George Goring to his brother, Colonel Charles Goring. I received a letter from you wherein you gave me notice of some overtures made you to go into England. For many days after I had your letter, I could not send you an answer, being perplexed with several infirmities. That which I can say to you now is, that my father being so near you, the best resolution you can take is to be solely guided by him; and if it fall out that you go into England, I do not doubt but you will have some consideration of the straits I am very subject to suffer; for, as my condition may be yet useful to you, if it please God I recover my health and strength, so I shall be very unhelpful to myself if I continue infirm and diseased as I am, and then I may justly pretend for some offals of that estate to which I am made so great a stranger; for believe me, brother, the pay here is very much shortened to me of late.*

I am not able to write much, nor have anything more to say to you by this, but that, in what condition soever I am, you shall have the best effects I can give you of my being your most affectionate brother.

P.S.—If it were necessary for me to come to London, to save something out of those villains' hands, [Wm.] Hippesley and [Tim.] Butts, I may chance to come well provided for that end. From the army before Barcelona, 27 May. [*G* 88, *p.* 1,003.]

III. *Lord Goring to his son, Colonel Charles Goring, at Mr. Gibbons' house in the Strand, over against the New Exchange, at the sign of the Green Dragon. Two of yours I have received together the two last weeks, and wrote to you in my last, 3 weeks since, that which, if you have received, you need no other answer. First, that my feoffees have already passed over all I have in trust to such as now possess the lands, as Mr. Beard best knows; but if, for better satisfaction of the purchaser to come, there be more required, send me but the frame thereof, drawn by Mr. Beard, and I shall sign it.*

Next, as to that you most look after, which is 3,000*l. resting in Mr. Jones' hands; it has been so long assigned to Mr. Shaw as I must be the dishonestest of men if I retook it without his consent, to obtain which I give you this expedient, that Mr. Jones clear him his* 700*l., and take the same again upon Danny or Hurst Manor* [*co. Sussex*], *which, as Mr. Butts can assure him, will be no danger to him, but the best way to secure his leases by your sealing them.*

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Lastly, touching Lord Carlisle and that of Yorkshire, that proposition must come from you, being at the place; for what can I say to it in the miserable condition I am in and at this distance?

As for your journey to that Emperor's Court, I wish you were as ready for it as I for you.

Your brother's letters, which I now received, I send you, hoping you to be much better than I am, I mean for your purse-strings, not heart-strings.

Some of your friends here desire to know how you are, and in what security you live. Antwerp, $\frac{17}{7}$ July 1652. [*G* 88, *p.* 1004.]

July 26. Whitehall. Hen. Newman to the Committee for Compounding. You have a case depending before you against Chris. Sudbury, of Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, and a warrant was given for his sequestration. But the committee being dissolved in a short time, the sequestrators and Sudbury so far complied that the service of the State was neglected. Let not this be a ground for his discharge on the Act of Pardon, there being a positive order of the House that none that are sequestered shall be restored. I desire this for the honour of the Committee of Parliament, and the freedom of the parish from Sudbury's malignancy and vexatious lawsuits. [*G* 115, *p.* 403.]

July 26. County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We have taken no oath of fidelity, nor found any Act of this year requiring it; only an Act of 1651, which authorizes justices of peace to administer it. On this we repaired to the 2 nearest justices, but they would not administer it, till satisfied whether the Act of 1651 remains in force.

With note of reply that the Acts of 15 April 1649 and 17 January 1652 are to be sent, and they ordered to take the oath. [*G* 164, *p.* 323.]

July 26. Order by John Rush, agent to the County Committee for Bedford, to the tenants of Lord Capel's estate in Old Warden or elsewhere, to pay up to him all arrears, according to an order of the county committee. [*G* 73, *p.* 53.] *Annexing,*

1. *Order in the County Committee for Bedford, on the letter of the Committee for Compounding of July* 8 [*see p.* 593, *supra*], *that John Rush, their agent, enquire at what rent Lord Capel's estate was let for the time named. As it appears that it was sequestered for delinquency of the said lord till* 25 *Jan.* 1650, *and is yet undischarged, Rush is to levy the rents for* $2\frac{1}{2}$ *years, with arrears. Ampthill,* 19 *July* 1652. [*G* 73, *p.* 55.]

July 27. Committee fer Compounding to the County Committee for Middlesex. You say the discoverers will not tell you where 500*l.* due to the Commonwealth is, unless they know what they shall have for their discovery. We have received no rule from Parliament yet, but you may allow them 1*s.* in the pound, and on their bringing in the money, we will request Parliament to make it up a full $\frac{1}{5}$. [*G* 30, *p.* 259.]

July 27. Knutsford. County Committee for Chester to the Committee for Compounding. In reply to your enquiry as to the letting of the Marquis of Winchester's estate here, from 1649 to 1652, part of it being formerly vested in the Trustees for Ireland, we certify the following particulars of the several portions. Account of receipts. [*G* 148, *pp.* 411, 412.]

July 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Fowle forthwith transmit an alphabetical list of all recusants committed in Middlesex and London, with their christian and surnames, and when convicted, that it may be printed and sent to the several counties with speed. [*G* 13, *p.* 46.]

July 28. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cornwall. We confirm your contracts so far as they are according to instructions, and you may seal the leases, but if any of the estates are in the bill of sale, they are to be let for one year only. [*G* 30, *p.* 113.]

July 28. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Salop. Note of a case. As to letting unleased estates, as the tenants are discouraged by the present drought, let them for a year only, unless the weather has changed and given them better hopes, and they will now give the worth according to survey. [*G* 30, *p.* 383.]

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July 28. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cambridge. To your queries about your salary of 1*s.* in the pound, we reply that you may detain it for every pound returned to the Goldsmiths' Hall treasury, and for all moneys paid in the county by order on public accounts. [*G* 30, *p.* 79.]

July 28? Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cambridge. We confirm the contracts for estates let by you 19 March 1652, so far as let according to the Act and instructions, but if any are in the bill of sale, they are to be let for one year only. [*G* 30, *p.* 79.]

July 28. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Radnor. You complain of "a thing called the corporation of Radnor," and the misdemeanours of its members. Certify their names and crimes, and your proofs, and then we, as Commissioners for Indemnity, will proceed against them. [*G* 30, *p.* 423.]

July 28. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Westmoreland. You are to advance the fines on tenants as much as you can, but the rates you name as exacted by the former landlords are very unreasonable, and such as we cannot in conscience expect; yet so great an abatement is unreasonable, therefore proceed equally and without partiality. [*G* 30, *p.* 463.]

July 29. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the registrars do not deliver out original papers under any pretence whatsoever except to one of the commissioners, as they will answer the miscarriage, and that they make diligent enquiry after such papers as are missing at present. [*G* 13, *p.* 46.]

Order that the Commissioners for co. Cambridge levy all arrears of rent of sequestered estates in that county since their time, and return a speedy account. [*G* 17, *p.* 78.]

Order that the auditors be heard touching the accounts of the county commissioners, for two hours every Tuesday morning.

That the county commissioners examine what arrears remain due for sequestered estates, and levy them on the several tenants; and if the tenants say they have paid them to any collector or other officer, order the tenants forthwith to levy them upon the said collector or officer. [*G* 37, *p.* 34.]

The petition of John Barton, Hursley, Hants,—for leave to enter discoveries till paid a sum assigned to him by Sir Art. Blundell, to whom the same was granted by Parliament 22 Aug. 1648,—referred to Parliament. [*G* 63, *pp.* 737, 773.]

July 29. Statement of Barton's case. [*G* 63, *pp.* 738, 773.]

July 29. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Middlesex. We find in the returns from the late committee of Westminster and Middlesex the estate of Lord Goring to be sequestered, but no mention in the duplicate either of the sequestration, or how the same was discharged. Tell us when the sequestration was taken off, and send copies of those orders by which it was taken off. [*G* 30, *p.* 259.]

July 29. Like letter to the County Committee of Sussex, adding: inquire what [Isaac] Jones it is who had an extent upon his lands in the rapes of Lewes and Pevensey, and where we may send to him. [*G* 30, *p.* 448.]

July 30. Committee for Compounding to Tim. Butts and [Wm.] Hippesley. You are to appear before us on 10 Aug. to answer questions about some persons well known to you. [*G* 17, *p.* 81.]

July 31. Cardigan. County Committee for Cardigan to the Committee for Compounding. Notes on cases. We cannot peruse our records, because the sickness is rife in Haverfordwest. You bid us not to levy the rents on David Jenkins' estate, as it is purchased by Art. Evelyn. You require us to sequester Walter Lloyd of Lannay of Cardigan, but there is no such man, only Walter Lloyd of Llanvaier, whose discharge is enclosed; he was an M.P. at the beginning of this Parliament, deserted on Strafford's sentence, was knighted by the King, and is degraded by the last Act. [*G* 167, *pp.* 629, 630; 168, *pp.* 93, 94.]

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July. Norwich. County Committee for Norfolk to the Committee for Compounding. By yours of July 8, you require us to certify at what rents the estates named have been let from 1649 to 1652; also what has been received from them when vested in Trustees for Ireland up to March last. The trustees let Sir Hen. Bedingfield's for three years at 1,638*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.*, and 1,408*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.* has been received since 20 Dec. 1649, but for want of providence in the letting, they missed one ½ year's rent.

Lord Capel's estate here was discharged in 1649, as the jointure of his wife. [*G* 164, *p.* 55.]

July. Note of an order for the abstracts of 2 letters concerning the County Committee of Berks to be written out and sent them, requiring their speedy answer, and meantime they are to take care that no further waste is committed. [*G* 67, *p.* 365. *The letters alluded to are those of July* 10 *and July* 21, 1652, *annexed.*]

I. ——— *(name torn off) to* [*Sam. Wightwick*]. *There has been great destruction of timber,* 500 *pollards; the sub-commissioners sold they knew not what, but the buyers know what they do. There has been much sinister dealing. They are still felling oak and ash, and sending faggots to Newbury, and will hardly desist while a tree is standing. They cry out, "The State, the State," but their private interest is their Diana. You say you will give a contract to any that have tenant-right in any part of Lord Craven's estate if it will stand good; but I do not understand. Pray explain more clearly.* 10 *July* 1652. [*G* 67, *p.* 367. *Portion of a letter.*]

II. ——— *(name torn off) to Sam. Wightwick, Inner Temple. A court of survey was held at Enborne, July* 19, *and at Hampstead, July* 20. [*Hen.*] *Sharpe, commissioner, and Walter Knight, steward, ordered all copy-holders to bring in their copies. Sharpe offered them renewal at* 3 *years' purchase, and the leaseholders to bring in their leases and become freeholders, offering to lend them the purchase money for* 3 *years at* 6 *per cent., and then they were to repay it, or become his tenants, pledging himself in* 500*l.* *to deal faithfully for them. This will lower the revenue. Some copyholds were filled at Hampstead at* 2 *years' purchase, and they would have taken less in ready money. The farm and park were posted, and a lease granted at* 250*l.*, *the highest bid, but not confirmed. Mr. Sharpe is said to have a design on this too, but carries it very closely. The commissioners offered to take almost any money, their time being short, and they will keep no more courts. I hope not to be blamed for this discovery.*

Endorsed in another hand, with a complaint of the felling of large trees of value, after barking time, carrying away of locks, bolts, rails, &c. 21 *July* 1652. [*G* 67, *p.* 361.]

Aug. 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Cary be a Commissioner for co. Oxon.

To write to the Committee of co. Dorset to certify whether they have levied the 20*l.* or not.

To that of Cornwall, for an account of rents and disbursements.

To that of London, to levy the arrears in the paper now sent them, and to give notice to Major [Edw.] Basse to show cause why he should not forthwith pay them.

Parties who have savings are to show cause in a month after notice why they should not compound for them, and the county commissioners to be ordered to give them notice. [*G* 37, *p.* 35.]

Aug. 2. County Committee for Flint, to the Committee for Compounding. We beg you to allow us further time to enquire into the payment of the 2,000*l.* imposed on co. Flint, the business being somewhat intricate. [*G* 164, *p.* 575.]

Aug. 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cheshire. We have received yours of 1 July, about the rectories purchased by the late Committee for Compounding of [Orlando] Bridgeman, and desire you to take care that what was settled by him be disposed of according to orders. [*G* 30, *p.* 95.]

Aug. 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for London. Notes on cases. As to those things in general which were determined by the former

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committee, and judgment given before Dec. 1651, you are to proceed to sequester, but not in those neither determined by them nor us, for they are clearly within the Act.

We confirm your contract with Mr. Bower, being confident that you had good grounds for the abatement, so you may make him a lease. [*G* 30, *p.* 260.]

Aug. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Montgomery. You must be the remembrancers of the North Wales Commissioners, to expedite the accounts and return the money in arrear on the counties that have not yet paid their proportions, Parliament having very pressing occasions for money to supply the navy. [*G* 30, *p.* 342.]

Aug. 4. **72.** Act assigning to Wm. Skinner, Sam. Gooking, and 5 others named as trustees, the several lands and estates of William, Lord Craven, Henry, Viscount Dunbar, and 27 others named, forfeited to the Commonwealth for treason, and appointed to be sold for the use of the navy. [*Printed*, 14 *pages.*]

[Aug. 4.] **73.** Alphabetical list of those whose estates were included in the first and second Acts for Sale, and directed to be sold by Act of Parliament. [5 *pages.*]

Aug. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Thos. Appletree of Deddington, Rob. Warcup of Stanton Harcourt, and John Cary of Dichley, be Sequestration Commissioners for co. Oxon. [*G* 12, *p.* 502.]

Aug. 4. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancaster. We find by Ambrose's letter that he has done nothing towards his accounts, though so often pressed. Let him be kept in safe custody till he give good security to perfect them by Michaelmas, which, if not done, his securities are to be proceeded against. [*G* 30, *p.* 216.]

Aug. 4. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Worcester. We confirm your contracts so far as let according to instructions. As to your queries—

1. All estates sequestered, let, and the profits received, when discovered should be continued under sequestration, though by connivance, corruption, or neglect, there has been an intermission, unless there were a discharge.

2. If the profits of any estate have been received by any officer or agent, you must demand the same, and in default of payment, act on your instructions; but if the proprietor have received the rents (the estate not being let to him by the committee, but he having got into it by their connivance or neglect), you cannot require him to repay.

3. Your 3rd query is lodged with Parliament, and you shall have their resolution. [*G* 30, *p.* 475.]

Aug. 5. Note in the Committee for Compounding, that Mr. Fowle requests to know what shall be done touching arrears in tenants' hands of compounders' estates uncompounded for.

Order that Mr. Osborne's account and exceptions be referred to the auditor.

That remanets (*i.e.*, reports remaining unheard on the day for which they were fixed) be heard every Thursday, after the six for the day.

The schedule of debts to deeds allowed by the Committee for Sequestrations or Barons of Exchequer to be carefully perused by Mr. Fowle, and Mr. Bayley to write or speak to Mr. Vaughan about it, and to give an account thereof, that this committee may see that such debts be levied. [*G* 37, *p.* 36.]

Aug. 5. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for London. We send an extract from your accounts of sums in the hands of the late commissioners received before Michaelmas 1649, and desire you to demand them, and in case of refusal or delay, to levy them by distress, as directed by the Act of 25 Jan. 1650. Certify those who are most refractory, and we will make examples of them by inflicting the penalty. Give notice to Major Basse to show cause why he should not pay in his money. [*G* 17, *p.* 115.]

Aug. 10. Knutsford. County Committee for Chester to the Committee for Compounding. We have sequestered Wrenbury tithes, because Mr. Crafton, minister of Wrenbury, who had an augmentation of 50*l.* therefrom, and Edw. Burghall of

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Acton, who had 30*l.*, would not take the engagement; but Burghall, an obstinate non-engager, obstructs us in receipt of his profits, and alleges that Mr. Rich says the Committee for Sequestrations have nothing to do with them. Beg directions.

We have sent letters as ordered to many ministers who have augmentations and are thought to be non-engagers, and it will sadden the Parliament's friends if their augmentations are continued. [*G* 148, *pp.* 429, 430.]

Aug. 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that in all orders to examine and certify, the commissioners certify particularly what erasures are in their books touching the petitioner.

The treasurers to have books made of the receipts from the several counties, and transmit them to the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 37, *p.* 37.]

Aug. 11. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, North Wales. Thanks for your care and diligence, which we hope you will continue. Parliament is forced to call earnestly for money. If any assessments are not paid, the time being now expired for bringing in arrears, you are to sequester the estates of such as delay or refuse, and use your utmost diligence, as we must give a speedy account to Parliament, whose order is very strict. Pray quicken your neighbours in their proceedings. [*G* 17, *p.* 128.]

Aug. 12. Report of Brereton, on the petition of John Thurloe, [*see p.* 393 *supra*], that by Act of Parliament of 31 May 1650, the manors and lordships of Chepstow, and numerous other lands, all co. Monmouth, are vested and settled in the Lord-General Oliver Cromwell and his heirs, with saving to all persons and bodies politic, other than Henry, late Earl of Worcester, Edward, now Earl of Worcester, Sir Charles Somerset, Sir John Somerset, and their heirs, or any other recusants in arms, or persons excepted or to be excepted from pardon, or delinquents who have not compounded or been pardoned before 1 Aug. 1649, or any claiming from or under the late King Charles since 20 May 1642. [*G* 78, *p.* 484.]

Aug. 12. Order by the Committee for Compounding that the treasurers deliver up to John Thurloe the bond entered into by [Nath.] Waterhouse and [Rich.] Hambden, and that the County Committee of Monmouth repay to the Lord General's agents all profits received since the said Act. [*G* 17, *p.* 145.]

Aug. 12. Haberdashers' Hall. **74.** Committee for Compounding to [the county committees.] We desire you forthwith to return the names of all who have been treasurers, collectors, sequestrators, solicitors for sequestrations, or otherwise, and who have received any moneys from sequestrations since 1 April 1643, the date of the first ordinance, as also the place of their abode, and whether any of them have brought in their accounts; if they have done so, you are to examine them and send us true copies attested by you, and for such as have not brought in any, you are to levy 20*l.* a month upon them until they do so.

As they bring them in, examine them, and if you find cause, surcharge them, and within 6 weeks after receipt, certify true copies to us, and give us accounts of your proceedings, and of the time of your receipt hereof. You are also to examine what arrears of rents for sequestered estates are due, and levy the same upon the several tenants; if any have paid the arrears to any other officer, you are to return to them what you shall so levy upon them, and levy the same upon the collectors, sequestrators, or such others as received them. [*Printed*, 1 *page; also G* 31, *p.* 758.]

Aug. 12. Committee for Compounding to Ald. Allen. There will be 3,000*l.* ready in Durham in 5 weeks, which will be paid on your order, if you assign it to be received in those parts. [*G* 17, *p.* 149.]

Aug. 13. Order in the Committee for Compounding for John Reading, of the Inner Temple, to be steward of all courts leet and baron, and customary courts, on estates sequestered for recusancy, cos. Surrey, Sussex, and Berks.

Order that Rob. Cunliffe, John Sawrey, Edw. Aspinwall, and Rob. Massey be Commissioners for Sequestrations, co. Lancaster, and dismissal of George Pigott from office. [*G* 12, *p.* 464.]

Aug. 13. Committee for Compounding to John Sawrey. From the good report we have heard of you, we have appointed you a Commissioner for co. Lancaster, in

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place of Pigott. You are to repair to the county, join the other commissioners in prosecuting their instructions, and let us know your acceptance of the office. [*G.* 17, *p.* 161.]

Aug. 13. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Somerset. Tell us whether there is a house called Mrs. Rowe's tenement, part of Clevedon Manor, let to one Dring at 50*l.* a year, and who has received the rent, and how much is yet due. [*G* 17, *p.* 162.]

Aug. 14. Hereford. Capts. Ben. Mason and Silas Taylor to the Committee for Compounding. We hope you will be satisfied with the improvements in our letting estates. On the enclosed petition, we beg a summons and order for stay of proceedings till hearing. We beg leave to add 8*l.* a year from the estate of John Harper, recusant, to John Toldervey, who preaches once every Lord's day, and is "a light in so much darkness." We think 500*l.* of wood could well be spared from the estate of [Wm.] Gage, Papist. [*G* 157, *p.* 207.] *Enclosing,*

I. *Capts. Mason and Taylor to the Committee for Compounding. We beg confirmation of* 12 *estates, let at improved rents since* 22 *June* 1652, *that we may make up our books, and send an account of the revenue of the county. Also a confirmation of the estates of Hampton and Lucton, let by us. Hereford,* 14 *Aug.* [*G* 157, *pp.* 203, 204.]

II. *Petition of John Hardwick of Bromyard, co. Hereford, to the Committee for Indemnity. Rented an annuity of* 24*l. from the estate of his father, Ant. Hardwick, sequestered for proclaiming Charles Stuart, son of the late tyrant, on his coming to Worcester, but is sued thereon in Chancery by his uncle, Eustace Hardwick of co. Gloucester, on his father's behalf. Begs a summons for him, and stay of Chancery proceedings.* [*G* 157, *p.* 206.]

III. *Order by the Committee of co. Hereford, prohibiting Ant. Turner, minister of Amberley and Sutton St. Michael, who uses the Common Prayer-book in baptism and the Lord's Supper, and other offices, and is not sufficiently qualified to preach, from officiating, and appointing John Toldervey, minister of Marden, in his place.* 8 *July* 1651. [*G* 157, *p.* 201.]

Aug. 18. Order in Parliament that all persons by Parliament adjudged delinquents, and now under sequestration, whose cases are not depending by way of appeal, or referred by Parliament to consideration, be inserted into the Additional Bill [the Act for Sale of 4 Nov. 1652], and that the committee on the said bill of sale put the names in the bill accordingly. [*G* 172, *p.* 673.]

Aug. 25. Order in the Committee for the additional Act for sale of delinquents' lands, on an order of Parliament of 18 Aug. 1652, given, that the Committee for Compounding be desired to return to this committee the names of delinquents under these columns:—

Those who are adjudged delinquents and now under sequestration.

Those now under lawful appeal.

Those whose cases are referred by Parliament order.

Those who have their estates confiscated for delinquency since 30 January 1649.

They are to omit those whose lands are sold by Acts of Parliament. [*G* 172, *p.* 673.]

Aug. 25. Chester. County Committee for Chester to the Committee for Compounding. Mr. Rich, of Lincoln's Inn, on 11 May sent letters to us and 11 ministers, to give speedy account, he being appointed counsellor for augmentations. Mr. Ford of Over writes us to take care of the tithes allotted him by the late Committee for Compounding, for he has not given an account to Rich, but continues a non-engager. If we are to receive the tithes to the use of the State, we will try to secure them. What satisfaction have other ministers in like condition given to you or Mr. Rich?

[John] Holme of Brereton has been in London, and since his coming back, he read in the parish church that he was to be the established minister, and have the means, if nothing to the contrary was certified to London before Aug. 24. He works by friends and policy, but he has all along refused and still refuses the engagement, and yet has the tithes settled by Lord Brereton on his composition, and expects the parsonage house and glebe lands, sequestered for

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delinquency of Mr. Robinson, late rector there, and now at Warmingham. This sads the heart of the honest party in the parish, as he has not kept the fast and thanksgiving days appointed by Parliament, and declared he would not subscribe the engagement for 10 times the value of his living. We beg an answer. [*G* 149, *p.* 335.]

Aug. 31. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on Ald. Herring's bringing in the book ordered, setting down the fines paid, that the registrar enquire diligently whether the estates of those who have not paid the latter ½ of their fines are under sequestration.

That he enquire what fines have been set and no part paid, and bring in an account.

That an account of rectories settled on composition be also brought in. [*G* 37, *p.* 38.]

That Rice Vaughan, registrar to the Barons of Exchequer, commissioners for appeals on sequestrations, certify to us the names of all who are on appeal for delinquency, that we may speedily perform the directions of Parliament of 18 Aug. last, and an order from the Committee for the Additional Act of sale of delinquents' lands, grounded thereon. [*G* 17, *p.* 172.]

Aug. 31. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners. We find that several persons had savings to compound for estates in controversy, many of which we think must now be recovered. We send you a list of those in your county, and desire you to give notice to the parties either to compound for them, or to show cause why they should not be sequestered; if they do not obey, the estates are to be sequestered. Noted that these letters are to be signed only by the registrar. With notes of numerous cases of savings, in order of counties, dispatched to the counties 31 Aug. and 13 Sept. [*G* 12, *pp.* 513–521. *The notes are entered with the several cases.*]

Aug. 31. Hereford. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Committee for Compounding. We have expected for a month your confirmation of our late contracts, and cannot till then make leases, because you confine us to certain words which we belie ourselves in using without your consent; this is also expected by the lessees, that these leases may not be so fragile as the last, and until then they will not pay their rents. Capt. Mason and I hope justice against our libellers. [*G* 157, *p.* 194.]

Aug. ? Petition of Rich. Carter to the Committee for Compounding. Being dismissed as agent for co. Devon, attended the commissioners often for his salary, but they said they had no order, though Mr. Bayley says they had the order of 30 June 3 or 4 days after. Gave them a copy of it, on which they allowed him 10*l.*, but refused more without another order. Begs this order, that he may not have to spend his dearly earned wages in attendance, there being still 30*l.* arrears of salary due to him. [*G* 73, *p.* 323.]

Sept. 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on 3 orders of Parliament—two of 3 Aug. 1648, ordering Capt. Wm. Parsons 2,185*l.* 5*s.* disbursed by him in the service, ½ to be paid forthwith by the treasurers at Guildhall, and the other ½ from delinquents' estates to be discovered by him, and a third order of 26 Aug. 1652, for enquiry into what has been received on these warrants, and for payment of the remainder; also on certificate, 30 Aug. 1652, of Thos. Barnardiston and Rich. Hill, treasurers for sequestrations at Guildhall, that they have paid him 436*l.* 10*s.* in weekly payments of 10*l.*, and one of 6*l.* 10*s.*, till their treasury was removed to Goldsmiths' Hall,—that the balance of 1,748*l.* 10*s.* be paid by the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, at the rate of 10*l.* a week till discharged. [*G* 17, *p.* 178; 111, *pp.* 53, 61, 63, 65.]

Sept. 1. Petition of Nich. Tripe to the Committee for Compounding. Though he has acted faithfully as a Commissioner for Sequestrations for Devon, was suspended 6 July last. Begs examination of his accounts, as his adversaries, Mr. Searle and Clapp, refuse to allow some sums paid by their order, and other sums are in the hands of Clapp and Williams, which he begs power to receive, and also a copy of the charge against him. Noted that he is to state his account before the auditor. [*G* 172, *p.* 654.] *Annexing,*

1. *Account of his receipts and disbursements, acknowledging a balance in hand of* 59*l.* 10*s.* 5½*d.* [*G* 172, *pp.* 655, 656.]

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II. *Certificate by Aud. Sherwin of the accounts of Nich. Tripe, shewing receipts* 2,117*l.* 4*s.* 1½*d.*, *payments* 1,808*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*, *leaving a balance in hand of* 309*l.* 3*s.* 11½*d.*, *out of which he receives allowance of* 32*l.* 6*s.* 4*d. for keeping of courts. He denies the receipt of some of the sums charged on him, and craves allowance of other sums, which may be just as between the other commissioners and himself, but an accountant cannot allow them. Sept.* 13, 1652. [*G* 172, *p.* 652.]

Sept. 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that if the articles by John Rayment, exhibited by Thos. French, agent, against Agricola Waylett, are not proved within 14 days after notice given to French, [Wm.] Pickering, or [Hen.] Letchworth, the suspension laid on Waylett will be discharged, and he ordered to act again as a Commissioner for co. Cambridge. [*G* 17, *p.* 184.]

Order that the causes remaining unheard to day be heard as they are in course, the first next Thursday. [*G* 37, *p.* 40.]

Sept. 2. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Middlesex. Chas. Pym, named in your list [*see* 2 *Jan.* 1652, *p.* 523 *supra*] denies holding goods of the Earl of Derby; therefore certify what goods they are, that we may see the money paid, if due. [*G* 30, *p.* 260.]

Sept. 4. Exeter. County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. We have been on a knotty point this week, our clerk bringing the former agents' accounts into a method. We hope to discover and bring in the money in their hands, though it will be a work of charge and trouble. We have sent the orders to the several cases. Unless we hear which are to be sequestered, the neglect of prosecution must not reflect on us. In [Hen.] Ashford's case, the money was paid into your treasury before your order came to us, and we beg that it may be repaid by you, without puzzling our accounts. We could say more, but fear our letters are troublesome. Notes of cases. [*G* 152, *p.* 87.]

Sept. 6. Preston. County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. The discoverers of Walter Fowler's sequestered estate in this county—which we sequestered in 1651, and have received the profits ever since—exceedingly press us for allowance of the ⅕. We request directions in this and like cases; also whether, when the estates of recusants descend to their children or others who are recusants, ⅔ should again be sequestered. [*G* 159, *p.* 303.]

Sept. 7. Committee for Compounding to Aug. Garland. We have given the strictest charge about the list you expect from us, but it is so tedious that though our registrar and auditor have spent much time on it, we cannot have it ready before Friday, when we hope to wait upon you. [*G* 17, *p.* 192.]

Sept. 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding to write to the Kent Commissioners to give an account of arrears received since their return in 1650, and why these and other arrears are not levied and paid in. [*G* 37, *p.* 40.]

Sept. 9. Committee for Compounding to the Kent Commissioners. Say what arrears you have received from Sir John Sedley's estate since your return made to us in 1650, and why that and all other arrears are not levied as ordered. [*G* 17, *p.* 211.]

Sept. 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all sums of money paid by the treasurers of Goldsmiths' Hall before 30 June last from delinquents' compositions, for the ⅕ granted by Parliament to the discoverers thereof, and other payments ordered by this committee as a Committee for Advance of Money, be allowed; but that thenceforth all payments be kept distinct, as on 30 June the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers were ordered to be treasurers for Advance of Money in Mr. Dawson's stead. [*G* 13, *p.* 23.]

Sept. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Devon. We confirm the contracts sent in yours of 14 Aug., if made according to the Act and our instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 40.]

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Sept. 9. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Hereford. We confirm your contracts for Lucton and Hampton Court so far as made according to instructions. For the augmentation to Mr. Toldervey, you must apply to the Committee for Plundered Ministers. As the season proceeds, you may cut such wood of Gage's as can be spared. We are satisfied about Dr. [Edw.] Alderne's discharge, but he should have produced it to us. [*G* 30, *pp.* 177, 475.]

Sept. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Durham. The County Committee for York will give you the names of some inhabitants of your county who are security for Major Jenkins' payment of the rent of Aysgarth Rectory, Yorkshire; he being in arrear and not to be found, you must levy the rent on the securities, and certify us. [*G* 30, *p.* 66.]

Sept. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for York. As to your queries of 14 Aug.:—

1. As to Aysgarth Rectory, farmed by Major Jenkins, we have sent a letter to the County Committee for Durham to levy the arrears on his sureties, whose names they will get from you; but take care in future to accept no security out of your own county.

2. Your instructions direct you to use the power of the county or soldiery, who will not refuse to assist you on sight of the Act of 25 Jan. 1650.

4. You are the cause of the sheriff's levy on Lord Dunbar's lands, since you are ordered not to suffer such levies, and if you interposed seasonably, you would prevent such miscarriages.

5. We confirm the first contract, if according to instructions; we must be constant to rule, or there will be no end.

6. We answer by a copy of an order in Mich. Wharton's case, that ascertains the time.

8. The light money you have received will pass if paid into Scotland, and we will tell the treasurers-at-war when you have any large sum, but we cannot make allowance for it.

9. Pursue the letter you had in the case of Ald. Beale.

10. In allowances for assessments, the bills must be produced before our auditor. No account without its vouchers.

The two last queries we will answer shortly. [*G* 30, *p.* 489.]

Sept. 9. Committee for Compounding to Sir Edw. Rodes, high sheriff of co. York. You have lately on an Exchequer process made a levy on Lord Dunbar's lands in possession of the State. Consult the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, which requires all such charges to be presented to us for allowance, and you will find you have done what is not justifiable, and must make restitution. If you refuse, we must take the course authorized by the Act, which we had much rather you would prevent by compliance. [*G* 30, *p.* 489.]

Sept. 9. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Brecon. As to the estate of Bodenham Gunter, the tenant to whom it was first let according to the Act is to enjoy it, as it is just that he who sows should likewise reap. [*G* 30, *p.* 423.]

Sept. 10. Petition of the Committee for Compounding to Parliament, for leave to present personally the annexed particulars, as the chief of those on which they have often desired direction, but not obtained it, whereby the public service committed to their care has been much retarded. [*G* 17, *p.* 417.] *Annexing,*

1. *Objections to the Act of Pardon. That it inflicts treble damages, and costs of suit, and fine of* 10*l. against officers who disquiet any included in the Act.*

That the Act came not forth till 4 *March* 1652, *yet they are questionable for anything done after* 20 *Feb.* 1652.

That many things have been done on conscience of duty and for advantage of the State, that may be disputed by the Act, and bring trouble to those who have acted faithfully.

Request that the clause as to the acting of officers be explained, or that suits for grievances only be allowed for a short time after. [*G* 17, *p.* 417.]

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II. *Proposals of the Committee for Compounding, requesting directions in the following cases:—*

1. *Purchasers of Papists' estates who compound and pay fines for their ⅔, and have obtained suspensions, but not had their cases reported to Parliament, and now ask discharge, whether they shall have it?*

2. *Whether letters of grace or composition with the late King's commissioners shall not be considered a conviction of recusancy, and what conformity should discharge such a conviction?*

3. *Whether two or more counties should not now be joined, the revenues being smaller than before?*

4. *That all receivers of money may pass their accounts before the Worcester House Committee, for sequestered revenues received before* 25 *Jan.* 1650, *to be surcharged by the county committees, and the total of every account sent to the Committee for Compounding, that arrears may be paid.*

5. *Whether they may renew leases for years and lives on the old rents, from which much profit arises?*

6. *What should be done in such cases as Scroope's, now in the Speaker's hands, when a delinquent who is tenant for life dies before part of his fine is paid, and the tenant in remainder desires discharge of sequestration?*

7. *Power to give allowances for disbursements and incident charges, which are generally asked for by the county committees.*

8. *Whether Parliament will give any encouragement to discoverers of delinquency committed since* 30 *Jan.* 1649? [*G* 17, *p.* 418.]

Sept. 10. Haberdashers' Hall. Heads of the charge against Nich. Tripe, Sequestration Commissioner for co. Devon, by John Searle and Rich. Clapp, the other commissioners. That his being added to the commissioners lessens their salary, and endangers their receipts if his accounts are not fair. That he carries himself unworthily, pays fifths when he ought not, and neglects to sign the work made ready, [*G* 17, *p.* 210.]

Sept. 10. Order in the Committee for Compounding on [Nich.] Tripe's request that he have a copy of the charge against him. [*G* 17, *p.* 210.]

Sept. 14. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Berks. We confirm your contracts sent 3 Aug. for the estate of John Gifford, delinquent, and ⅔ of that of Sir John Yate, recusant, if let according to instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 15.]

Sept. 14. Committee for Compounding to the Earl of Denbigh. In a list returned by the Middlesex Commissioners of debtors to the State for delinquents' goods, you are reported to owe 104*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* for goods of the Duke of Buckingham sold to you. In discharge of our public duty, we request you to order payment, or to show cause. [*G* 17, *p.* 241.]

Sept. 14. Like letters to [Ant.] Nicholls, — Masterson, Lord Wenman, and Hen. Darley, M.P., for sums due by them respectively for delinquents' goods. [*See p.* 581 *supra*; *G* 17, *pp.* 241, 242.]

Sept. 14. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Middlesex and London. The surveyors appointed to survey forfeited estates having applied to us for directions as to finding them, we desire you to order your clerk and agent to give them the best information by showing them the books, rentals, &c., of persons both in the first and last Act. [*G* 17, *p.* 221.]

Sept. 15. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the county committees of England and Wales. We send you an alphabetical list of recusants committed in your county. You are to summon all in your jurisdiction, and all others whom you know to be convicted of recusancy whose estates are not sequestered, and all whom you suspect to be Popishly affected, tender them the oath of abjuration, and on refusal, sequester ⅔ of their estates, and certify their names to us. [*G* 31, *p.* 759.]

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Sept. 15. Committee for Compounding to Sir Hen. Croke [Clerk of the Pipe]. Please to order for us a transcript of the names of all Papists convicted and seized since 1 James, with the county and time of conviction and seizure. The want of this has much prejudiced the State. We will pay the clerk for his pains. Let us know in a week when we may expect it. [*G* 17, *p.* 232.]

Sept. 15. Answer of Nich. Tripe to the charge of John Searle and Rich. Clapp, of 13 Feb. and 30 June last.

They say that he is uselessly added, lessens their salary, and endangers them if he receives money, if his accounts should not prove fair. Answer that he was appointed without requesting it, and the first part of the objection only shows their covetous spirit. Denies unfaithfulness in his trust, or paying fifths unduly, having only paid 6*l.* for fifths all the time he was treasurer. Denies being rather a solicitor against than a commissioner for the State, and retorts the accusations upon the complainants. Begs restoration to office till he has perfected his accounts, or till the complainants make good their charge. [*G* 172, *pp.* 647, 648.]

Sept. 16. Order in the Committee for Compounding on the petition of Nich. Tripe, Commissioner for co. Devon, on perusal of his accounts and his defence to the charges against him, that he pay in forthwith 60*l.* as part of what is due of his account, and give security to pay the remainder, on which he is to go down and act as commissioner, the suspension being removed; his fellow commissioner, Mr. Clapp, is to appear before the Committee for Compounding in 28 days, to make good the charge against Tripe. [*G* 17, *p.* 240.]

Sept. 16. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Bucks. We wrote you on 19 March for alphabetical lists of sequestered persons in your county, which we much need, but which you have not returned. This we hope is through miscarriage of our letter, not your remissness, and therefore we repeat the contents, and request the list with speed. With note of like letters to cos. Cornwall, Hereford, Northampton, York, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Pembroke, Kent, Notts, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Surrey. [*G* 31, *p.* 760.]

Sept. 17. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cumberland. We hear of 500*l.* at Carlisle, the payment of which in those parts, on the army account, would be a great ease to the country, and much security in point of payment. Send us your resolutions thereon. [*G* 30, *p.* 128.]

Sept. 17. Maidstone. County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding. James Golding, one of Ald. Bunce's tenants at 60*l.* a year for a farm now sold, owing arrears of rent and refusing to pay, we sent our agents to take a distress, but he so threatened and opposed them that they forbore till further directions from you, which we request.

With note of reply, 22 Sept., ordering a distraint on the corn in the barn, assistance from the soldiery in case of opposition, and Golding to be sent for, if needful, by the serjeant-at-arms. [*G* 158, *p.* 153, *damaged.*]

Sept. 20. County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. You order us, if the articles against Agric. Waylett are not proved in 14 days, to take off the suspension, and allow him to act again as a Commissioner for Sequestrations, but we have no copy of the articles; many of the witnesses live remote in this county, and cannot travel at their own charge to London, therefore we beg that their charges may be borne, or they examined here; also that longer time may be given. With note for the witnesses to be examined in the next county in 3 weeks' time. [*G* 147, *p.* 283.]

Sept. 22. Order thereon of the Committee for Compounding—that 3 weeks from date be granted them for examination of witnesses, who are to be examined in co. Hunts, before the county committee there, and Waylett to have timely notice that he may cross-examine. [*G* 17, *p.* 263.]

Sept. 22. Order of the said committee that—order having been given 7 April last for discharges to be made out of course on orders of the trustees for sale at Drury House, and scruple being made by the county commissioners because the expression is not the same as ordered in our letter of 13 April, as to the purchasers receiving rents growing due between payment of the first moiety and our said order—the registrar date our order on the same day with the

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order of the trustees, it being deposed to by their secretary, and then draw a discharge to the county committee, thenceforth to forbear intermeddling with any rents or profits of the purchased premises, and to permit the purchaser to enjoy those grown due since the payment of his first moiety, provided the latter moiety be paid within 6 months after the first, and the premises are sequestered as the estate of the person for whose treason they are sold; the order to be first entered with the auditor. [*G* 13, *p.* 47.]

Order that—as, by an order of 11 June 1651, any 2 commissioners were allowed to grant a discharge of fee-farm rents sold, on an order from the trustees for sale thereof, and a constat from the auditor that such fee-farm issues out of the estate of the late King, and the registrar was long since ordered to give out discharges in course thereon, but complaint is made that the purchaser is put to trouble and charge in procuring the auditor's constat—the registrar draw his discharge on the order of contract only, without the constat, expressing it that the county commissioners are to discharge such of the said fee-farm rents as they find to be under sequestration, and permit the purchaser to enjoy them, with arrears according to contract, deducting the due proportion of taxes.

If the party on whose estate the fee-farm issues is a recusant, the State pays $\frac{2}{3}$ of the taxes and the recusant $\frac{1}{3}$. If a delinquent, the State pays $\frac{4}{5}$ and the delinquent $\frac{1}{5}$. [*G* 13, *p.* 48.]

Sept. 22. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Middlesex. We hear that courts are kept in Hackney Manor, and not in the name of the State, though we hope it is sequestered for the Earl of Cleveland's delinquency, and doubt not your care to preserve the State's interest. Let us know about it, and if it be not already sequestered let it be so forthwith, and courts kept in the name of the State. [*G* 17, *p.* 258.]

Sept. 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that when any case is referred to further proof, the reporter shall, upon the return thereof, subjoin the same of course to his first report. [*G* 13, *p.* 43.]

Order that the auditor send a copy of Mr. Tripe's account to the Committee of co. Devon, to surcharge it if they can. [*G* 37, *p.* 44.]

Sept. 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Carmarthen. As to yours of 17 July, we can give no other allowance than the Act of 25 Jan. directs; therefore you must take some course for returning up the money forthwith. [*G* 30, *p.* 423.]

Sept. 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cornwall. In yours of 24 July, you complain of Lieut. Clarke, who is in arrears for some estates let to him. You are to levy them on his real estate, if he has any in the county, and if you can tell us where he has any personal estate, we will order the county committee to seize that also for his debt, when we know what he owes. [*G* 30, *p.* 114.]

Sept. 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Gloucester. About the Earl of Newcastle's estate at Tormarton we have spoken with Col. Whalley, who is willing to make good the estate you have renewed, if he may receive the fine, which is but just, and you are to receive the debt due to the Commonwealth, which you have secured. [*G* 30, *p.* 155.]

Sept. 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Lancaster. Directions in cases. You ask whether, on the death of a Papist, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the $\frac{1}{3}$ descending to the heir, also a Papist, is to be sequestered. You cannot seize more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the whole, the other $\frac{1}{3}$ is to be enjoyed by the heir.

If Mr. Harrison should on summons refuse to give evidence, imprison him without bail till he submits. [*G* 30, *p.* 429.]

Sept. 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Kent. Directions in a case. You must distrain on Jas. Golding's corn or stock for the arrears of the rent of Ald. Bunce's estate, and in case of opposition, call in the military power of the county. In case of further miscarriage, we will send for him by a serjeant-at-arms to answer his contempt. [John] Finch should have dealt more fairly considering the favour we showed him at his last address; if he do not pay his rent within 14 days after notice, without deducting for repairs (for we

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well remember how he pleaded that he had a right to the whole building as his mansion house), you are to distrain him, and let the estate to another tenant. [*G* 30, *p.* 192.]

Sept. 24. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Somerset. We hear that [Rob.] Parradine, late one of your committee, holds Red Deer Park, and part of Witham Park, in Witham Friary, worth 360*l.*, forfeited for treason of Sir Ralph Hopton, and has given no account of the profits; you are to call him to an account and send it to us. [*G* 17, *p.* 269.]

Sept. 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding that all persons comprised in the articles of surrender of Elizabeth Castle, Jersey, who have lodged their petitions within the time thereby prescribed, shall not suffer by the fines not being set within the 9 months prescribed by those articles. [*G* 13, *p.* 47.]

Order that the names of compounders on Jersey articles, who are of Cornwall, be sent to the commissioners there, to certify what they are, as it is conceived they have more estates than they desire to compound for. [*G* 37, *p.* 46.]

Sept. 28. Committee for Compounding to [Chas.] Pym. We desire you to pay in 54*l.* 10*s.*, which the Middlesex Committee report you as owing for goods of the Earl of Derby sold to you. We told you of it before, and you said you knew nothing of it, therefore we send you particulars. [*G* 17, *p.* 285.]

Sept. 28. Thos. Bayley to Wm. Seddon, officer of the Custom House. I am ordered to ask you to fix a speedy time when you can come here and state your knowledge of the sequestration accounts in Lancashire, having informed the commissioners of your readiness to serve therein. [*G* 17, *p.* 274.]

Sept. 28. **75.** Alphabetical list by the Committee of co. Bucks on a late order [*see Sept.* 16], a former one having never been received, of 33 persons sequestered since 1643, and not orderly discharged. [1½ *pages.*]

Sept. 29. Petition of Rob. Buckenham, linen draper, Selby, co. York, to the Committee for Compounding. The county committee farmed to him the sequestered estate of Sir And. Young of Bourne, part of which is ⅓ of Brayton tithes, for which Sir Andrew paid 14*l.* out-rent to the late prebend of Wislow and Cawood, which has always been paid by the farmers of the estate to the receivers for sale of Dean and Chapter lands, and allowed to the farmers, but the county committee now refuse to allow it without order. Begs an order accordingly, that his cattle may not be distrained by the receiver. [*G* 71, *p.* 724.]

Sept. 29. Order thereon that he is to prove the out-rent on oath before the county committee, or here, and Reading is to report. [*G* 17, *p.* 291.]

Sept. 30. Loughton Hall, Essex. Sir Henry Croke to the Committee for Compounding. You ask the names of all Papists convicted and seized since 1 James, with date and place. It is a work requiring such care that many hands could not do it in 12 months, though as to the seizures, that is but the least part of the labour; but when my clerks return from their vacation, I will require them to do what they can to satisfy you. Meantime I will readily give you certificates of particular persons. [*G* 78, *p.* 37.]

Oct. 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding for payment to Peter Brereton of the balance due of 130*l.*, being his 26 weeks' salary at 5*l.* a week.

Like order for Aud. Sherwin for the balance due of 175*l.* for salary for self and clerks for half a year. [*G* 17, *p.* 296.]

Oct. 1. Whitland. Jen. Dawkins and Morris Thomas, Commissioners for South Wales to the Committee for Compounding. We find that in Dec. 1646, the site of Whitland Abbey, co. Carmarthen, was valued at 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and it and other lands value 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and 11*l.* were extended and delivered to Rich. White, on an order of the Upper Bench, as the moiety of the lands of Rob. Brett, for a debt of 1,444*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* and 4*l.* 10*s.* cost. The rest of Brett's estate is still sequestered for delinquency. [*G* 167, *p.* 679.]

Oct. 5. Carmarthen. Jen. Dawkins and Morris Thomas to the Committee for Compounding. We send the money named in our last by John Lloyd, a drover, on bond to pay it before 1 Dec., and beg our discharge. We have paid Mary Brett her ⅕ part as ordered. [*G* 167, *p.* 687.]

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Oct. 6. Order in Parliament that the Committee for Compounding attend the Committee of the Bill for Sale, who are to meet at 2 p.m., and so *de die in diem*, and confer about the list of delinquents, &c., and that Messrs. Salway, Hill, Say, Goodwin, Ash, and Colonels Dove and Fielder be added to that committee.

With note by Garland for the Committee for Compounding to meet the said committee in the Speaker's Chamber at 8 a.m. to-morrow, to perfect the list, &c. [*G* 172, *p.* 669.]

Oct. 6. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the registrars deliver out no original papers on any pretence whatsoever, but produce them when called for, as they will answer any future miscarriage by reason of their neglect, and that they make diligent search for such as are missing. [*G* 13, *p.* 47.]

Order on request of the registrars for a certain fee for searches, that they be allowed 4*d.* a search for the last year, and in future, they being put to great trouble and expense in searches, and having taken great pains in alphabetizing and methodizing their books, and filing their papers, so as to be readily produced. [*G* 17, *p.* 311.]

Oct. 7. County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 9 Sept. to return the names of all treasurers, collectors, sequestrators, or others who have received sequestration money since 1 April 1643, to examine their accounts, and to return copies, we summoned all concerned to bring in their accounts attested. Several prove that they gave up their accounts to the sub-committee of accounts for the county, by order of Parliament, and have no copies. We sent to the said sub-committee, who refuse to deliver the accounts without a particular order to themselves, having had a special order to receive and keep them. [*G* 164, *p.* 327.]

Oct. 7. Drury House. Trustees for sale of forfeited lands to the Committee for Compounding. "Mr. Armyne, purchaser of Greeneham and Whitwell manors, co. Rutland, part of Sir George Benyon's estate, is much opposed by Captain Barry and the other sub-commissioners there, who threaten to distrain James Wallet should he pay rent to Armyne, whose tenant he is, in contempt both of your orders and ours for discharging the sequestration, and to the great discouragement of all purchasers, wherefore we pray you to consider speedy means of redress." [*G* 62, *p.* 429.]

Oct. 7. Exeter. County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. Mr. Tripe has managed Rowland Pitt's estate, sequestered as Thos. Marsham's, to his own account, but we have lately let it at a good improved value. Marsham is dead, and his son enjoys Leigham Manor here, and lands in Cornwall, which are not sequestered. [*G* 151, *p.* 409.]

Oct. 9. Exeter. John Searle and Richard Clapp, Commissioners for co. Devon, to the Committee for Compounding. We were busy carrying on the work of the old agents, when Clapp was served by Mr. Tripe with your order of 16 Sept. to appear before you in 28 days.

Since Tripe left the work, *i.e.*, from Ladyday to Michaelmas 1652, we received 1,281*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.*, of which 850*l.* 10*s.* is paid in, 201*l.* 4*s.* is paid in fifths, fee-farm rents bought off, and augmentations, commissioners' salary, 64*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*; clerks', agents', and incidental charges, 166*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.* We will send particulars when the work is done. We told Mr. Tripe what we had against him, that is the delaying his accounts; but at his request, we are willing to bury the past in oblivion. We are not prosecuting arrears of rents, but all say they are discharged by the Act. We want your order therein. We enclose our rents. [*G* 151, *p.* 403.] *Annexing*,

1. *Account of receipts from* 21 *estates named by the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Devon.* [*G* 151, *p.* 407.]

Oct. 12. Petition of Agricola Waylett, County Commissioner for Cambridge, to the Committee for Compounding. On articles being exhibited against him, the informer, John Rayment, was first ordered to make good the charge in 14 days, and then it was ordered that the case should be proved before the Commissioners of co. Hunts, notice being given to petitioner; he attended, but nothing could be done, only one commissioner being present. Believes Thos. French, the agent, is the true informer; does not know Rayment at all. Begs 24 days' warning, that he may produce his witnesses. [*G* 127, *p.* 403.]

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Oct. 12. Order in the Committee for Compounding that he have 20 days' notice, and give the County Commissioners of Cambridge and their agent timely notice; both parties allowed to cross-examine witnesses. [*G* 17, *p.* 318.]

Oct. 12. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of County Wilts. In your list sent on ours of 19 March 1652, you certify several who have compounded for delinquency and paid in their fines, contrary to our directions. You are to make careful search in the books of the late committee, and your own, and send copies of the orders concerning each, putting apart those of each case.

Certify us also which of the estates were not in the State's hands, as several named complain that they are falsely returned as sequestered. Say whether they were ever under sequestration, and "how the hands of the State came to be taken off, and when," and give your full knowledge of them. [*G* 17, *p.* 316.]

Oct. 12. Committee for Compounding to Mr. Pigott. We remind you of your dismissal on 13 Aug. last from acting as sequestrator of co. Lancaster, which we question not but you know; yet pursuing your former refractoriness and disobedience, we find your name set to divers certificates, as though you had not been dismissed, which we think a great contempt of us, especially coming from a minister of the law, who ought to know better. Give a speedy account why you act without warrant, or we shall use the authority given us to punish such as disobey. [*G* 17, *p.* 320.]

Oct. 14. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Rutland. The trustees for sale of lands forfeited for treason inform us of your contempt of our orders and theirs in the case of Mr. Armyne, in threatening to distrain his tenant, which we regard as an act of ill consequence, reflecting on the honour of Parliament and our proceedings. We expect you to account speedily for your acts, and in future to respect all purchasers, in observance of the orders and rules sent you from us. Let this be a warning to you. [*G* 17, *p.* 334.]

Oct. 15. Bridgwater. Depositions taken before John Pyne, John Buckland, and Rich. Jones, on an order of 20 Sept. 1652 from the committee for regulating the excise, concerning the complaints of the farmers of excise in co. Somerset, and the petition of Hen. Banks, constable of Cheddar, viz.:—

Depositions on behalf of John Rogers, collector of excise, to prove that Banks was licentious, quarrelsome, and a malignant. Also

Depositions on behalf of Banks to prove that Rogers was violent and quarrelsome. [*G* 66, *pp.* 41–116.]

Oct. 15. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Notts. As to yours of 23 July about Mansfield Manor, though we doubt not your fidelity, yet when things are given out that may call it in question, for your vindication, as well as ours, we desire the clearest satisfaction. Therefore, though we do not doubt your orderly proceedings (except that you should not let any manor, wherein is liberty to grant estates, fell timber, or keep courts), yet to clear yourselves, certify the value of the estate, how and to whom let, and when and for what time. [*G* 30, *p.* 326.]

Oct. 15. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for North Wales. We cannot grant you the delay you ask in bringing in the remainder of the composition money for North Wales, so you must use all expedition, as Parliament expects an account. [*G* 30, *p.* 342.]

Oct. 19. Order in the Committee for Compounding that—as the Northamptonshire Committee are not satisfied with our confirmation of the lease of Lady Tresham's estate unless it be positive—we hereby declare that it is absolutely confirmed, if they have proceeded as they have certified. [*G* 17, *p.* 343.]

Oct. 19. Hereford. Capt. Ben. Mason to [a fellow commissioner]. Complaints of his negligence and obstructing the service. Proceedings as to Gage's woods, Lord Scudamore's son, the keeping of courts, &c. I beg you to hasten down for dispatch of business. [*G* 102, *pp.* 139, 140.]

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Oct. 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding that—as the officers in the letter office employed by Att.-Gen. Prideaux have readily conveyed letters into the counties and brought returns for three years, without compensation—Mr. Bayley receive 5*l.* from Goldsmiths' Hall and give it to the officers, with thanks for their care, and a request for its continuance. [*G* 17, *p.* 345.]

Oct. 20. Taunton. Sam. Whetcomb to the Committee for Compounding. You ask my accounts. I was treasurer 10 or 14 days only at the first sitting of the committee at Taunton, with Fras. Tuthill, to whom I gave my money and accounts. I was constable with Roger Gale, and ordered to collect from Sir Wm. Portman's estate 60*l.* and received 40*l.*, which I spent in fire and candles for the guard during the sieges. As commissary, I received corn for the soldiers, which I delivered to the houses where they were, and the remainder, with the keys, to Col. [Rob.] Blake, then governor, when the sieges were ended. [*G* 167, *p.* 219.]

Oct. 21. Committee for Compounding to the Barons of the Exchequer, commissioners for appeals in sequestrations. We have received several of your orders of discharge, and found on search that the parties have had fines set and paid nothing, and did not acquaint you, taking you by surprise, as did others whom we had adjudged as Commissioners for Advance. Take care in future not to grant discharges without certificates from us, and tell us when you adjudge any cause for the State, that we may see it executed. [*G* 17, *p.* 351.]

Oct. 21. Brecon. County Committee for Brecon to the Committee for Compounding. We cannot find in this county any estates of the recusants convicted in London and Middlesex. We offer the oath of abjuration to all we suspect, but can discover no recusants but those in the list formerly sent.

You wished us, on 19 April, to forbear sequestering the estate of Wm. Lloyd, Parliament having given him till 20 May to pay his fine. Tell us whether his being voted a delinquent, 6 Nov. 1646, is not ground for sequestration, as he has paid no part of his fine. [*G* 167, *p.* 661.]

Oct. 21. John Carew to the Committee for Compounding. John Jago being dead, I conceive Major Peter Ceeley, who is well-affected to the government, a fit successor.

With note for his appointment. [*G* 74, *p.* 5.]

Oct. 26. **76.** Act for continuing the Commissioners for Compounding with delinquents, and managing estates under sequestration, and also those for Advance of Money, who formerly sat at Haberdashers' Hall, from 31 Oct. 1652 to 1 Nov. 1653. [*Printed.* 1 *page; also G* 172, *p.* 685.]

Oct. 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the committee will not sit on 5 Nov. next. [*G* 37, *p.* 52.]

Oct. 26. Cardigan. County Committee for Cardigan to the Committee for Compounding. We received on 7 Oct. a list of recusants convicted in London and Middlesex, letters of 12 Aug. and 15 Sept., and a copy of that of 19 March. There are none of those recusants, nor any others in this county. We have summoned the sequestration officers to bring in their accounts, and send copies of depositions about John Jones and another named, and also against Rich. James, charged with guilt in the late insurrection in this county. We have secured his estate, and allowed him to examine witnesses, especially as to 2,000*l.*, his wife's portion, due to Reignold Jenkins. We have 178*l.* 12*s.* in hand, and wish to pay it to the treasurers-at-war for the first disbursements needed in these parts. [*G* 167, *p.* 693.]

Oct. 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Major Peter Ceeley be commissioner of co. Cornwall in place of John Jago, lately dead. [*G* 12, *p.* 507.]

Oct. 27. Order on a Parliament order prefixed of 17 Dec. 1651, that the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall pay the treasurers-at-war 100,000*l.*, after the 83,396*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* already charged on that receipt. [*G* 12, *p.* 510.]

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Oct. 28. Haberdashers' Hall. **77.** Committee for Compounding to the county committees. We authorize you to continue acting upon the former commissions and instructions sent to you by us until you shall receive other orders, Parliament having renewed their Act for our continuance as Commissioners for Compounding and Advance of Money, which is to abide in force until 1 Nov. 1653. If any officer under you has not done his duty, or is not worthy of the trust committed to him, signify the same to us, and you shall have speedy directions and order touching the same. We hope and doubt not but you have taken care for the paying in of the Commonwealth's money, according to former order. [*Printed, ½ page; also G* 31, *p.* 780.]

Nov. 1. John Johnson to Sam. Moyer or Mr. Brereton. Let the following business be examined by the County Committee of Durham, and call John Brackenbury of Sellaby, co. Durham, now in London, who knows the proceedings from Sir Wm. Armyne.

The late Parliament order for clearing all delinquents in county Durham who compounded with Armyne in 1644, or Sir Hen. Vane and that committee in 1645, does not include the following, because they either did not compound for their lands, or have not paid their compositions.

Rob. Eden, of Windlestone, estate worth 800*l.* a year, compounded with Armyne for personalty of 80*l.*

[John] Markindale, Veasie and Aiseby of Wardall, estates of 100*l.* a year or more, compounded with him for small personal estates.

Thos. Birbeck, worth 200*l.* a year, never paid composition, nor the 48*l.* which his goods amounted to when sequestered.

John Garth of Headlam, compounded in 1644 with the old Committee for Sequestrations for 100*l.* a year, and his estate is worth 300*l.*

All these are in the schedule of delinquents who petitioned Parliament a year ago. [*G* 83, *p.* 209.]

Nov. 1. Reading. County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 8 Sept. we certify that some of the Earl of Shrewsbury's timber was used by Dan. Blagrave in building, and he promises us ⅔ of the value. We never received the order of 27 May last, which you name. As to the 400*l.* a year named, we know not how to levy it, as the Earl's lands in this county do not amount to nearly so much. [*G* 146, *p.* 403.]

Nov. 2. Order in Parliament that the Committee for Compounding certify the christian names of delinquents named in the list of the bill for sale, and the places where their lands lie or where they inhabit. [*G* 172, *p.* 671.]

Nov. 2. Hen. Darley to the Committee for Compounding. Wm. Wise, recorder of Beverley, is thought fit by his father-in-law, Baron [Fras.] Thorpe, and the present County Committee [for Yorkshire], for the high stewardship of Holderness, to keep wapentake and other courts. I commend him for the place and the fee with arrears unpaid; the former fee was 10*l.* a year and perquisites. With note of order for his commission. [*G* 131, *p.* 334.]

Nov. 3. Salop. Col. Wm. Crowne to the Committee for Compounding. Notes on cases. Some honest poor men who have been faithful to Parliament complain of molestation, and of suits commenced against them in London since the Act of Pardon. I think the Act gives them treble damages, if they could go to London to follow it. [*G* 165, *p.* 557.]

Nov. 6. **78.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We have bestowed some time in perusing the book of recusants convicted in London, and sent warrants to the constables to summon all Popishly affected in this county to meet us at Truro on the 4th, but only 4 were discovered, and none appeared before us. We set ⅔ of some known Papists' estates, posting them 14 days before, and ask your confirmation; what are we to do if any whose estates we dispose of come in and take the oath of abjuration? With note of the estates so let. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 6. Hereford. County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We find 1,000*l.* money of the late Hen. Hall, recusant, now claimed by Benedict Hall, in the hands of Mrs. Monington, of Sarnsfield, which we shall

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levy unless ordered to the contrary. Noted that they are to certify particulars and act on instructions; also that Walter Merrick, who has so long forborne to act, is suspended. [*G* 157, *p.* 322.]

Nov. 6. County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. On your order about the letting of Mansfield Manor, we certify that we posted it 14 days, and have let it for one year at 50*l.* 1*s.* the highest offer, to Greg. Silvester and Jonathan Everard. [*G* 164, *p.* 259.]

Nov. 9. Deddington. County Committee for Oxon to the Committee for Compounding. The late county sheriff has levied sums on sequestered estates, on pretence of extents and former compositions for recusancy, which he will not restore, though we have demanded them. We beg directions. [*G* 165, *p.* 280.]

Nov. 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding that,—as in many cases proceedings seem to be kept back as being against the parties, and attempts made to surprise the commissioners, and trouble and delay caused in searching out proceedings,—no report for suspension of sequestration or seizure will be heard till the registrar's certificate is produced, specifying all proceedings. This order to be posted up at the door and in the room, that all solicitors and persons who have proceedings may conform. [*G* 13, *p.* 49.]

Order that Wm. Wise be steward for keeping courts on Lord Dunbar's estate in Holderness, co. York.

That George Smith of Clerkenwell be a Sequestration Commissioner for Middlesex. [*G* 12, *p.* 525.]

Nov. 10. Committee for Compounding to Ald. Allen. There is 2,000*l.* in the hands of the Sequestrators for co. Monmouth, and 700*l.* in Hereford, which if you can assign to be paid in those parts, it could be done with more care and security. [*G* 17, *p.* 388.]

Nov. 11. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Hereford. Particulars of cases. You say the estate of Thos. Acton is greatly underlet. You are to improve it to the best value, certifying who underlet it, and enquire after the arrears.

Two of the commissioners should survey the woods on Mr. Gage's estate, report thereon, and whether the trees are fit for shipping, and certify.

We want particulars how Hen. Hall's debt arises, and how it is secured. Directions in cases.

We supposed that Mr. Merrick had been suspended because he long since ceased to act as commissioner, and he is not to act without further orders from hence. Mr. Brereton is to draw up a 7 years' lease of Hampton Court according to contract, and the rent reserved to be paid Sir Thos. Allen towards his debt. [*G* 30, *p.* 178.]

Nov. 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Cumberland. There are many lands of delinquents in your county held by small rents, and arbitrary fines on death or alienation, which are often more than the rent, but it does not seem that for these latter you have taken any course, especially Bassingthwaite Manor, worth 18*l.* a year, and Whitcham, 15*l.*, which have paid no fine either on the death of the old Earl of Derby, or the late Earl, who was beheaded; beside many other fines and heriots, 500*l.* could be raised on Bassingthwaite, if one of the fines were remitted. We require you forthwith to levy these and the like fines, give us an account of your proceedings, and return the money with all speed. [*G* 17, *p.* 404.]

Nov. 17. Order in Parliament, referring to the Committee for Compounding the following names, reported from the committee on the additional Act for sale of lands forfeited for treason:—

John, Lord Talbot, son of the Earl of Shrewsbury.
Thos. Hornihold, Hanley Castle, co. Worcester.
John Apsley, Pulborough, Sussex.
John Morrice, late Governor of Pontefract Castle.
Edw. Gower, Suttenham, co. York.
Robert Pottington, Hatfield, co. York.
William, eldest son of Sir Hen. Crofts.

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[John] Trollop, co. Durham.
Sir Wm. Blackston, co. York.
George Parker, of Parker, co. Stafford.
George Villiers, Viscount Grandison.
Sir Wm. Gerard, Bart., Bryn, co. Lancaster.
[*G* 121, *pp.* 441, 442.]

Nov. 17. Rich. Coffin to ———. My wife is willing to have only the rents of Alvington Manor, and the sheaf of North Tamerton, co. Cornwall, in lieu of the 50*l.* a year during my mother's life, so you must draw up a deed accordingly. Let the deed be engrossed at once, and when sealed I hope there can be no manner of claims made thereto. [*Placed with the case of George Beare, but no seeming connection. G* 67, *p.* 707.]

Nov. 18. **79.** Additional Act vesting in the former trustees for sale the lands and estates of numerous persons named forfeited to the Commonwealth for treason. With marginal notes by T. Bayley. [*Printed*, 51½ *pages.*]

Nov. 18. **80.** Alphabetical index to the above Act. [56 *pages.*]

[Nov. 18.] **81, 82.** Queries [by Bayley?] on the above Act, relative to estates of which no surveys are returned to Drury House, claims on the estates for jointure, claims not yet put in, &c. [*Scraps.*]

Nov. 18. **83.** Alphabetical lists of persons included in the 3 several Acts for sale of delinquents' lands of 16 July 1651, and of 4 August and 18 November 1652. [*Book damaged.*]

Nov. 18. Information by — Messervy, that John Le Hardy—who pretends to be employed by the well-affected of Jersey to solicit for them against delinquents, and gave in the names of commissioners for the island,—has been through the wars a notorious and cruel enemy to the Commonwealth, is an agent for all delinquents in the island, and has boasted in his letters to them how he is countenanced here. [*G* 106, *p.* 225.]

Nov. 19. Order by the Committee for Compounding. Col. Wm. Crowne, one of the County Committee for Shropshire, has given information about the estate of Wm. Barker, of Aberlee, which cause we, as Committee for Advance of Money, have postponed, and ordered him meantime to proceed with the auditor for the accounts; as he informs us that he began to act several months after Mr. K[ing], his fellow commissioner, he is not to be required to make up accounts in reference to what was done before his commission. [*G* 77, *p.* 399.]

Order that Wm. King, one of the County Committee for Shropshire, give satisfaction upon his account, and give security to pass it in 6 weeks. [*G* 17, *p.* 424.]

Nov. 19. Committee for Compounding to the Army Committee. We have long since asked your directions in matters relating to accounts, but not obtained it. You will find by the enclosed the need of your assistance in removing such things as obstruct the dispatch of business. If Parliament does not get all the satisfaction that may be expected, we hope our endeavours will not be forgotten nor the blame lie upon us. [*G* 17, *p.* 424.]

Nov. 19. Radnor. John Yardley and Wm. Stephens, County Commissioners for Radnor, to the Committee for Compounding. We called Wm. Watkins, late sequestration commissioner, and he produced an account for himself and agents, showing that he paid in 160*l.* on 17 Nov. 1651, and had his acquittance. [*G* 167, *p.* 649.]

Nov. 20. Kendal. County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We have received the Act for continuance of your power till 1 Nov. 1653. We would gladly have ceased our employment, as it obstructs our business, but lest the service should suffer, we will follow your instructions. We want orders for paying in our moneys, for we can make no return of moneys, trading being hindered, and we dare not hazard sending it up by the carrier without special order, and so have paid it into the treasury here. [*G* 171, *p.* 189.]

Nov. 20. Certificate by Ralph Akerman, mayor, and Rich. Saunders, justice of peace, that Thos. Bradshaw, fuller of Exeter, has subscribed the engagement appointed by Parliament before them. With deposition of Rich. Wincombe to their seals and signatures. [*G* 71, *p.* 104.]

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Nov. 23. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Hereford. Your clerk has sent a copy of an order of ours confirming contracts for the estates of John Berrington and others. There is no such entry in our books, and the order is not after our usual manner, so we suspect some ill practice, and request strict examination and the original to be sent up. [*G* 17, *p.* 427.]

Nov. 23. Tenby. County Committee for Pembroke to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your commission of 16 Dec. 1651, with a book of ordinances and instructions, and the Act of 25 March 1648; but, finding your power had expired, we thought ourselves incapable of power, till by yours of 12 Aug. and 28 Oct. you empowered us still to act. We still scruple, because the Act requires 7 of you to act, and our commission is only signed by 4, but you may have other Acts empowering a less number. Pray empower us sufficiently, and add to us Capt. Walter Cuny and John Protherough, for some of us have many public burdens, and cannot meet as often as we would. Meanwhile we will make preparations, and recover lost time by calling in the committee's officers and accounts. [*G* 167, *p.* 691.]

Nov. 24. **84.** Order of the Committee for Compounding, on a Parliament order given of 18 Nov. 1652—that the 5,360*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* allowed by Parliament order of 25 Dec. 1651, to William, Earl of Salisbury, for all claims on the house, gardens, and parks and manor of Theobalds, Cheshunt, and Enfield, by patents from Kings James and Charles, be charged on the ⅔ of the revenues of Papists, not delinquents, in Goldsmiths' Hall—for payment of the said sums accordingly. [*G* 17, *p.* 434; 115, *pp.* 1035, 1036.]

Nov. 24. Committee for Compounding to Hen. Darley, M.P. We have often endeavoured in vain to gain rules for expediting the return of moneys from the country. The county commissioners do not think their 12*d.* in the pound covers the charge and hazard of conveyance, and Parliament has not yet declared where the damage shall lie in case of miscarriage. Some county commissioners have 1,100*l.* in their hands. We wish you could assist us in procuring Parliament's direction for its speedy transmission. [*G* 17, *p.* 431.]

Nov. 24. Committee for Compounding to John Blackwell and Wm. Leman, treasurers-at-war. We wish you to assign to be paid in those parts, on account of the army, the following sums in the hands of county commissioners, viz.:—York, 6,000*l.*; Newcastle, 2,500*l.*; Monmouth, 2,000*l.*; Hereford, 700*l.*; Cumberland, 800*l.* [*G* 17, *p.* 444.]

Nov. 24. Taunton. County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We have given notice as ordered to persons who had savings for estates, and send you particulars. [*G* 167, *p.* 233.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Note of the dates of serving notices to 4 persons who had savings to compound. 24 Nov.* 1652. [*G* 167, *p.* 235.]

Nov. 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Brereton consider in what cases examinations should be taken in writing on interrogatories, in the country or here, and when *vivâ voce.* [*G* 13, *p.* 49.]

Nov. 25. County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We sent out summons for all suspected to be Popishly affected to appear before us on the 4th at Truro, but only 2 constables made returns; they only discovered 3 or 4 recusants in their divisions, and none appeared to take the oath of abjuration. We set the estates of some few known Papists for 7 years, posted them for 14 days, and sent particulars for confirmation, and asked further direction if any should afterwards come and take the oath of adjuration; if by that means our grants become void, it will be in vain for us to sequester or post any other Papists' or delinquents' estates, for there will be no takers. [*G* 149, *p.* 513.]

Nov. 29. Reading. George Lamboll and Hen. Sharp to the Committee for Compounding. Your complaint of the 16th seems very strange to us. On your order of 3 March 1652, we sent our agent, Mr. Gardner, to mark 550 decayed pollard trees in Hampstead Park, and to tell as many as he could of their sale. We posted them at Newbury 14 days before, received divers orders sealed, and accepted the

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greatest that had security. Three months after, we heard that several trees had been marked—not by our agent. We found there had been an endeavour to imitate our mark, but could not discover the actor; and our agent, whom we sent a month ago, said the vendees had not felled their number by 40.

We thought it our duty to offer the copyholders in Enborne to fill up their estates on reasonable terms, but made no grant except to one who gave 2 years' purchase for a life in reversion, as we did not think the others offered enough. After the court,—the tenants hearing that Lord Craven's estate was to be sold, and that Parliament granted tenants a right of pre-emption,—Mr. Sharp offered, as they lacked money, to get it for them on security, not thinking it could be the least disadvantage to the State.

Details of the letting of estates, all to the best value. It is not true that we marked valuable trees and cut down young elms, and took away locks from doors, and bars from windows, gates, and rails. Part of that complaint is true, but it is not true that we did it, nor can we find the actors. [*G* 146, *pp.* 317, 318.]

Nov. 30. Collection of the Revenues under sequestration in the counties following, viz.:—

ENGLAND.

	Delinquents. £	s.	d.	Papists. £	s.	d.
Bedford	18	0	0	93	4	6
Berks	25	0	0	1530	6	8
Bucks	181	0	0	1267	3	8
Cambridge	336	10	0	774	14	2
Chester	1640	0	11	1211	10	11
Cornwall	2708	17	4	10	0	0
Cumberland	1753	1	1½	433	12	8
Derby	543	18	3	1343	8	6
Devon	3056	3	3	1221	14	2
Dorset	1385	17	8¾	1337	2	4
Durham	4738	7	7	3787	8	4
Essex	1022	3	4	6667	18	3
Gloucester	610	13	4	1514	6	8
Hereford	615	17	0	577	3	8
Hertford	374	0	0	255	8	0
Huntingdon	206	16	8	287	17	10
Kent	571	12	4	3989	2	8
Lancaster	8269	0	7¼	4926	10	0¾
Leicester	1226	1	3	2531	1	1
Lincoln	1820	1	0	2217	3	5
London	105	1	8	626	13	8
Middlesex } Westminster }	985	1	5	839	17	4
Monmouth	288	10	0	8	16	0
Norfolk	2174	2	4	2834	2	8
Northampton	595	0	0	2882	0	0
Northumberland	3779	9	4	739	16	0
Nottingham	292	2	2	576	6	4
Oxon	367	0	0	2337	0	0
Salop	732	11	0	1449	3	1
Somerset	2115	8	8	967	11	6
Southampton	597	14	6	1828	16	0
Stafford	1137	19	8	3183	10	10
Suffolk	342	16	0	4211	2	2
Surrey	74	9	2	847	3	4
Sussex	982	3	4	5892	10	8
Warwick	390	0	0	4522	17	8
Westmoreland	330	0	0	79	5	0
Wilts	438	0	0	1334	7	4
Worcester	2073	18	10	1615	10	4
York	12203	0	6	10438	16	8
	60,701	9	10½	81,854	16	9¾

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WALES.

	Delinquents. £	s.	d.	Papists. £	s.	d.
Brecon	33	0	0	146	0	0
Denbigh	32	0	0	1025	8	5
Flint	160	0	0	133	5	0
Merioneth	199	0	0			
Radnor	10	0	0	161	0	0
	434	0	0	1,465	13	5

	£	s.	d.
Sum Total	144,456	0	1½

[*G* 113, *p.* 627.]

Nov. Petition of Roger Rea, citizen and stationer of London, to the Committee for Compounding, &c. Has long served them with books, papers, &c., as reasonably as they could be afforded, but others are offering to circumvent him by supplying them at cheaper rates. Begs them not to be deluded by specious pretences of cheapness. Will serve them at the rates proffered, and as cheap as any other, if he may have a further trial. [*G* 113, *p.* 297.] *Annexing,*

I. *Bill by Rea for stationery, &c., May to Sept.* 1652, 3*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* 28 *Oct.* 1652. *Attested by Aud. Sherwin.* [*G* 113, *p.* 300.]

II. *Like bill Aug. to Oct.* 1652. 9 *Nov.* 1652. *Attested by Registrar Bayley.* [*G* 113, *p.* 302.]

Dec. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of co. Berks. We have yours of 2 Dec. in answer to the complaint against you; we approve your proceedings as therein set forth, and doubt you will so proceed that the State's interest may be preserved and no private persons wronged; in so doing you may expect our countenance, notwithstanding any calumnies against you. [*G* 17, *p.* 472.]

Dec. 6. Carlisle. County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. You require us to levy fines, general as well as occasional, from the Bassingthwaite and Whitcham tenants, late belonging to the Earl of Derby, and from other delinquents' estates. We have appointed a meeting and summoned them, and will report. May we keep courts in the baronies of Brough and Greystock, belonging to the Countess Dowager of Arundel, or any other estates sequestered for recusancy only? The Brough tenants, having paid no rents to the Earl or Countess for 16 years, except in 1651, earnestly desire to compound with us for their arrears, but cannot pay the whole, because of the armies and incursions of the enemy to which they have been subject. [*G* 150, *p.* 489.]

Dec. 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the registrar transmit to the Committee for Removing Obstructions the names of all delinquents mentioned in the late additional Act of Sale, who are in arrear of payment of the latter ½ of their fines, in order that the commissioners may not give directions to survey their estates. [*G* 37, *p.* 67.]

Dec. 7. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. York. You are to pay 6,000*l.* of the moneys in your hands to the order of Leman and Blackwell, treasurers-at-war. With note of like letters to the Commissioners of Cumberland for 800*l*; Monmouth, 2,000*l.*; Northumberland, 2,500*l.*; and Hereford, 700*l.* [*G* 12, *p.* 528.]

Dec. 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on request of Nich. Borlace to have the registrar's certificate and copies of proceedings annexed to the Court of Articles without fee, and on statement by the registrar that he has taken much pains in searching out the proceedings, to show why Borlace should not have the benefit of the articles by him claimed—that the registrar should have for such certificates and copies the fees allowed him in other cases. [*G* 13, *p.* 49.]

Dec. 11. Hereford. Capt. Silas Taylor to Edw. Winslow, Haberdashers' Hall. I have examined our clerk about a pretended order which he says was given by him on permission

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of one of us, but I wash my hands of it. There is a great mis-carriage in it that any should dare to sign a pretended order as a true copy. Is not what you have heard against the agents enough to suspend them with their 6*s.* 6*d.* a day? The place could be better filled for half the money. Capt. Mason is in Somersetshire, and I know not when he will return.

With note of reply 21 Dec. that the agent was cashiered in the army for drunkenness, and is to show cause in 3 weeks why he should not be dismissed, and that Marsh is to be added to the commissioners. [*G* 17, *p.* 523; 157, *p.* 383.]

Dec. 15. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Warwick. We cannot confirm your contract for Sir Charles Smith's estate, because you have allowed out-rents and charges which we cannot admit till proved. Agree for the full value of the estate, you paying taxes, and then you shall have our confirmation. [*G* 30, *p.* 454.]

Dec. 15. Durham. County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. We certify, on behalf of Grace, widow of Art. French, that he served faithfully during his employment, and beg payment to the poor woman and her children of the 81*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* due to him. [*G* 154, *p.* 239.]

Dec. 16. John Blackwell, treasurer-at-war, to Mr. Bayley. Send by Thos. Marsh, our cashier, the letters appointed by the commissioners to be prepared for cos. York, Monmouth, &c. With his receipt for letters to Cumberland for 800*l.*, Monmouth 2,000*l.*, Northumberland 2,500*l.*, Hereford 700*l.*, and York 6,000*l.* [*G* 138, *p.* 599.]

Dec. 17. Information given by Col. Birch that the County Committee for Lancaster broke up their meeting, and therefore could not send up the depositions about Gervase Clifton and Joan Banister.

Also that on 14 Dec. R. Cunliffe refused to act with R. Massey, because Massey was to be treasurer, and had not given any security, so that the rest of the commissioners would be liable in case of his miscarriage or neglect, and therefore Cunliffe wishes either Massey or himself discharged from employment. This information was to be given to Col. Birch, lodging in Martin's Lane, between the church and Charing Cross. [*G* 100, *p.* 345.]

Dec. 18. Kinnerton, Radnor. Committee for Sequestrations for South Wales to the Committee for Compounding. On information by Jonas Stephens of Old Radnor, of lands supposed to be concealed in New Radnor, held by Hugh Watkins, we have taken depositions, sent them up, and desire your pleasure. [*G* 167, *p.* 645.] *Annexing,*

1. *Interrogatories and depositions on the above case, Watkins professing to hold the lands by deed from John Seymour.* 10 *and* 17 *Dec.* 1652. [*G* 167, *pp.* 639–643.]

Dec. 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on request of the Commissioners for Relief upon Articles [of War], that the registrar and auditor report what proceedings are in their court relating thereto. [*G* 17, *p.* 527.]

Dec. 21. Cambridge. County Committee for Cambridge to Mr. Leech. We have received no answer to our many letters about sequestration. This we impute to your multitude of business, and our want of some one to solicit for us. We beg an answer from the commissioners to the enclosed, which will answer our former letters. Noted as answered. [*G* 147, *p.* 303.]

Dec. 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding that—as the Committee for co. Derby has paid several augmentations by virtue of orders of the Committee for Plundered Ministers, the originals of which remain with the persons to whom the augmentations were granted, certificated copies of these orders be produced to the auditor, who is then to give allowance of moneys paid thereupon. [*G* 17, *p.* 530.]

Order that the committee sit henceforward on Tuesday mornings for indemnity, and in the afternoons on compositions, and that this order be set up on the door. [*G* 37, *p.* 72.]

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Order that Hen. King, Tobias Frere, Rob. Jermy, and Gab. Barber be Sequestration Commissioners for co. Norfolk. [*G* 12, *p.* 530.]

Dec. 23. Durham. County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. The Commissioners of Sewers, co. Durham, have assessed several acres of land sequestered for recusancy of George Smith and Ant. Witham, at 2*s.* an acre, amounting to 24*l.*, towards defraying the charges of scouring and cleansing the Skirne, and were about to drive the tenants' goods for the same; but as we had no order for allowance thereof, we did not suffer the commissioners to proceed, and desire directions. [*G* 153, *p.* 469.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Order by the Commissioners of Sewers for levying* 2*s. an acre on* 190 *acres in Nun Stainton and Barmpton, towards removing the obstructions which caused the overflowing of the river, and did great damage; and request for the county committee to procure instructions from the Committee for Compounding, lest the levying of this assessment might cause a defalcation of rent.* 29 *Nov.* 1652. [*G* 153, *p.* 467.]

Dec. 24. Petition of divers officers and soldiers, part of the horse forces of co. Bucks, to the Committee for Compounding, to take such order as that they may receive their pay, many being very poor, and having families to maintain. By order of Parliament 3,000*l.* was to be raised, 1,500*l.* for them, and 1,500*l.* for Windsor Castle, from sale of the Duke of Buckingham's woods, co. Bucks, and 2,187*l.* has been received, but the 800*l.* is neglected by the county committee owing to some obstruction, so that they are deprived of their pay. [*G* 71, *p.* 683.] *Annexing,*

1. *Parliament orders of* 13 *Jan.* 1649, *and* 4 *and* 14 *June* 1650, *alluded to.* [*G* 71, *p.* 685.]

Dec. 24. Maidstone. County Committee for Kent to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 23 Sept. we gave our agent a warrant to levy the arrears due by James Golding, tenant of lands late Ald. Bunce's, and to put locks on his barn doors, which was done, but they have been taken off, and Golding refuses to pay his arrears, and abuses our officers. We beg that he may be called to account for this, and for the felling of much timber during the sequestration. [*G* 158, *p.* 147.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Depositions in proof of the above statements by Rich. Hills and David Steere, agents of the committee, and by John Mason of Maidstone, carpenter.* 24 *Dec.* 1652. [*G* 158, *pp.* 149–151.]

Dec. 25. Cambridge. County Committee for Cambridge to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of cases. Note of the survey, posting, and letting of 11 estates and their rentals. The tenants are much perplexed that their leases are not confirmed by you, for want whereof the Commonwealth sustains some prejudice. We earnestly desire your return hereto. [*G* 147, *p.* 305.]

Dec. 30. Order in the Committee for Compounding that Sir Fras. Lloyd attend on Tuesday next, there being an earnest occasion of conferring with him on some business. [*G* 37, *p.* 74.]

Order that in future all reports be put onto the table in course, not expressing how many for each day, as many times six cannot be gone through in a day, and thereby remands are multiplied. The oldest remands which have been once called on, or not called on at all, to be put in the first place. If a cause be once called out and not attended, it is to be crossed out of its place and put at the end of the table. [*G* 13, *p.* 50.]

Order that—as Roger Calcott, treasurer of sequestrations in co. Middlesex, has died much in debt and given in no accounts, and much of his estate is concealed to prevent its seizure—the present commissioners search for his goods, breaking open locks and bolts where needful, and on finding any, seize and inventory them; all mayors, sheriffs, &c., to assist.

Order on reading a letter from the Revenue Committee of 22 Dec. on the removal of obstructions in the receipt of revenue, that on producing auditors' contracts and receivers' accounts of fee-farm rents issuing from estates of Papists and delinquents, those rents be discharged from sequestration. [*G* 17, *pp.* 555, 556.] *Annexing,*

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1. *Revenue Committee to the Committee for Compounding. In ordering the levying of the debts and revenues of the late King, Queen, and Prince, we find by the returns of the sheriffs and other officers, that the county committees for sequestration, by your directions, neither pay nor suffer to be levied the moneys due to the public revenue. As all moneys ought to be brought in to their proper channel, we beg you to meet us at the inner Star Chamber, Westminster, next Tuesday, at 8 a.m., that we may consult upon and remove the obstructions. Westminster, 22 Dec.* 1652. [*G* 113, *p.* 629.]

Dec. 31. York. Ralph Rymer to the Committee for Compounding. You have often been informed that there is no North Riding Committee; what you write about discouragements, the Parliament, and our powers, might encourage a committee if there were one, but it does not create what is not. That you may know what account to expect of the sequestrations in those parts and improve them in future, I offer some queries; some on the votes, that they may be better understood and executed, the rest on the defects in power and want of power; that being amended, the public may reap the fruit of sequestrations. [*G* 172, *p.* 587.]

[Dec.] List of those who, on the Parliament order of 12 Oct. 1649, subscribed the engagement to be true to the Commonwealth as now established, without King or House of Lords, before the Committee for Compounding, together with the names (missing) of the refusers. In a few cases the dates of subscription are given, from 3 May 1650 to 26 Nov. 1652. The signatures, which are all original, are as follows:—

[Earl of] Northampton.
*Jo. Corbett.
Rich. Wilshire.
George Cole.
Wm. Adams.
Thos. Mayo.
Hen. Heron.
John Thorold.
Rob. Meore.
Hen. Tooker.
S. Walsh.
James Long.
Nath. Tompkins.
Tim. Man.
Rob. Hills.
*Fras. Rodes.
Rich. Gibson.
Thos. Burges.
Harman Warre.
[Sir] Charles Kemys.
Wm. Jenkins.
Fras. Rockley.
*John Poole.
Rich. Davy.
Thos. Warton.
[George, Lord] Strange.‡
H. Herris.
*Thos. Colepeper.
Dudley Sonds.
Edw. Wiffin.
*John Fortescue.
Hen. Harris.
Hen. Page.
*Thos. Leigh.
Mich. Chadwell.
Walt. Charleton.
Law. Squibb.
Hen. Stevens.
*John Monson.
Thos. Tudor.
Law. Caldwall.
Thos. Hanmer.
John Crosby.
Mark Slingsby.
*[Sir] Edw. Berkeley.
Fras. Wortley.
Rich. Mansell.
*George Heneage.
John Parsons.
*[Sir] Phil. Tirwhitt.
Thos. Pecke.
Thomas, Lord Windsor.†
Thos. Tomkyns.
Wm. Bray.
Isaac Vivian.
Chris. Sadbery.

With note that Wm. Salvin of Newbiggin, co. York, took the oath of abjuration, 2 Feb. 1652. Endorsed, "Engagement roll." [*Parchment*, *G* 143, *p.* 651.]

Notes of the rates of letting 12 sequestered estates in co. Hereford for 7 years, by Mat. Barrow and Walter Merrick. [*G* 157, *p.* 438.]

List of Parliament orders filed, relating to 11 persons named. [*G* 172, *p.* 711.]

* Those names to which asterisks are prefixed may be knights, but this is not indicated in the list.
† A separate certificate of the taking of the oath by George, Lord Strange, before Ald. Chris. Pack, is also given in *G* 143, *p.* 649.
‡ A registrar's certificate that he took the engagement was made on 29 Dec. 1653. [*See G* 33, *p.* 327.]

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Queries [from the County Committee of Devon] on behalf of the Commonwealth. With notes of replies—

1. Whether all savings to compound ought not to be certified? [All to be returned.]

2. Whether rents seized before the date of compounding and not paid, should be collected? [Such as are unpaid, if due before the order of suspension is issued.]

3. Whether the 1,300*l.* in Mr. Walrond's hands, formerly questioned, should not be searched after? [Mr. Bayley to examine proceedings in the case.]

4. How to proceed with arrears of Dean and Chapters' lands due before their sale? [Those due before the lands were invested in the trustees to be certified, when further order will be given; the same as to Bishops' rents.] [*G* 127, *p.* 538.]

List [by Reading] of 14 composition cases now in hand, and notes of proceedings therein. [*G* 120, *pp.* 817, 818.]

Notes of 11 cases reported to the House, the delinquent tenant being dead. [*G* 120, *p.* 219.]

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Jan. 1. **1.** Power of attorney from Wm. Rance, of St. Alban's, Herts, surveyor to the Drury House Trustees for delinquents' estates, to Thos. Walker, skinner of London, to receive his salary during his absence abroad in the said employment. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 2. **2.** Peter Ambrose to the Committee for Compounding. I sent my accounts to Mr. Case, who took them to the commissioners at Preston in October, but by reason of distractions at that sitting, they were not received. I went the next sitting, 17 Nov., and delivered in the great accounts, viz., from 1643 to 1649, with the arrears for 1650, and proposed to come up in Easter and pass them with your auditor. They write now to ask when I can go with or meet them in London, where they will perfect their accounts; but because of age and weakness, I beg to be spared for the winter season from so great and tedious a journey. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that an order of the Revenue Committee of 28 Dec. last be referred to Aud. Sherwin, to give the account desired. [*G* 17, *p.* 562.] *Annexing,*

I. *Order alluded to, that Mr. Wilson attend the Committee for Compounding to request the speedy paying in to Receiver-Gen. [Thos.] Fauconberg of the sums mentioned in Aud. Sherwin's certificate of* 14 *July* 1652, *as due to the Revenue from sequestered estates. Westminster,* 28 *Dec.* 1652. [*G* 113, *p.* 623.]

II. *Certificate of Aud. Sherwin alluded to of the sums payable to the Revenue from sequestered estates specified in the several counties for fee-farm rents, &c.* 14 *July* 1652. [*G* 113, *pp.* 625, 626.]

Jan. 4. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee of Sussex. We repeat a letter to which we have received no answer; as we hear that there was a dormant statute of 20,000*l.* due to Isaac Jones from Lord Goring, wherewith his lordship's estate in your county was chargeable, we desire to know whether the debt has been allowed out of that estate, and by what authority, and when. We conceive the State is defrauded by the payment thereof, the debt being satisfied long before sequestration. Give us an account within a week. [*G* 17, *p.* 563.]

Jan. 6. Statement by Col. Thos. Mitton. On 30 May 1646 I authorized commissioners to treat for surrender of the Isle of Anglesea, and granted the first proposal, viz., that all the inhabitants should have their delinquencies remitted, be received as friends, and their estates be freed from sequestration and plunder. This included indemnity for all actions in time of war, and I thought it just that

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they should be secured against any persons for actions relating to the war. I promised my best endeavours for performance of these articles, the rather that the transactions were chiefly among themselves, the indemnifying whereof was thought the best way to settle the island. [*G* 63, *p.* 261, 262.]

Jan. 11. Hereford. County Committee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We want a speedy answer whether a Papist, voted a delinquent, and so sequestered by the committee in 1646, but by default of our predecessors, only ⅔ of his estate let, and so standing in Dec. 1651, is to have the benefit of the Act of Pardon as to his delinquency. [*G* 157, *p.* 320.]

Jan. 13. County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We desire confirmation of our sets of the copyhold estate of Nich. Borlace, and a clearing against him. The want of your resolution obstructs our proceedings, as none will meddle with delinquents' estates till you confirm what we have already done. We send a bill for payment of 100*l.* by John Robinson, merchant in Milk Street. [*G* 149, *p.* 511.]

Jan. 15. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cambridge. Particulars of cases. As to the persons returned by you as sequestered, say whether they were sequestered before 1 Dec. 1651, and what orders you find on their cases in the books of the former committee. [*G* 30, *p.* 80.]

Jan. 17. King Street. Col. John Pyne to Mr. Winslow. I send 2 letters from my deputy-treasurer, a right honest man; tell him whither, and to whom, the money is to be returned. Col. John Gorges is discovered to be a very corrupt hypocrite. [Rich.] Cheesman, an attorney, is questioned for delinquency, he swaying all business in favour of delinquents, and his brother Thomas being of the delinquent's counsel; they abused and committed the witnesses, and Cheesman being worth 3,000*l.*, and having neither wife nor child, gave Gorges 500*l.*, which was secured in a court of record. I have differed from him because he is a professed enemy to the godly and well affected. [*G* 167, *p.* 237.]

Jan. 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that henceforth the treasurers, auditors, and registrars send to Capt. Owen in Bread Street for books, wax, ink, pens, &c., and that he bring in a quarterly bill, to be signed by them, and examined and certified by Mr. Vincent. Also that Mr. Rea's bill be attested, that a warrant may be drawn for payment. [*G* 37, *p.* 78; 108, *p.* 355.]

Jan. 18. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Somerset. We hear from Col. Pyne that you have received large sums. We desire you speedily to return them, as the State's occasions call earnestly for money. [*G* 17, *p.* 597.]

Jan. 18. Chichester. County Committee of Sussex to the Committee for Compounding. Isaac Jones is unknown to us. We know nothing more of his title to Lord Goring's estate than what is expressed in the duplicate of the late county committee here. Your former letter never came to our hands. [*G* 169, *p.* 551.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Discharge by the Committee for Advance of Money of George, Lord Goring, as no delinquent within the meaning of the ordinance.* 28 *Feb.* 1651. [*G* 169, *p.* 549.]

Jan. 20. Knutsford. County Committee for Chester to the Committee for Compounding. Complain of difficulties detailed in settling the augmentations granted from Wrenbury and Over to the ministers of those places and Acton, who demand them without sufficient warrant except from the Committee for Plundered Ministers; beg directions. [*G* 148, *pp.* 425, 426.]

Jan. 21. Preston. **3.** Committee for co. Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We find in the last Act for Sale of Delinquents' Lands that none who committed treason since 30 Jan. 1649 are to compound for their estates, but these are to be sold and confiscated.

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Of these we find in our county Hugh Anderton of Euxton, and 8 others named, all of whom were in the late war. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 24. Reading. Sam. Bellingham and Hen. Sharpe to the Committee for Compounding. We have kept courts on Lord Craven's sequestered estates in co. Berks, let them to the highest value, and received the fines or taken security for them. [*G* 146, *p.* 281.]

Jan. 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on the present difference between the commissioners in co. Lancaster, that two more be added to them, and if the present commissioners stand on security to be given by any of the persons named, then all are to give security. [*G* 17, *p.* 621; 100, *p.* 349.]

Jan. 25. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Middlesex. The service of the State requiring it, we desire you to bring in speedily the accounts of all your receipts and payments since the time of your acting. [*G* 17, *p.* 618.]

Jan. 26. Order that Gibert Crouch, executor of Zachary Steward, show cause why ⅔ of a debt of 100*l.* owed by Steward to the late Mr. Salvin of Newbiggin, co. York, should not be paid to the State, and ⅓ to his executors. [*G* 17, *p.* 624.]

Jan. 26. Ormskirk. County Committee for Lancashire to the Committee for Compounding. Your order of 5 Jan. for letting Rich. Ashton of Croston have a lease of his estate is injurious, because we cannot lease estates if our leases are made void. We posted 140 estates, and met to-day to let them, but have only let 30, so we shall have to post them at less value. The farmers will not contract with us, as it is rumoured that we cannot make good our contracts. Are we to lease the estates of those in the late Act for Sale? The tenants of many, let at full value, are desirous to take them. [*G* 159, *pp.* 29, 30.]

Jan. 27. Arundel. County Committee for Sussex, to the Committee for Compounding. As to the tenants of ⅔ of Sir Thos. Gage's sequestered estate, since you allow no contracts including perquisites of courts and the letting of estates, we made void the former contracts and made new ones. On your rule allowing for repairs and sea breaches, the tenants brought in bills of 100*l.* spent, which we have not yet allowed. We have let the estate at 500*l.*, being 50*l.* less than before, as Sir Thomas always repaired the sea breaches, and the repairs will run high, the former committee only letting for a year, so that the premises are in decay. Also when we first let them, the monthly assessments were but 60,000*l.* or 90,000*l.* a month, and now they are 120,000*l.* [*G* 169, *p.* 471.]

Jan. 28. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the county committees. Say whether you have all taken the oath prescribed by 15 April 1650; any who have not so done are to take it forthwith, and not to act further till it is taken. We expect this the rather now, as Parliament are on the sale of traitors' estates, and what you return should be on oath, that we may more safely judge each case. Search diligently the late committee's books and papers, and take an account of the nature of those wanting, that we may take speedy course to bring them to your hands if possible. [*G* 31, *p.* 781.]

Feb. 1. Committee for Compounding to John Jackson, late sequestration treasurer in Westminster. You are to appear before us to-morrow at 3 p.m. to answer questions. [*G* 17, *p.* 645.]

Feb. 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding that [Rich.] Styleman, agent to the London Commissioners, appear this afternoon to answer questions. [*G* 17, *p.* 647.]

Order on a letter from the Committee of Kent of 24 Dec. 1652—certifying that when, as ordered on 23 Sept., they directed their agent to levy arrears due from James Golding, tenant of lands late Ald. Bunce's, and the agent put locks on the barn door, they were taken off, and Golding refused to pay—that the commissioners levy the arrears on his estate, appraise and sell his cattle,

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goods, corn, &c., and call the civil officers and forces if needful to their assistance. Also that they summon Golding to appear this day fortnight to answer his contempt. [*G* 17, *p.* 652; 88, *p.* 63.]

Feb. 2. Brecon. Wm. Jones and Barth. Games, Commissioners for co. Brecon, to the Committee for Compounding. We have sent in 340*l.*, collected with difficulty from the sequestered estates. We had sent it long since, but we were driven to collect it ourselves, the revenue being so small that if we had used an agent, we had proved unprofitable servants. We send a weak account at last forced from the late committee, which will only serve as a charge against the [delinquents]. The most active now live out of this county and no distress to be had.

The accounts of the late Commissioners for South Wales are more satisfactory, but we cannot tell how it will fall till we have the accounts of those who acted last before us, because we cannot find where the arrears lie, two of them, [Roger] Havard and [John] Gunter, not living in the county. [*G* 167, *p.* 659.]

Feb. 3. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Berks. We have received yours of 24 Jan. with the contracts enclosed, and also a contract with Andrew and John Biggs for lands in East and West Enborne, which we confirm if let according to instructions. [*G* 17, *p.* 654.]

Feb. 4. Taunton. County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We summoned Capt. Rob. Parradine before us on your order of 24 Sept., but he appeared not, so we took examinations on the case. [*G* 166, *p.* 267.] *Enclosing,*

I. *Depositions to prove that Parradine held Witham Park, sequestered from Sir Ralph Hopton, worth 10l. a year without the deer, and 20l. with, and also took some of his cattle and furniture, for the wrong done by Hopton to his own goods at Bristol and Bath.* 27 *Oct.* 1652. [*G* 166, *pp.* 259–261.]

II. *Rob. Parradine to the Committee for county Somerset. Whoever says the red deer park is worth 20l. a year, and the fallow deer park 360l., is an arrant knave; the red deer park is 4 acres, worth 13s. 4d. an acre, and the fallow deer park will not let at 2s. 6d. an acre. I would give 40l. never to have seen the park. The keepers can give an account of the cattle put in. I sold 3 oaks for 30l., but Hopton sold 800 of my trees, received 2,000l. of my rents, and took my deeds, worth 500l., and I get nothing for my loss. Bath,* 25 *Oct.* 1652. [*G* 166, *pp.* 263–265.]

Feb. 4. Taunton. County Committee for Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. We desire your confirmation of our contracts of sequestered estates, surveyed and posted according to directions.

With note that they are confirmed if let according to instructions, but leases of estates in the Act for Sale are void, if made after the publishing of the Act. [*G* 167, *p.* 223.] *Enclosing,*

I. *List of* 21 *contracts made by the said commissioners since* 22 *May* 1652. [*G* 167, *pp.* 225–231.]

Feb. 9. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries. We beg to excuse our attendance on you to-day, for Lord Coventry's business, which is of much concern, is to be heard;* as Mr. Holland thinks to-day will be taken up with returns from treasurers, we will wait on you to-morrow. [*G* 17, *p.* 659.]

Feb. 9. Order by the Committee for Inspecting Treasuries, referring to the Committee for Compounding to consider and report on a paper delivered in, Aud. Sherwin giving their opinions on each particular. [*G* 138, *p.* 301.] *Annexing,*

I. *Report by Aud. Sherwin on the obstructions in passing accounts.*

1. *The county committees have continued to tenants the allowances and abatements of rents made them in their contracts with the late county committees.*

2. *They have paid moneys on the orders of the late committees, conceiving them to remain in force so long as the late committees' grants of sequestered estates continued.*

* This case was before the commissioners as Committee for Advance of Money. *See* that Calendar, *pp.* 1363–1369.

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3. *They have paid from sequestered estates fee-farm rents, quit rents, annuities, stipends to ministers, &c., not proved according to the Act of* 25 *Jan.* 1650.

4. *They have paid salaries to stewards, bailiffs and others, who held offices by grants of delinquents before their delinquency.*

5. *They demand* 12*d. in the pound on all their receipts, whether paid in to Goldsmiths' Hall or otherwise.*

6. *They demand incident charges for house-rent, postage of letters, expenses of courts and surveys, charges of witnesses, travelling charges, &c.*

7. *If the estate of a sequestered person in his lands determines by death, or expiration of term, they allow the reversioner to enter before the claim is allowed, or the sequestration discharged by the Committee for Compounding.*

8. *They have allowed sundry tenants moneys levied out of their lands by the sheriff on processes, or for fines, or free quarter.*

9. *They have let estates at a clear yearly rental, leaving the tenants to pay the taxes, whether allowable or not.*

The Acts of 25 *Jan. and* 15 *April* 1650 *forbidding these allowances, I cannot pass the accounts, and therefore the commissioners usually lodge them, and depart into the country. Some commissioners have desired order for conveyance of their money to London, being unable to get return by exchange, because of the large sums drawn from the country for assessments, &c., and they dare not adventure them by carriers, not being able to pay for guards.* [*G* 138, *pp.* 297, 298.]

Feb. 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that on Thursday afternoon they will sit in private on general business, especially that referred to them by the Committee for Inspection, provided Lord Coventry's case be determined before that time. [*G* 13, *p.* 50.]

Feb. 11. Preston. County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. We beg your approval of our leases of estates surveyed, posted, and let according to instructions. That of Rob. Plessington, delinquent, at Dimples, in Wyersdale, is let to himself. [*G* 161, *p.* 347.]

Feb. 12. Exeter. County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. Rich. Newte, late minister of Tiverton, was sequestered for delinquency, yet though not officiating there, he keeps 300*l.* a year of an ecclesiastical promotion there, without accounting for it. Thomas Collins, of Sampford Peverell, also ejected for delinquency, holds that parsonage, worth 140*l.* a year. There are several other like cases of ministers who give no accounts. We struggle to preserve the State's interest, and beg your orders. We endeavour to draw the old agents to account; the honest attend, but not the faulty. [*G* 152, *p.* 385.]

Feb. 12. Hereford. County Commitee for Hereford to the Committee for Compounding. We certify that on [Wm.] Gage's estate there are 700 oaks fit for felling, being decayed, 1,140 ashes, and 50 cords of underwood, beside what is needful for repair of the house, and there are many young saplings. [*G* 157, *p.* 188.]

Feb. 12. York. County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We were obliged to employ a doorkeeper during our sittings, and he has often petitioned us for a salary, but your instructions being strict, we could give him no allowance. He has served 3 years carefully, and when our agents were away, has gone on horseback at his own charge to execute our orders, and been very forward in the service. We recommend him to you. [*G* 172, *p.* 583.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Petition of John Wrightson, doorkeeper to the County Committee for York, for salary for his long service. Has attended weekly since* 1 *March* 1650, *and received nothing, and been at great charges, as he lives* 12 *miles from York, and has neglected occasions for a good living.* [*G* 179, *p.* 586.]

Feb. 14. Northwich. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. In answer to yours of 28 Jan., I certify that on receipt of the Act of 15 April 1650, I and my fellow commissioners took the prescribed oath before

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Thos. Marbury of Marbury, of which we sent you a certificate, and I now enclose a duplicate. [*G* 149, *p.* 327.] *Enclosing,*

I. *Certicate by Thomas Marbury, J.P., that Henry Cockson, Thos. Robinson, and Wm. Barrett have taken before him the oath appointed for sub-commissioners of sequestrations.* 14 *May* 1650. [*G* 149, *p.* 329.]

Feb. 14. County Committee of Bedford to the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall. Henry Punter of Harlington,—authorized by us to sell wood, late the Earl of Cleveland's, for payment of taxes to the church and poor, according to Act of Parliament,—has refused to account with us, though several times required, but went into Ireland, whereupon we distrained his cattle. Punter has returned, and produced an order from the trustees for sale of delinquents' lands that he has accounted before them for the money received by him for wood, &c. Upon this we ordered him his cattle again, he paying the necessary charges for their keep, which he refuses. Please to order how they shall be disposed of. [*G* 146, *p.* 181.]

Feb. 14. King St. Col. John Pyne to Edw. Winslow, one of the Committee for Compounding. I send all that has come to my hands about Colonel Gorges' business, so much cried out against in co. Somerset, and conceal nothing for or against. As Gorges is in town, you can the sooner have his answer in writing. Let me see it, lest I miss some legal form; the case is in good men's hands. [*G* 88, *p.* 814.]

[Feb. 14.] Charge by Col. John Pyne and Thos. Paull against Col. John Gorges and his brother Thomas, that Col. Gorges abused Thos. Hawkins and other witnesses who appeared to prove a charge of delinquency against Rich. Cheesman, for which Cheesman promised Gorges 500*l.*, as else Parliament would have had all for his delinquency, and he was worth 3,000*l.*; but that to make the claim lawful, there was a feigned action for the 500*l.* as a debt, by advice of Thos. Gorges, who also prevailed on John Rogers not to testify against Cheesman. That Cheesman being lately dead, John Gorges has taken out a caveat against the proving of his will. [*G* 88, *p.* 816.] *Annexing,*

I. *Discharge by the county committee of Rich. Cheesman of Cheddar, co. Somerset, accused of delinquency, but found not guilty.* 22 *Jan.* 1652. [*G* 88, *pp.* 773, 822.]

II. *Power of attorney by Cheesman to Aldred Seaman and James Jefferies to appear for him at Westminster in the Common Bench, to answer a summons by Col. John Gorges, for unjustly detaining a debt of* 500*l.* 24 *Jan.* 1652. [*G* 88, *p.* 767.]

III. *Order, there being no defence, that Cheesman pay the debt and* 50*s. damages.* [*G* 88, *p.* 755.]

IV. *Agreement by which Col. John Gorges binds himself not to claim the money during Cheesman's life, if the latter do not alienate his estate.* 18 *March* 1652. [*G* 88, *p.* 775, 819.]

V., VI. *Warrants by Col. John Gorges to the constable of Cheddar to apprehend Thos. Hawkins of Cheddar, and to the keeper of the gaol for co. Somerset to take him into custody for notorious crimes, he refusing to find bail.* 12 *Feb.* 1652. [*G* 88, *p.* 771, 769, 818.]

Feb. 14. Stafford. County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. Col. [Hen.] Danvers, ourselves, and our agent and clerk, have taken the prescribed oath 2 years ago. We have got no books from the late committee, but only orders of discharge from the Committee for Sequestrations and Barons of Exchequer, a bundle of other orders, and 2 books of accounts from the treasurers. [*G* 168, *p.* 568.]

Feb. 15. Haberdashers' Hall. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Edw. Aspinwall, John Sawrey, and Rob. Massey are to act as Sequestration Commissioners for co. Lancaster, annulling all former commissions, Mr. Cunliffe being discharged for refusing to act with Massey. [*G* 12, *p.* 535; 37, *p.* 85.]

Feb. 15. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for Removing Obstructions in sale of forfeited lands. We confirmed the contracts made by the Berkshire Commissioners 24 Jan. and 3 Feb., but the allowance of these and others ought to date from the contract, as we should then give allowance were they certified to us. [*G* 17, *p.* 669.]

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Feb. 15. Warrant of the Committee for Compounding to Hale and Hamersley, messengers, to bring in custody Thos. Revell, Maximilian Delval, Jos. Delbalzar, and Sarah Keynes, to answer what they are charged with, suffering them to speak with no one meantime. [*G* 17, *p.* 672.]

Feb. 16. Wells. County Committee of Somerset to the Committee for Compounding. In answer to yours of 28 Jan., each of us on first entering our employment took the oath prescribed by the Act and will keep it. We have had papers as specified delivered us by the late committee, and Jasper Batt, our clerk, has recourse to the papers at Col. Pyne's at Curry Mallett. But we have not received the accounts of Roger Hill of Taunton, one of the treasurers. We sent for the Bristol records, but the commissioners said they would write to you about them. [*G* 167, *pp.* 221, 222.]

Feb. 16. Certificate by the Committee for Compounding of the diligent and faithful service of John Leech, their registrar, who has done much good service in discovering abuses, deserves his place, is free from exactions, and has never been complained against, but much good spoken of him. [*G* 17, *p.* 674.]

Feb. 16. Like certificate for Thos. Bayley, assistant registrar. [*G* 17, *p.* 674.]

Feb. [17.] Committee for Compounding to Major Salway. At desire of our registrars, we recommend their case, which we presented to the committee for sale, in hope to obtain through them some order from Parliament. We are again importuned to offer it to Parliament, that the great discouragement they are under, by reason of the penalty in the Act of Oblivion in doubtful cases, may be taken off. They are bound by their oath to issue such orders as we direct, and as they fear after persecution, we beg you to present speedily their case to Parliament, for explanation of the clause in the Act of Pardon concerning them. [*G* 17, *p.* 692.] *Annexing,*

1. *Note that the Act inflicts treble damages and costs, and* 10*l. fine against officers who sue process on persons therein included.*

That it was not issued till 4 *March* 1652, *but was to take effect from* 20 *Feb. That between those dates and since, the registrars have had to issue orders against persons claiming the benefit of the Act, who threaten them with suits. Request that Parliament will declare whether the registrars, being bound by oath to observe the orders of the Committee for Compounding, are included in the Act.* [*G* 17, *p.* 692.]

Feb. 17. Coventry. County Committee for Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. Each of us took the oath long since, before Ald. Thos. Basnet, J.P. for Coventry, who certified it to you. As to the late committee's books, we have five, and we will find out whether any are yet in their hands. [*G* 170, *p.* 485.]

Feb. 18. Committee for Compounding to Ald. Allen. We long since lodged a report with the Army Committee requesting Parliament's directions about recusants, as to what is to be taken for conformity, but have no answer. We beg you to move the said committee for dispatch, as many are willing to come in, take the oath of abjuration, and give the usual testimony, and apply to us for discharges, but we know not how to proceed. [*G* 17, *p.* 693.]

Feb. 19. York. County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We took the oath 24 Dec. 1650, and to day Thos. Bourchier has taken it before us as J.Ps. according to the Act. As to the books and papers of the late committee, we have all those of the North Riding, as many of the West Riding as their old clerk had when he died, but none from York, the East Riding, or Hull, though we have often desired them. [*G* 172, *p.* 589.]

Feb. 21. Certificate [by Thos. Fowle] that there is no charge of delinquency or recusancy against Jos. Rigby, but for misdemeanour in 1650, in obstructing the letting of sequestered estates, and beating those who distrained on him for rent. He had time till Candlemas 1651 to make his defence, but there are no further proceedings, and he was discharged in Dec. 1651, on security to pay what he owed to the State. [*G* 113, *p.* 897; 32, *p.* 195.]

Feb. 21. Certificate by Col. H. Mackworth [governor of Shrewsbury] that Wm. Crowne, Wm. King, and the late John Broome, County Commissioners for Salop, took the appointed oath before him 1 June 1650. [*G* 166, *p.* 169.]

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Feb. 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on request of Col. [John] Gorges, a commissioner for co. Somerset, that Thos. Paull, who has lodged an information against him, make himself known to this committee and give his address within 7 days, of which his counsel will give him notice. [*G* 17, *p.* 696.]

Order that Mr. Vincent provide paper where he can get it best and cheapest, and that the former order in this business be made void.

That considering the great neglect in sending in duplicates and accounts, letters be written to the parties that are remiss, be they M.Ps. or not, to give an account on oath of their receipts, and whether they have any books or papers of the late committee.

That the county commissioners be ordered to say why they have not levied the 20*l.* a month on the neglectors or contemners of former letters, and that they do it forthwith till the orders are performed.

That general business only be heard to-morrow week.

That the registrar take care in future to divide the references on compounding cases equally between Mr. Reading and Mr. Brereton.

That he deliver out no original papers on which judgment is grounded, except deeds, without special order.

That he prepare a list of persons who have not paid their fines, but whose estates are not under sequestration. [*G* 37, *p.* 88.]

Feb. 23. Notes by Ben. Mason of things whereon the judgment of the Committee for Compounding is desired, *e.g.*, Sir Rob. Whitney's debt of 1,500*l.* to Smith, a Papist; Mrs. Monington's debt of 1,000*l.* due to Benedict Hall, and whether the 1,100*l.* she gave to Popish uses beyond sea cannot be levied on Hall as executor.

Whether Mr. Kemp cannot be indemnified for paying in 1,700*l.* due to Hall. The felling of [Wm.] Gage's woods for the navy. [*G* 157, *p.* 185.]

Feb. 26. Kendal. County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We took, on 4 May 1650, the oath directed by the Act of 15 April 1650. We have the books and papers of the late committee about Kendal Barony, but could never get those for the bottom of Westmoreland, which was then a distinct division. They are said to have been seized by the enemy at Appleby Castle in 1648. We renew our request for orders to send up by the Kendal carriers the sequestration money that we have in hand. [*G* 171, *p.* 191.]

Feb. Henry Phillips, Thos. Deverell, and George Grimsdall, County Sequestrators for Bucks, to the Committee for Compounding. According to your order of 28 Jan. last, we certify that we long since returned a certificate of our taking the oath required by the Act of 15 April 1650. You have copies of the books and papers of the late committee which are in our custody. If any are sequestered or discharged who are not named therein, we know nothing of them, therefore we beg that the list we send may be compared with what you have, and the names of any not mentioned therein returned to us. [*G* 147, *p.* 135.]

Annexing,

1. *Certificate by Rob. Aldridge and Wm. Hill that the above-named county sequestrators took the oath before them.* 20 *Dec.* 1650. [*G* 147, *p.* 133.]

March 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding that on any petitions on the Act for Sale, any two commissioners have power to refer to the county commissioners the proof of the sealing and delivery of deeds. [*G* 13, *p.* 50.]

Order that the business of Major Winthrop and the agent for Hereford [Mat. Price] be heard on Thursday. [*G* 25, *p.* 2.]

March 1. Answer of Col. John Gorges, entirely denying the charges made against him by Col. Pyne relative to Rich. Cheesman, &c. [*G* 88, *p.* 811.]

March 5. Salop. County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. To your inquiry which of the late county committee's books and papers are in our custody, and which wanting, we reply that we have only one very small book, which we sent up, and a book of transactions at Wem, about 1644, both found on our entry into the service; but we have received no others. [John] Broome, their solicitor, being dead, we are inventorying his papers, and if we find more sequestration records, we will certify. [*G* 166, *p.* 171.]

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1652-53. March 7. Reading. County Committee for Berks to the Committee for Compounding. We have each taken the oath prescribed by the Act of 15 April 1650, before Peter Burningham, J.P. for Reading. We have the books of the late committee for sequestration proceedings from 1644 to 1650, except those about receipts and payments of money, which remain in the treasurer's hands. [*G* 146, *p.* 297.]

[March 7.] County Committee for Northampton to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose a certificate of our taking the oath. We long since received from the late county committee copies of what remains under sequestration and what is discharged, and know not anything else that we need. On your order of 12 Aug., we asked the treasurers what they had in hand, and found they had accounted with the committee of accounts for the county, and with the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall for their receipts till Ladyday 1649, and they gave us an account of their receipts to Sept. 1649, for which they have acquittances from the late county committee, or from the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 163, *p.* 507.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Certificate by John Norton, justice of peace, that Rob. Guy, Peter Whalley, and John Ekins, County Commissioners for Northampton, have taken before him the oath for faithful discharge of their office required by the Act of* 15 *April* 1650. 1 *March* 1653. [*G* 163, *p.* 505.]

March 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the Middlesex Committee appear this day fortnight. [*G* 37, *p.* 93.]

March 8. Committee for Compounding to the trustees for sale of lands, &c., at Drury House. Yours of 17 Feb., touching George Hope and Mr. Metcalfe, we have received. In both cases we sent you the certificates required by the Act for Sale, and cannot find that we must give you such particular accounts of things before us as you ask. We are sensible what unnecessary trouble we should draw on ourselves and you thereby, and lay this before your consideration.

As you are on oath to discharge your share of the duties imposed by the Act, and would doubtless be thought faithful therein, so we desire to be esteemed sensible of our duty, and faithful in its discharge. We hope you think us such. If so, forbear to interrogate us on our certificates. If otherwise, we are so far confident of your prudence as to believe you will refrain from proceedings in any case, till you can charge some mistake on us, which if you suspect, and desire to search into, our offices are open, and our officers ready to furnish copies of any record, which you may have, if you think that the Act empowers you to such enquiries, or that such copies are more authentic than our certificates. [*G* 25, *p.* 7.]

March 8. Knutsford. 4. County Committee for Chester to the Committee for Compounding. Our accounts already given in contain the list required in yours of 19 Jan., but we send you another as directed. How are we to act in the cases of Mr. Taylor and Art. Davenport, who having given security for payment, but not paid, were not sequestered within the limits of the Act? [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

1. *Alphabetical list, with titles and abodes, of* 96 *persons sequestered in co. Chester.* [3¾ *pages.*]

March 8. Sir John Trevor to John Leech. Lord Wenman is questioned before the commissioners about Sir Thos. Aylesbury's goods. There is some mistake, for he never had a pennyworth of them. Let the bearer, his servant, see how and what the charge is. [*G* 128, *p.* 267.]

March 9. Statement that though his lordship is charged with goods, value 77*l.* 2*s.*, he never bought any of the Committee for Sequestrations of Westminster, or any other, but only used a few beds and other lumber whilst in the house. The chief goods were locked up, and when Aylesbury compounded, his lordship was turned out, had to provide another house, and lived 3 years in Westminster without any demand being made. [*G* 128, *p.* 269.]

March 9. Order thereon that the Middlesex Committee make good their information, and that his lordship give in his answer, and prove what he can as to his not having the said goods. [*G* 25, *p.* 8.]

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March 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that a messenger summon the Committee for co. Middlesex to appear before them on Tuesday. [*G* 25, *p.* 9.]

March 10. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Oxon. High misdemeanours are charged on some of you, which is very unwelcome news to us. You are to attend us in 14 days for your vindication, and bring the moneys levied by our orders, and your accounts of them and of moneys not yet levied, and you shall understand more on this matter. [*G* 30, *p.* 357.]

March 10. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Worcester. We hear that Capt. Yarranton, a commissioner with you, has not taken the oath. You must press him to it, as the Act peremptorily requires it; if he will not take it in 14 days, he must forbear to act; and against our desire, we must dismiss him from employment. [*G* 30, *p.* 476.]

March 11. Certificate by Rob. Reynes and W. Wightman, justices of peace, that on the Act of 15 April 1650, they have administered the required oath to Thos. Lindley and Rob. Brunts, County Commissioners for Notts. [*G* 164, *p.* 325.]

March 11. Chelmsford. County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. When we first began to act, we all three took the oath before Col. Matthews, a justice of peace. The late committee have given us some papers, and declare they have reserved none except their diary, which records all their actings as a committee, as well as orders about sequestrations. What they have delivered is your orders discharging sequestrations, and the sequestration returns, very imperfect. [*G* 156, *p.* 143.]

March 14. Stafford. County Committee for Stafford to the Committee for Compounding. Particulars of the leasing of sequestered estates, all surveyed, posted, and boxed according to instructions, viz., those of

Hum. Vize of Staundon to Major John Serjeant, clear rent	-	49*l.*
Fras. Collier, Stone, to Rich. Murhall, ,,	-	30*l.*
Tim. Startin, Uttoxeter, to Fras. Bett, Loxley, ,,	-	25*l.*
John Gifford, Marston, to Wm. Licett, ,,	-	33*l.*

With note, 30 March, that they are to be confirmed. [*G* 168, *pp.* 565, 566.]

March 17. Deposition by Rob. Rust, in the case of Blanche Walker and others (missing), to the signing, sealing, and delivering of a deed of 2 May, 11 Car., by Edw. Walker, of Nether Stowey, co. Somerset, in presence of Sir Wm. Shelley, John Shelley his brother, R. Williams, and deponent. [*G* 128, *p.* 311.]

March 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that no survey be received by the counsel, unless certified on oath to have been examined with the original at Drury House. [*G* 37, *p.* 100.]

March 18. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to Edw. Aspinwall, Nich. Cunliff, and Rob. Massey. We send you an order to be Sequestration Commissioners for co. Lancaster, making void all former commissions, and desire you to act upon our instructions, which are grounded on Acts of Parliament. With the commission accordingly, 11 March 1652. [*G* 12, *pp.* 537, 538.]

March 22. Knutsford. County Committee for Chester, to the Committee for Compounding. Lady Byron, widow of the late pretended Lord Byron, is claiming a jointure or dower out of the estate of George Warburton, of Arley, co. Chester. She was a daughter of Lord Kilmorey, and brought a marriage portion of 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* to her first husband, Peter Warburton, who died a minor, and the estate left him by his great uncle, Peter Warburton, went to his brother George. She married Lord Byron when Chester was a garrison for the late King; was with him in England, France, Ireland, and elsewhere till his death, which we conceive was not long since, and is now at Lord Kilmorey's, Dutton, co. Chester, and now for the first time claims her jointure. We beg directions as to whether it is to be paid, and whether with arrears, if she do not demand them "by reason of some dealing with the said George Warburton being affectionately both of one side." [*G* 149, *p.* 249.]

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March 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding, for letters to the committees of Cornwall and Cheshire, enclosing the schedules presented by Aud. Sherwin, and requiring them to levy the arrears forthwith, and certify. Also to all other counties from which the auditor returns like schedules. [*G* 37, *p.* 102.]

March 23. Committee for Compounding to the county committees for Chester and Cornwall. We send you a schedule of arrears due from delinquents' estates in your county, and require you to be diligent in getting them in, on account of the urgent occasions of the State for money. [*G* 30, *pp.* 95, 114.]

March 23. Petition of Edw. Lee, treasurer to the Commissioners for Propagating the Gospel in co. Durham, to the Committee for Compounding. Parliament, on 1 March 1650, granted the said commissioners power to dispose of impropriations, tithes, &c., for the preaching of the Gospel and schoolmasters, but the county committee have received the rents of Coniscliff, Lanchester, Fenwick, and Buckton, and half those of Cheswick, co. Durham. Begs an order for their restoration. [*G* 97, *p.* 687.]

March 23. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Durham. Order to restore all tithes and impropriations received since 10 March 1651. [*G* 25, *p.* 22. *See Aug.* 23, *p.* 649, *infra.*]

March 24. Note of a letter from the Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Chester, to demand from [Rob.] Gregg, examiner, and Ald. Peter [Leigh] a list of those who compounded for delinquency at the reduction of Chester, and to send up their names and addresses this day fortnight. [*G* 87, *p.* 775.]

March 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Major Rich. Hopton be a Sequestration Commissioner for co. Hereford. [*G* 12, *p.* 537.]

March 30. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the treasurer at Goldsmiths' Hall pay Peter Brereton the balance due of his salary of 5*l.* a week for the past ½ year.

Like order to pay to Aud. Rich. Sherwin the balance due for his salary for himself and clerks of 350*l.* a year. [*G* 25, *p.* 27.]

March 31. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the case concerning recusants' mansion houses be determined Tuesday next peremptorily. [*G* 37, *p.* 107.]

April 2. Brecon. Thos. Watkins, J.P., to the Committee for Compounding. I certify that Wm. Jones, Barth. Games, and James Watkins have taken their oaths before me, as sub-commissioners of sequestrations. [*G* 167, *p.* 655.]

April 2. Brecon. County Committee for Brecon to the Committee for Compounding. We fear letters miscarry, as since April 1652, we have got no directions about Wm. Lloyd's fine, not yet paid. Do not send your orders by post or carrier, for we think they are intercepted by malignants, but give them to Thos. Davies, who will call weekly for them. There will be more business, because the Act for Wales having expired in March, many sequestered vicarages are fallen into our hands. [*G* 167, *p.* 657.]

April 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on information that divers books and papers of the late Surrey Committee are hidden from the present com, mittee, to the great detriment of the State—that Thos. Hamersley, messenger-repair to the house where they are said to be, and seize and bring them to Haberdashers' Hall, breaking open doors, &c., if needful. All officers, civil and military, to assist. [*G* 25, *p.* 31.]

April 5. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cumberland. We send a schedule from our auditor's return of arrears due from sequestered estates, and request you to get them in speedily. [*G* 30, *p.* 80.]

April 5. Like letter to the County Committees for Durham and Chester. [*G* 30, *p.* 67.]

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April 6. Petition of Wm. Pyne of Exeter to the Committee for Compounding. Complains that the late Cornwall Committee seized and sold some tow and oakum for 60*l.* to Hen. Denny of Bodmin, but that petitioner proving before payment that the goods belonged to him, and that he was well affected, they ordered Denny, 27 April 1649, to pay him 60*l.*, which has not been done. Begs that Denny may be summoned to answer. [*G* 108, *p.* 1094.]

April 6. Order thereon that the petitioner's desires cannot be granted till it be proved to be the State's money. [*G* 25, *p.* 35.]

Order of the Committee for Compounding—on motion on behalf of Col. Pyne, that Jasper Batt, clerk to the Commissioners for co. Somerset, may return all the depositions before the late and present commissioners in the case of Rich. Cheesman, touching a charge of delinquency—that the present commissioners return transcripts of all they can find relating to Cheesman and Brett. [*G* 108, *p.* 1098; 25, *p.* 33.]

Order that the Oxford Commissioners have time till next term to appear and make up their accounts. [*G* 25, *p.* 33.]

April 8. Committee for Compounding to Col. Pyne. The present commissioners for co. Somerset much need the books and records of the late committee which are in your custody, or an exact duplicate. A cause we have lately heard would have been much clearer if we had had the books and papers. Let us have them speedily, or we cannot perform our duty according to our oath. [*G* 25, *p.* 36.]

April 11. Curry Mallett. Col. John Pyne to the Committee for Compounding. As to your request for duplicates of the books and papers of the late committee for co. Somerset to be given to your present commissioners, they are in my house, and the commissioners' clerks or agents have free liberty to view and transcribe them, and might have taken duplicates if they would. I hope you do not expect me to be at the charge of transcribing, and it is not reasonable to expect delivery of the originals, as it is all we have to justify ourselves by in suits to the Committee for Indemnity. Supposing you were laid aside as we are (and glad of it), would you think it reasonable to be required to deliver up all you have to show to justify your actions? Pray order the committee to send their clerk to transcribe all our books and records, and give me your opinion on my answer. [*G* 108, *p.* 1095.]

April 11. Carlisle. County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. The tenants of the late Earl of Derby in Bassingthwaite Manor refuse to pay the 20 penny fine demanded, because they purchased the said arrears at Drury House, and because that estate was discharged from sequestration 10 Dec. 1652. Yet on your order of 6 Jan. 1653, we sent our agent to levy a 10*d.* fine, the former fines having been from 5*d.* to 8*d.* When the agent and soldiers distrained, a few submitted, but most refuse, and threaten us with law. We beg your advice, for they are obstinate and very poor. We could get nothing but cattle too lean to sell, and chargeable to keep through want of grass. [*G* 150, *p.* 169.]

April 11. Carlisle. County Committee for Cumberland to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 16 Nov. 1652, to levy a fine on the tenants of William, late Earl of Derby, we demanded it, but they answered that neither they nor their predecessors ever paid a general fine at the death of any lord, but there was a fine due at the death, and on change of tenant. Still we ordered our agent to proceed to levy it, when they explained that the State dealt worse with them than any former landlord, and produced Judge Fell's opinion, made at their special instance, which we send you, and have stayed proceedings till we hear. [*G* 150, *p.* 163.] *Annexing,*

1. *Opinion of Judge Thos. Fell, on demand made on the tenants of Broughton Manor for fines on the death of William and James, late Earls of Derby, that no general fines are due, the admittances being for the life of the tenant, and for the joint lives of lord and tenant. That the dropping fines, which are due and are arbitrary, should be reduced to a certainty, and time given for payment, as Parliament never meant its agents to use the poor tenants worse than their delinquent landlords do.* 8 *March* 1653. [*Copy, G* 150, *p.* 167.]

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April 14. Order of the Committee for Compounding that no affidavit be admitted before them in any case, unless the original be filed with the registrar. [*G* 13, *p.* 50.]

April 14. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Sequestrations, co. Radnor. You are to summon Mr. Williams of Cabalra, co. Radnor, and John Taylor of Honhalls, co. Hereford, in whose hands is 500*l.* of sequestration money, and order them to pay it forthwith. In case of failure, you are to levy it on their estates. [*G* 30, *p.* 423.]

April 14. Jasper Batt to the Committee for Compounding. At request of Col. John Pyne, I certify that since my employment as clerk to the present Sequestration Commissioners, co. Somerset, I have had free access to the records of the late committee, with leave to transcribe. Also that the charges not prosecuted which lay at Col. Pyne's, I have long since delivered to the commissioners. Also that Col. Pyne is quite willing to have the whole records transcribed, if the commissioners will employ fit persons. [*G* 167, *p.* 91.]

April 15. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Essex. We wrote you twice about the estate of Lady Petre at Fryan [Fryerning?] and Ingatestone, let by you at only 18*l.* a year, so that the State's ⅔ was only 12*l.*, asked particulars, and bade you not let it further; but you laid aside our letters, and against order, made another contract for it. We declare your lease to be void, and shall let it at 30*l.* a year, the value offered to us. Meantime certify us where the lady's jointure lies, whether she has had the mansion house at Mill Green, and what the whole estate is let for.

We send you a letter to us of 31 March, subscribed John Maidstone, which we believe was not written by him; tell us whether Capt. Maidstone knows anything of it. On what account does Mr. Gwynor act under you? We allowed you no agent but Dan. Rogers, and shall pay no other. [*G* 25, *p.* 44.]

April 15. Worcester House. County Committee for Middlesex and Westminster to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 9 March, we certify that John Jackson, late treasurer and collector for the Committee for Sequestrations in Westminster, reports that Lord Wenman had goods of Sir Thos. Aylesbury, value 77*l.* 2*s.*, and owes the State for them. We send you the proceedings in the business, with Jackson's affidavit. [*G* 162, *p.* 619.] *Annexing,*

I. *Affidavit of John Jackson alluded to.* [*G* 162, *p.* 621.]

II. *Order in the Committee for Sequestrations that Jackson desire Lord Wenman to give up the goods of Sir Thos. Aylesbury and Sir Edw. Hyde, delinquents, in his custody.* 27 *Feb.* 1645. [*G* 162, *p.* 633.]

III., IV. *Orders in the Committee for Sequestrations for the appraizing and inventorying of the said goods; the doors to be broken open to perform this.* 5 *March and* 20 *April* 1645. [*G* 162, *pp.* 631, 635.]

V. *Inventory of the said goods appraised.* 11 *Dec.* 1645. [*G* 162, *pp.* 624–627.]

April 19. Committee for Compounding to Major Winthrop. You have lodged a charge of misdemeanour against Mat. Price, agent to the Committee for co. Hereford, and the commissioners enquire whether he is to be further employed. We request you to appear before us and satisfy us about the charge, that we may order his dismissal or continuance. [*G* 25, *p.* 45.]

April 19. Salop. County Committee for Salop to the Committee for Compounding. We told you last year of our surveying and posting the estates here, for some of which we could find no tenant through the scarcity of grass and grain, on which you bid us contract for one year only, which we did. Our offers for estates for this year are—

Henry Fox of the Hurst, recusant, posted at 51*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, offers 46*l.* for 7 years, most of it being houses in Shrewsbury, which will cost 200*l.* to repair.

Hum. Sandford, Rossall, 54*l.*, offer by himself 49*l.* 5*s.* He has many children, and is much in debt.

John Harrington, recusant, Bishton, posted at 64*l.*; the present tenant offers 60*l.*

With note of approval of contracts 18 Oct., if according to instructions. [*G* 166, *pp.* 175, 176; *also* 30, *p.* 384.]

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April 19. Hereford. Capt. Silas Taylor to [Edw. Winslow ?]. Capt. Mason, seizing our letter, has dispatched our late agent to London with it, that it might seem written in his behalf, which was neither the mind of Major Hopton nor myself, but it proposed an amicable composition. Mason's temper is so violent that he says he will not act unless we keep the late agent in. Major Winthrop recommends Stephen Marsh, but Mason would not hear of him. [*G* 157, *p.* 385.]

April 21. Bodmin. County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We have examined the accounts of Thos. Bolithoe, treasurer to the old committee for sequestrations, and find he has large sums in hand. We therefore beg a speedy order for seizing and sequestering his estate, real and personal.

With note in reply that they are to put in a charge against him, if the case will bear it, and then to seize his estate and examine witnesses. [*G* 149, *p.* 379.]

April 23. Exeter. **5.** County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. In 1646, Wm. Channon of Silverton was sequestered; his goods sold for 83*l.* 1*s.*, and he compounded with the late county committee for 66*l.* 19*s.*. His real estate was 50*l.* a year, which, he being dead, is held by his son William, a notorious delinquent, and captain for the King. He is a public officer of trust, contrary to the Act of October last, and injures the well-affected. [⅔ *page.*]

April 25. Whitehall. Lord General Oliver Cromwell to the Commissioners in the Act for Propagation of the Gospel in Wales. The late Parliament not having continued that Act, and there being no supreme power by whose authority the liberty of the Gospel in Wales may be established, I advise you to go on cheerfully in the work, protect good men, and execute things settled by former Acts. The Lord will be with you, and you shall have help from me till those placed in supreme power take further order. [*G* 29, *p.* 9.]

April 26. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to several county committees. We have often requested the perfecting your accounts and paying in of arrears, but not finding you compliant, we again remind you, on account of the urgent necessities of the State, and require you to get in all arrears and pay them in at Goldsmiths' Hall.

We hear from surveyors that large sums up and down are in the tenants' hands uncollected, and expect an answer where the impediment lies. Send us a perfect note of all rents due 25 March last, all arrears uncollected, and the reasons why each particular sum lies yet in the tenants' hands. Also certify whether you have given the same in charge to your agents, and to whom, that if the neglect is in them, we may stop their salary till they see the rents and arrears brought in. If the neglect is yours, you will hear from us in another manner. Say also what moneys remain in your hands. With list of 43 counties to which the letter was sent. [*G* 31, *p.* 782.]

April 27. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the treasurers-at-war. There is 5,000*l.* in the hands of the Committee for Sequestrations of Durham, and it will be for ease and security of payment if it can be assigned on account of the army in those parts.

With their reply, 3 May, that they will do so, if the letter for payment may be delivered to Thos. Marsh, their cashier. [*G* 25, *p.* 53; 138, *p.* 597.]

Annexing,

1. *T. Marsh's receipt of the said letter, 6 May* 1653. [*G* 138, *p.* 595.]

April 28. Committee for Compounding to [Fras.] Blake and [Wm.] Turpin, Commissioners for Middlesex. You are to appear before us at 4 p.m. to-morrow, to satisfy us in some things concerning the State. [*G* 25, *p.* 55.]

April 29. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries. On your order of 26 April given, we send you a list of those who have had fines on the proviso in the last Act for Sale, naming the sum and what is paid or unpaid. The first ½ should be paid within 60 days, and the second ½ within 6 months of the return of the survey. When any part of the fine is unpaid, we give the date of the survey. [*G* 25, *p.* 56; 138, *p.* 303.]

April 29. Guildhall, London. Treasurers-at-war, Wm. Leman and John Blackwell, to Mr. Bayley. Mr. Moyer told us that there were sequestration moneys in several parts of England which the county committees knew not how to send up to London,

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and promised us letters to the committees, assigning them to us. Remind him of this, and send us the letters by Thos. Marsh, our cashier. [*G* 138, *p.* 593.]

May 3. Committee for Compounding to the County Commissioners for Durham. You are to pay 5,000*l.* on order of Wm. Leman and John Blackwell, treasurers-at-war. [*G* 25, *p.* 56.]

May 3. Committee for Compounding to Col. Pyne. Considering what you write about the tediousness of transcribing all the books of the late committee, we only desire you, according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, to allow the present commissioners to have recourse to them whenever needful, the mere search of a clerk not satisfying us, when, by Act of Parliament, it should be done by the commissioners. [*G* 25, *p.* 57.]

May 3. Request by Nath. Quash, for the County Committee of Somerset, to the Committee for Compounding, for directions.

1. Whether the estate [of Wadham Windham], sequestered and sold or let by the late committee in August 1645, but never discharged by the sequestration committee or county committee, is now sequestrable.

Answer. That the party concerned is to show cause why it should not be sequestered.

2. Whether in the estate [of Chris. Doddington], sequestered by the late committee, appeal made to the Barons of Exchequer, and by them referred to Parliament, should be re-sequestered and the profits taken till discharged.

Answer as above.

There are several like cases before the commissioners. [*G* 167, *p.* 239.]

May 3. Northwich. County Committee for Chester to the Committee for Compounding. We have, as you required us, called to Rob. Gregg, examiner in the Excise at Chester, and Ald. Peter Leigh, for a list of the persons who compounded at the reducing of the city, and we send their reply. You have ordered the County Committee for Lancaster to sequester the estate of the Countess of Derby. If you have sent us any such directions, they have not come to hand. [*G* 149, *p.* 323.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Rob. Gregg and Ald. Peter Leigh to the County Committee for Chester. We cannot send the list required, because we have not, nor ever had, any proceedings or particulars about those compositions. We much marvel how information has been given that we have them. Chester,* 26 *April* 1653. [*G* 149, *p.* 325.]

May 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that those cases which come in to be discharged on the Act of Pardon be heard among the reports, according to the date of the petition. [*G* 37, *p.* 123.]

May 5. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Norfolk. In answer to [Tobias] Frere's queries as to a case of suspension before the Act of Pardon, that Act does not help Papists, because the ancient statute laws remain unrepealed, ordering prosecution for recusancy. If the debt in question were sequestered, the sequestration stands good; if not, the oath of abjuration tendered and refused is a sufficient conviction; therefore sequester $\frac{2}{3}$, enter your charges, and send us a copy that we may examine witnesses. [*G* 30, *p.* 442.]

May 10. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for co. Derby. We confirmed for one year the contracts signified to us in yours of 7 May, if let according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and our instructions thereon. [*G* 30, *p.* 30.]

May 10. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Norfolk. As several sums are due upon the accounts for Norfolk, you are to levy them by distress and sale of goods, restoring the overplus, if any, and returning the money into the Goldsmiths' Hall treasury. [*G* 30, *p.* 295.]

May 11. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Thos. Baker of the Strand appear next week, and account on oath with the auditor for his receipts as collector or solicitor for sequestrations in county Hants.

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Order that Edw. Clarke attend this day fortnight to answer questions about the estate of Roger Calcott, deceased, late commissioner and treasurer for sequestrations, co. Middlesex. [*G* 25, *pp.* 65, 66.]

May 12. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on request of Mr. Leech, registrar, that his salary of 5*l.* a week for himself and 4 clerks be paid weekly, that he may more conveniently pay his clerks; to last from 21 April to 1 Nov. 1653, if he continue registrar so long. [*G* 25, *p.* 67.]

May 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on the charge against Col. John Gorges about Rich. Cheesman, on which Gorges requests that the proceedings be certified, that the county committee send up all the said proceedings for examination. [*G* 25, *p.* 72.]

May 19. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the registrar deliver to Brereton and Reading the respective reports delivered in by them which are not yet determined, and that they endorse such as immediately concern the State, and where it will be prejudiced by delay, with a note to signify the same. [*G* 37, *p.* 143.]

May 19. Carmarthen. Jen. Dawkins and Morris Thomas to the Committee for Compounding. You ask if we took the oath ordered by Act of Parliament 15 April 1650. We have never seen that Act; but according to your instructions, in Dec. 1651, we took the oath prescribed by Parliament 27 May 1644. Wm. Fleming has not taken the oath, nor acted at all. You ask what books and papers we received, but we had none, except four rent-rolls of the sequestered estates of Rob. Brett and Nich. Lewis. The moneys we have sent up, but have 40*l.* to send by the next return. [*G* 167, *p.* 677.]

May 25. **6.** Alphabetical list of delinquents' who have had fines set upon them before May 25, 1652, and no part thereof paid before 25 May 1653, with the amount of such fines. With marginal notes and corrections. [8 *pages, printed.*]

May 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the letter of 26 April last to the several counties concerning arrears be re-inforced.

That the auditor be heard on Thursday, on obstructions in passing the accounts of the county commissioners.

Order on a Council of State order of 25 May, that Aud. Sherwin receive the money paid into Goldsmiths' Hall till further order, and give receipts, and that Mr. Leech subscribe every receipt before discharges be given. [*G* 37, *p.* 149.]

May 27. Exeter. County Committee for Devon to the Committee for Compounding. The agents who in 1650, for want of a tenant, managed Broadclist sheaf, sequestered from Edm. Reynell, have perfected their accounts and paid in the money, and now there is unexpectedly demanded of Giles Moore, the State's tenant, by the Revenue Committee, a fee-farm rent for which they threaten to distrain. We beg that it may be taken off, or an order granted for repayment.

With note of reply, 31 May. If it be proved that there is such a fee-farm rent payable from the rectory, we shall order its payment; till then, you are not to suffer the State's tenant to be troubled. [*G* 152, *p.* 439; 30, *p.* 41.]

June 2. York. County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. Mr. Harwood, receiver of [Plundered Ministers'] rents, has often asked us for the rents, urging the power of the Committee for Maintenance of Ministers as a sufficient warrant without you, but we told him that without your order we could not pay. He said that unless we paid, he was directed to return our names, and process would be sent out against us. We beg your orders.

With note, 31 Aug. 1653. You are not to pay till the receiver has procured our order. [*G* 172, *p.* 573.]

June 6. County Committee for Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. Though your instructions not to allow any extents or seizures were posted in several market towns, Rich. Auncell of Elvestow, late under-sheriff, last year levied 30*s.* on an estate belonging to the Earl of Cleveland.

With note, 31 Aug., that the sheriff is to repay the money, and no such levy is to be suffered in future. [*G* 146, *p.* 178.]

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June 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that as many orders on cases are brought from the Council of State for report, the registrars search of course thereon, and certify the proceedings on each, as is done for the Court of Articles [of war] and other cases, that on their certificate, a report may be drawn up. [*G* 25, *p.* 87.]

June 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding,—on a warrant of the Council of State of 31 May, for an order to Mr. Sherwin for payment of the remainder due of 100,000*l.* ordered by Parliament to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall,—ordering payment by the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 12, *p.* 544.]

June 9. Colchester. County Committee for for Essex to the Committee for Compounding, John King, tenant to the sequestered estate of Mrs. Turner, a recusant, lost 30*l.* in his crop last June by an inundation, which destroyed a mill near, and covered his crop a foot deep in gravel. We beg consideration for him, the case being "eccentric to our instructions." [*G* 155, *p.* 595.]

June 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding for payment to John Reading, counsel to the State, of 5*l.* a week salary, since his last payment.

Order that the Commissioners for co. Salop appear this day fortnight to perfect their accounts, and do not depart till it is done. [*G* 25, *pp.* 91, 92.]

June 11. Hereford. Capt. Ben. Mason to Sam. Moyer, commissioner for compounding. I hear of charges against me, and fear to suffer in your esteem. Let me know the accusations, and be punished if I have not acted for the State's good. I have been too modest about Capt. Taylor; he disposes of the State's money at his pleasure, protects Papists and delinquents, and has hindered the State of 800*l.* at least. [*G* 157, *p.* 403.]

June 12. Notes of the balance due from each county of North Wales of the total amount required, being 24,000*l.* [*G* 164, *p.* 571.]

June 12. Chas. Walley to the Committee for Compounding. I send as ordered an account of what has been received from North Wales, which has been sent, with greater sums, for the army in Ireland. [*G* 164, *p.* 573.] *Annexing,*

Account by Chas. Walley of sums received on composition from the several counties, total 17,222*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* [*G* 165, *p.* 569.]

June 15. **7.** Col. Wm. Crowne [one of the County Committee of Salop] to Mr. Bayley, registrar to the Committee for Compounding. The commissioners require us to make another certificate of [Hen.] Inglefield's estate, which we cannot do, because our books have been left in Mr. Dallison's custody since the hearing of [Wm.] Barker's case. Pray obtain their return. With receipt therefor, dated July 7, 1653. [1¾ *pages.*]

June 15. Coventry. County Committee for Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. In Sept. 1651, Mary Moore, of Ufton, a poor distressed widow, discovered the recusancy of Gertrude, widow of Thos. Spencer, who had a rent-charge of 50*l.* on her late husband's estate. We have sequestered ⅔ of this, and signify it to you at Mrs. Moore's request. [*G* 170, *p.* 311.]

June 16. Order of the Committee for Compounding that as Mr. Leech, the registrar, has resigned his office, on being appointed one of the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, he pay himself the 3 weeks' salary of 6*l.* a week due to him, and that this order be a discharge to him and Mr. Sherwin, the other treasurer. [*G* 25, *p.* 97.]

June 16. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for North Wales. We received from Charles Walley an account of the sums by him received upon the general composition of North Wales. As much is in arrear, use the best means you can to get a particular of the sums, according to the proportions settled, of what is due, and from whom, and who have paid, and who not. Summon such as have not paid to appear before us by 28 July to shew cause. If they do not by 11 Aug. produce a discharge from us, or an order that they have given satisfaction to us, you are to sequester their estates, both real and personal. If you cannot get a particular, then summon each delinquent who claims the benefit of those compositions, to show what he has paid. [*G* 25, *p.* 100; 69, *p.* 635; 164, *p.* 573.]

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June 18. Hereford. Capt. Ben. Mason to the Committee for Compounding. You write me that Leech and Sherwin are appointed treasurers in place of Waring and Herring, and ask the return of moneys. I sent to Capt. Taylor to meet me, that we might call in the moneys, but he refused to act, speaks against the present powers, and has hindered the bringing in of 1,000*l.*, protecting Papists from payment of rents, detaining moneys, &c. The soldiers have to stand to their arms because of the flocking of Papists and delinquents to him, and he gives them notice of any action to be taken against them. [*G* 157, *p.* 405.]

June 18. Hereford. Capt. Silas Taylor to the [Committee for Compounding]. I think matters must be acted with you as they are with us, or we should have received an answer about our late agent. A packet has come from you, but the agent, being postmaster here, and Capt. Mason, conceal it; I cannot get a sight of it. Your letters have often been kept back. The agent pretended to you that he had not his commission with him; but out of your presence, he boasted that he refused to deliver it up, fearing he should not get it again. Capt. Mason is resolved to keep him in. [*G* 157, *p.* 381, *much damaged.*]

June 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Mr. Ambrose and Mr. Case, who are come up to pass Mr. Ambrose's account, do not depart town till it is finished. Thos. Browne to report the account. [*G* 25, *p.* 100.]

June 21. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Oxford. Lord Craven's coppice woods having been lately injured, notwithstanding our orders to you to take charge of them, as the timber is to be preserved for shipping, by order of the Council of State, we beg you to take care that no spoil be done till the wood is sold. [*G* 30, *p.* 357.]

June 27. Blandford. County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. We have often asked directions about the accounts of Mr. Weare, our fellow-commissioner, who had on his death 100*l.* in hand, which his wife and children refuse to make good. We beg an order to Mrs. Weare to clear the accounts, or to attend you, or some other course for recovery thereof.

With note of reply, 31 Aug., "We look upon you as accountable for the sequestration moneys." [*G* 152, *p.* 555.]

June 29. Order of the Committee for Compounding on an order of the Council of State of 25 June, on petition of Alice, Lady Phillips, on behalf of the orphans of Capt. Wm. Parsons, that the registrar certify proceedings in the case, and Mr. Reading state it. [*G* 12, *p.* 547.] *Annexing,*

I. *Petition of Alice, Lady Phillips, on behalf of the 7 orphans of Capt. Wm. Parsons deceased, her grandchildren, to the Council of State. Pleads that on* 20 *Aug.* 1652, *on motion of Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood, Parliament ordered Capt. Parsons, for his great service and sufferings,* 10*l. a week from Goldsmiths' Hall till the remainder of a debt was discharged; this* 10*l. was paid till* 6 *June* 1653, *but is now refused, on a general order for respiting payments without order from Council or the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries. Begs order for payment, the orphans being in a distressed condition, and the sums hardly sufficing to pay debts contracted by their father in Ireland, where he planted, but the tenants can hardly pay their taxes.* [*G* 111, *p.* 51.]

II. *Order in the Council of State, that the Committee for Compounding view the orders of Parliament, state the case, and report to Council.* 25 *June.* [*G* 111, *p.* 59.]

June 30. Registrar's certificate in the case of Capt. Wm. Parsons, that there are the following proceedings:—

Two orders of Parliament dated 3 August 1648.

An order of the Committee for Compounding dated 3 April 1649.

Another order of Parliament dated 26 August 1652.

An order of the Committee for Compounding dated 1 Sept. 1652. [*G* 33, *p.* 274.]

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June 30. Saracen's Head, King Street. Col. John Pyne to the Committee for Compounding. At the instance of some of my countrymen, I preferred a charge against John Gorges and his brother, which you declared very foul if true; and I begged a commission to indifferent persons, the Wiltshire Commissioners being nearest, to examine the case. I suffer for want of this, the Gorges accusing me of libelling them. Corruption and covetousness are obvious crimes in a judge or counsel. The transactions in Cheesman's case were sent, but have miscarried. I must have a commission or I cannot examine my witnesses, and Gorges will examine his on oath before two of his partners, to make up his case. I can free you of a very unjust and corrupt instrument. [*G* 108, *p.* 1091.]

June 30. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on a charge of misdemeanour against Col. John Gorges, a commissioner for co. Somerset, with a request that the examinations in proof may be taken, not before the county commissioners, but some indifferent persons, as two of the commissioners and their clerk have to be examined;—that the Wiltshire Committee examine the said witnesses and those produced by Col. Gorges in his defence, notice being given to both parties, with leave to cross-examine, and that the examinations be returned up sealed. [*G* 25, *p.* 111.]

June 30. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the county committees. We send you a list of delinquents whose fines have been set, but who have paid nothing. Enquire whether their estates under your jurisdiction have been sequestered, and whether any of the fines have been remitted by Act of Parliament or other order, and summon those who have not paid to appear before us, in person or by proxy, on 26 July, to show cause why they should not be sequestered for non-payment.

If they do not then produce a discharge from us within 21 days, levy the fines by sequestration on their estates, and send us a full and speedy account of each person. [*G* 31, *p.* 783.]

[June 30.] List of 52 delinquents whose fines have been set, but who have paid no part thereof. [*G* 63, *p.* 623.]

June 30. Council of State to the Committee for Compounding. You are to receive for payment a salary of 300*l.* a year each, paying what is due to the commissioners lately discharged, and also to issue warrants for payment of officers' salaries, books and stationery, and other expenses. [*G* 25, *p.* 111.]

June 30. Orders by the Committee for Removing Obstructions in the sale of Dean and Chapters' lands, for sequestration of the following persons, for non-payment of the second half of their purchase money for the said lands, viz.:—

John Barton, Hursley, Hants, for 656*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, Thurmond Manor Farm. [*G* 108, *p.* 139.]

Armiger Warner, London, 91*l.* 15*s.*, houses, &c., in New Sarum, Wilts. [*G* 108, *p.* 141.]

Sam. Osborne, London, 651*l.* 11*s.* 2¼*d.*, Letcombe Regis Manor, Berks. [*G* 108, *p.* 143.]

Edw. Freeman, Aston, Rutland, 412*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, land in Houghton, co. Lincoln. [*G* 108, *p.* 145.]

Rich. Hart, Katherine's, Tower, 851*l.* 12*s.* 8¾*d.*, Wells and Dulcot Manors, Somerset. [*G* 108, *p.* 149.]

John Young, Pittington, Durham, 109*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*, lands in Pittington. [*G* 108, *p.* 151.]

John Nuthall, Chelmsford, Essex, 874*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*, South Benfleet Manor, Essex. [*G* 108, *p.* 153.]

[June.] Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for North Wales. We have received a Parliament order for getting in the remainder of the compositions due from North Wales on the general pardon; the acting rests chiefly in the commissioners named in the Act, therefore we require you

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immediately to improve your powers to accomplish that end, and to meet and consider the best means of collecting what still remains due, and send accounts of your proceedings. [*G* 106, *p.* 928.] *Enclosing,*

1. [*Order in Parliament*], *that the Committee for North Wales review the whole business of the arrears, which are occasioned by defaulters, who, being liable, do not pay, that those who are not liable may be freed, and their share charged upon those most criminal, who have the greatest estates, and so reap most benefit by the Act.*

That they return to the Committee for Compounding the names of defaulters, that the penalty of the Act may be inflicted on them.

That the county treasurers give in accounts, and the county sub-commissioners awe the country into a ready compliance.

That for their encouragement, they have an allowance as in the case of sequestration. [*G* 106, *p.* 925.]

June. Capt. John Ley, agent for the County Committee of Stafford, to the Committee for Compounding. I was summoned by the Committee for Removing Obstructions to attend them as witness, and meant to wait on you, but was sent down again by Major-Gen. Harrison, before I could do so.

Thos. Peters took a 7 years' lease of his estate, with perquisites of courts, from which he has received 100*l.* Should not that sum be paid to the State, and is not his lease void, being contrary to instructions?

Capt. Wm. Foxall being an accountant in time of war, I summoned him several times to give his account to the county committee as ordered by you, but he refuses; I want an order to distrain him 20*l.* a month, or summon him before you for contempt.

Wm. Blackmore in the first war held an estate of Mrs. Alexander, recusant, and is 200*l.* or 300*l.* in arrears. Does the Act of Oblivion cut that off? If not, I want an order to examine witnesses and prove it.

Many men who took delinquents' estates are in arrears, and have no visible thing to distrain. Will an order from the county committee bear me out to seize and imprison them?

With note of reply, 30 June.

The lease to Thos. Peters is void, as the profits of courts are expressly reserved to the State. You are not to transfer to any other the keeping of courts.

If Capt. Foxall has State money in his hands, levy it on his estate; if not, summon him before us in 14 days, to show cause why he does not account with you.

Take proofs of the arrears due by Blackmore, give him notice to examine witnesses, and return the proofs here in 14 days.

As to those who are in arrears, certify what is due, and summon all who are able to pay before us in 14 days, when we will take the course for which Parliament empowers us. [*G* 168, *p.* 563; *also* 30, *p.* 429.]

July 2. Petition of John Case to Lord-General Cromwell and the Council of State. At the late invasion of the King of Scots, being employed as collector of sequestration moneys in co. Lancaster, I had 300*l.* in hand, and being an officer in Col. Ireland's regiment at Worcester, which was in great want of money, your Excellency required me to pay the 300*l.* to the regiment, and gave an acquittance for it; but I being accountable to the county committee, and they to Auditor Sherwin, he refuses to allow the 300*l.*, so that I am chargeable with it. I beg that the money may be charged on the Treasury, and I and the county committee discharged thereof. [*G* 142, *p.* 143.]

July 2. Reference of the above case to the Haberdashers' Hall Committee. [*G* 142, *p.* 150; *I* 70, *p.* 5.]

July 7. Haberdashers' Hall. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Capt. Thos. Garrett, Capt. Nich. Salter, and John Eyres be Commissioners for co. Norfolk. [*G* 12, *p.* 548.]

Order—on a charge by Capt. Ben. Mason, a Commissioner for co. Hereford, against Capt. Silas Taylor, his fellow-commissioner, for miscarriage, and on

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hearing of Col. Rogers, governor of Hereford, and Capt. Williams, on the management of business in that county—that Capt. Taylor be suspended till he clear himself of the charge; that another commissioner be added to Capt. Mason and Major Hopton, and that Mason give security to prosecute the charge. [*G* 25, *p.* 113.]

July 7. Certificate by John Reading to the Council of State, of the proceedings of the Committee for Compounding on the case of the orphans of Capt. Wm. Parsons, granted on the petition of Alice, Lady Phillips, detailing the orders for payment to Capt. Parsons, and his receipts thereon. [*See p.* 641, *supra*; *G* 25, *p.* 116.]

July 12. Haberdashers' Hall. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Thos. Seaborne be a Sequestration Commissioner for co. Hereford, to act with the other two appointed. [*G* 12, *p.* 548.]

Order that Wm. Moyer be auditor in place of Rich. Sherwin, appointed by the Council of State one of the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers, with the former salary.

Order that Auditor Wm. Moyer perfect the accounts of Norfolk, with Capt. [Thos.] Garrett, agent and treasurer to the committee there.

Order for payment of the customary salaries to Thos. Vincent, usher, Wm. Hale, Thos. Hamersly, Peter Welch, and Wm. Hawes, messengers.

Order for continuance to Peter Brereton, counsellor, of his salary of 5*l.* weekly. [*G* 25, *p.* 118.]

July ? Petition of Thos. Browne to the Committee for Compounding to be appointed auditor on Sherwin's resignation, having had 8 years' experience as Sherwin's assistant in the office. [*G* 71, *p.* 344.]

July 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding for continuance of salary of 6*l.* a week to Thos. Bayley, registrar. [*G* 25, *p.* 120.]

July 13. Petition of James Parry, — Robins, and — Simons, to the Committee for Compounding. In 1643, were chosen Sequestrators of Skenfrith and Abergavenny, co. Monmouth, by the late county committee, to whom they gave in their accounts; but the present committee ask a fresh account, which they cannot give, their books and papers being all delivered up to the late committee. Beg to have no further molestation. [*G* 111, *p.* 2.]

July 13. Note thereon that the committee see no cause to make any order on their allegation. [*G* 25, *p.* 120.]

July 14. Order of the Committee for Compounding for continuance of the salary of 5*l.* weekly to John Reading, counsellor.

Order that the treasurer pay to Thos. Vincent, usher, his disbursements for books, paper, ink standishes, pens, wood, coal, candles, postage of letters, and other charges incident to the service, the bills being first perused by one of the commissioners. [*G* 25, *pp.* 121, 124.]

Order that fines be set to-morrow afternoon. [*G* 37, *p.* 163.]

July 14. County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. On your orders of 30 June last, we gave notice to several [to produce their discharges.] Notes of cases. Three of them we enjoined to attend you at Haberdashers' Hall on 26 July. [*G* 164, *p.* 333.]

July 16. John Carter and Thos. Madrin, Commissioners for North Wales, to the Committee for Compounding. We have summoned all in the Isle of Anglesey who did not show cause why they should not pay their fines, to show cause why they should not be sequestered, and will send you a list of the persons in arrear, and the sums, if not brought in before 11 Aug. [*G* 164, *p.* 566.]

July 16. Hereford. Capt. Silas Taylor to the Committee for Compounding. I hear you have suspended me as sequestration commissioner. The charges come from those whom I have accused, and who should first have cleared themselves. Let me know my accusers, and have a day to clear my innocence before them. Be

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cautious in adding to the number of commissioners till you have heard my cause. When they cannot make me serve their turn, they want to overpower me by numbers. [*G* 157, *p.* 387.]

July 19. Order of the Committee for Compounding for continuance of the salary of 100*l.* a year to Thos. Fowle, solicitor. [*G* 25, *p.* 128.]

July 19. Norwich. County Committee for Norfolk to the Committee for Compounding. On your list of those who have paid no part of their fines for delinquency, we have inspected what estates they have here, whether under sequestration, and whether remitted by Parliament order, or discharged. We find two discharged, and it does not appear that the third was ever sequestered. [*G* 163, *p.* 573.]

July 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding,—on a petition of John Wigan to the Council of State, July 1, given, that having bought from Peter Harrison, late solicitor for sequestrations in co. Lancaster, all the arrears due to him, the Committee for Compounding may be required to state the accounts and pay him what is due, and on reference thereon by the Council of State to the Committee for Compounding—that the county committee certify how long Harrison was their solicitor, what was his salary, and how much was paid him, and that then Aud. Moyer state the account. [*G* 25, *p.* 132 ; 139, *pp.* 71, 73.]

Order that—as the dispatch of business is much hindered by cases on the Act of General Pardon, on which no reports are prepared, as in other cases, and which come on days appointed for motions and petitions ;—these cases be heard in future every other Wednesday afternoon, and that they be referred to counsel to state and report, and to the registrar and auditor to certify, as in other cases ; the reports to be heard the next day for hearing after they come in. This is to be posted on the door.

Note that the commissioners will sit as Committee for Advance of Money only every other Wednesday afternoon. [*G* 25, *p.* 137 ; 37, *p.* 166.]

July 20. Dorchester. County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. We have yours of June last, with the printed list of persons who have not paid their fines, and have prosecuted your orders as to the seven named below, who are in our county. We wait your directions in the case of Mr. Weare before presenting our accounts. [*G* 152, *p.* 571.]

July 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that in future the registrar put down 6 reports to be heard every Thursday, reports as they come in to be part thereof, and if the 6 cannot be heard on the day, another day shall be appointed to hear the remainder, before the next report day. [*G* 13, *p.* 50.]

July 22. **8.** Accounts of Peter Ambrose, of receipts from sequestered estates in Lancashire for one year, ending 25 Dec. 1650, 6,455*l.* 10*s.* 2½*d.*, total receipts, 7,693*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* for the year ; and on a former account, 6,552*l.* 8*s.* 8½*d.* Balance due to the State, 1,842*l.* 19*s.* 3¼*d.* Signed by Wm. Moyer, auditor. [2 *pages.*]

July 23. Kingston. County Committee for Surrey to the Committee for Compounding. We beg you to send us by bearer the books and papers of the late Committee for Sequestrations for Surrey relating to Southwark, which are in your hands.

With note of order, 27 Dec., for their delivery. [*G* 169, *p.* 351.]

July 25. Norwich. Thos. Garrett, County Commissioner for Norfolk, to John [? Thos.] Bayly, secretary to the Committee for Compounding. Do not have any commission given to any agent for sequestration here, for I and my fellow-commissioners will soon send up the name of a fit person. Send us an order for comfirmation of our last contracts. [*G* 163, *p.* 571.]

July 26. Order of the Committee for Compounding on a charge of misdemeanour by Capt. Ben. Mason, Commissioner for co. Hereford, against Capt. Silas Taylor, that the County Committee of Gloucester examine witnesses on oath, Mason having notice, and leave to cross-examine. [*G* 25, *p.* 143 ; 121, *p.* 675.]

July 26. Pet. of Col. John Gorges, Sequestration Commissioner for co. Somerset, to the Committee for Compounding. Has groaned for ½ a year under the charge of corruption, made to send him from his office, his brother being already put out of the commission for the peace. Begs a fair examination ; details

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his efforts to obtain one, and the delay in the prosecution; request that the proceedings from county Somerset may be accepted. Complains of a committee for examination in Wiltshire, living 40 miles distant.

With note that the examination is to be at Wells, 24 Aug. [*G* 88, *p.* 790.]

July 26. Order thereon that all former examinations taken without order of this committee are to be suppressed, and new ones taken, and both parties to cross examine. [*G* 25, *p.* 142]

July 26. Articles by Silas Taylor against Capt. Ben. Mason, a Sequestration Commissioner of co. Hereford:—

1. Counterfeiting Taylor's hand to entitle him to a sequestered estate, and taking depositions when alone.
2. Blotting the figures in the books of contracts, so that the sums cannot be discerned.
3. Making private and improper bargains.
4. When a Papist pays in rent for ⅔ of his estate, charging the whole contributions on the State.
5. Paying 1*s.* 6*d.* a day from State money to his attendant, James Smith, on pretence that he is marshal to the commissioners.
6. Substituting his own hand and seal for Taylor's in leases.
7. Keeping in custody forfeited bonds of value.
8. Neglecting the service by non-attendance and long absences.
9. Appointing John Wingfield, marshal for the late King, treasurer, contrary to instructions, and to the Act depriving such as had adhered to the King of places of trust. [*G* 102, *p.* 161.]

July 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on motion of Rob. Cunliffe, M.P., that Adam Sands, late agent for co. Lancaster, may be ordered to answer exceptions long since taken to his accounts—that the county committee summon Sands, and if he do not answer in a month, send him up in safe custody.

Order that Capt. Mason be suspended from acting as commissioner for co. Hereford, and that Major Hopton and [Thos.] Seaborne be the only commissioners till the charges against Capts. Mason and Taylor be heard. Meantime, to show equality, both are suspended. [*G* 25, *pp.* 148, 150.]

July 28. Committee for Compounding to Capt. Ben. Mason. When you offered a charge against Capt. Taylor, and got him suspended, and Mr. Seaborne added, you promised to make good your charge, and yet have returned into the country without bringing in a formal charge, by which we are much abused, and you have wronged yourself by breach of promise. Before your charge, Capt. Taylor, in several letters, charged you with breach of trust, and he has now made a formal charge, and given security to prosecute. [*G* 25, *p.* 150.]

July 28. Bodmin. County Committee for Cornwall to the Committee for Compounding. We have often asked whether those who have compounded at undervalue are freed by the Act of Indemnity [Pardon]; pray send an answer.

Several to whom estates were let, or who stand engaged to the Commonwealth, embezzle their goods to deceive the State. John Holman and others owe 86*l.* Ant. Nicoll, owing Holman more, will pay the money if we can get his bond or a discharge from Holman, who will give neither. We beg leave to imprison him and any others who disobey your orders. [*G* 149, *p.* 521.]

July 29. Order in the Committee for Compounding—on information by Rob. Cunliffe, M.P., that several persons in co. Lancaster have contracted for estates of Papists and delinquents for 7 years, and laid out large sums in building, repairing, manuring, tilling, &c., on which they desire confirmation of their leases, especially of lands that are in the late Act of Sale;—that the county commissioners examine into these disbursements, and certify them with speed, that order may be given, the farmers keeping possession meantime. [*G* 25, *p.* 151.]

Aug. 2. Carmarthen. Jen. Dawkins and Mor. Thomas, Commissioners for co. Carmarthen, to the Committee for Compounding. We have contracted with Wm. Rutland, the present tenant, for lands at Whiteland, part of the estate of Rob. Brett, for 7 years, our motives being his ability and sufficiency, the ruinous state of the houses, the need of improvement in the lands, and the offer of a greater rent. We desire your approbation.

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With note of reply, 11 Nov., that they are to report whether the contract is according to the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and the instructions therein. [*G* 167, *p.* 675.] *Annexing,*

1. *Lease for 7 years from Jenkin Dawkins of Llwyn y Maudy, and Morris Thomas of Llangadoch, Commissioners for co. Carmarthen, to Wm. Rutland of Whitland Abbey, of the sequestered lands of Rob. Brett in Llangain and Llanboydy, now held by him, rent* 38*l.* 2 *Aug.* 1653. [*G* 167, *p.* 669.]

Aug. 4. Sam. Gookin, one of the Drury House Trustees, to Edw. Carey, one of the Committee for Compounding. I pray you to forward the business of Mrs. Latham, who dresses our diet at Drury House, and in whose behalf we have written to the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 98, *p.* 542.]

Aug. 4. Drury House Trustees to the Committee for Compounding. There is a small building of 3 or 4 rooms near Drury House which we use for the service, but your agents demand rent of Mrs. Latham, a poor widow, cousin of Lord Craven, who has long lived there rent free. We beg you will not impose any rent on her, the premises being of little value. [*G* 98, *p.* 543.]

Aug. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, referring the case to the Commissioners of Middlesex, who, if they find the case as intimated, are to forbear to levy any rent on the poor woman. [*G* 25, *p.* 157.]

Order to the serjeant-at-arms to take Peter Ambrose into custody till he give security for payment of 1,200*l.*, stated by the auditor to be due on his accounts for 1650. [*G* 25, *p.* 156.]

Aug. 4. Committee for Compounding to [Art. Squibb.] We received an order of 30 July given, from the Commissioners for Inspecting Treasuries, to bring to them at 3 this afternoon an estimate of the moneys that may come in on the Act for Sale, and an account of what has been received.

We have prepared the enclosed, being all we can do thereon. What moneys may come in we know not, as the parties have liberty to compound or purchase. It will shew the fines set and what has been paid. We trouble you to present it, and should be glad if our attendance could be dispensed with, as we are but just a quorum; and if we attend, the work must stand still. But if we are required, let us know by the bearer. [*G* 138, *pp.* 285, 291.]

Aug. 4. Art. Squibb to the Committee for Compounding. I offered your certificate to the commissioners, who find it imperfect. I fear your clerks have too much business, that they make a return so lame as none of the other treasuries have offered. I return it to you, for I think it is only an old paper lying by the clerk that he has sent. [*G* 138, *p.* 295.]

Aug. 5. T. Bayly to [Art. Squibb.] I read your last night's letter to the commissioners, who have ordered me to go to the Treasury for an account of what was paid, and what the rents come to, which I enclose from the treasurers; also a copy of the order from the Inspection Commissioners, about which Mr. Carey said he would speak with you, both as to their attendance and what was meant by the order; but he forgot to do it, and then they ordered me to prepare forthwith what I could.

I made the list as perfect as I could at 2 hours' warning; the treasurers were gone to dinner, and what was required was more their work than mine. The fault was neither remissness nor over much business, but want of time. Whatever you want further, signify it, and I will endeavour to furnish it. [*G* 138, *p.* 293.]

Aug. 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Thos. Leigh be a Sequestration Commissioner for co. Derby, in place of Gervase Bennet, now M.P. [*G* 12, *p.* 556.]

Aug. 5. Charge of misdemeanour against Capt. Silas Taylor, Commissioner for Sequestrations, co. Hereford, of retarding the service, associating with Papists and delinquents, letting estates at undervalue, &c. 17 articles. [*G* 157, *pp.* 45–49.] *Annexing,*

1. *Note by George Lynn of allowance [by Taylor] to Thos. Husbands out of the estate of Mrs. Moore of Burghope of* 54*l.* 18*s. for repairs from her ½ year's rent of* 103*l.*

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II. *Like note by [Major] Rich. Hopton and Silas Taylor, of allowance to Husbands of 9l. 7s. 7d., being ⅔ of 14l. 1s. 5d. rent for Mr. Street's lands, for contributions, quit-rents, &c., and of 2l. 16s. more on another contribution. 7 May* 1652. [*G* 102, *p.* 131.]

Aug. 10. Durham. **9.** County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 15 Sept. 1652, we have summoned all convicted of recusancy or suspected of Popery, and tendered them the oath of abjuration. Those named in the annexed schedule refused it, whereon we have secured ⅔ of their estates, and valued the same, but only one had any real estate. How are we to dispose of them, the parties being very poor? We find no other recusants.

We hope you have received our account of 30 June of our March rents. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

9. I. *List of* 10 *persons who refused the oath of abjuration. Total value of ⅔ of their estates,* 83*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 12. Committee for Compounding [to Capt. Silas Taylor.] Capt. Mason has appeared to answer his charge on summons, but wishes the examinations delayed 3 weeks; as he has to come up on our summons, you are to agree on a place; he proposes Tewkesbury. He has put in his charge, and you can have a copy. [*G* 102, *p.* 145. *Draft.*] *Annexing,*

I. *Charge by Capt. Mason against Capt. Silas Taylor, of hindering the service, underletting estates, associating with and protecting Papists and delinquents, misappropriating money, being in arms against Lord Fairfax when he came to London to protect Parliament, being a great enemy to this government, &c., &c.* 5 *Aug.* 1653. [*G* 102, *pp.* 147–151.]

Aug. [13.] Registrar's certificate that Thos. Best of Rochester, Kent, was never sequestered for delinquency, but the County Committee for Yorkshire certified, 17 Sept. 1650, that Capt. Thos. Best in that county was formerly discharged by the Committee for Sequestrations upon false information; that they conceive him to be a notorious delinquent, and that the Committee for Compounding, 3 Oct. 1650, ordered the county committee to seize and secure his estate, if it was discharged without certificate. [*G* 33, *p.* 296.]

Aug. 16. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on an order of the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries, of Aug. 12 given, requiring a list of delinquents before and since 1648, whose estates are unsold, and advantageous propositions for persons about whom it is doubtful whether or not they are in the Act of Oblivion—that the auditor prepare them a list of delinquents whose estates are sequestered but not in the Acts for Sale, and that the registrar deliver the names of all fit to be put into that list, and prepare copies of the queries drawn up to be presented to the late Parliament; also that the auditor prepare such obstructions as he finds in the accounts, and that Reading and Brereton draw up propositions to be presented to the said committee, with such obstructions as they find.

Order that Capt. Silas Taylor have a copy of the exceptions of Capt. Mason to the articles delivered against him, and particularize his charge in those articles, to avoid loss of time, giving one copy to Mason and sending one to us. Also on Mason's request, that the Committee for co. Gloucester be authorized to send for witnesses from co. Hereford, and that no order be granted in the case unless both parties or their counsel be present. [*G* 25, *p.* 167; 102, *p.* 159; 138, *p.* 283.]

Aug. 16. Exceptions by Capt. Ben. Mason against the false and scandalous charge of Capt. Silas Taylor. [*G* 102, *p.* 159.]

Aug. 17. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on an order of the Council of State prefixed of 5 Aug., that the said committee see that the money ordered by Parliament, 13 April 1652, to Mary Pattison be paid—for payment accordingly. [*G* 25, *p.* 168.]

Aug. 17. Petition of Peter Ambrose to the Committee for Compounding, for release and allowance of such parts of his accounts as he can produce orders for from the county committee. Has acquittances for all the items of his

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accounts except 7 incident charges, and these were paid by orders of the county committee, to whom he presented his accounts last November, and who acknowledged the legality of their orders, and therefore they, if any one, should be called in question. [*G* 62, *p.* 313.]

Aug. 17. Order thereon allowing him release on bail for 21 days, to perfect his accounts. [*G* 25, *p.* 169.]

Aug. 17. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Worcester. We confirm your contracts for the estates of Fitzwilliam Coningsby, Thos. Acton, John Williamson, and Thos. Hornihold, and the Earl of Worcester's tithes, if let according to instructions, but we cannot confirm that for John Tyrer's estate, because he is in the last Act for Sale. [*G* 30, *p.* 476.]

Aug. 17. Gloucester. Ant. Edwards and Giles Hancock, two of the Sequestration Commissioners for co. Gloucester, to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 26 July, we summoned 5 witnesses for the State in the case of Capt. Taylor against Capt. Mason, but 3 only appeared; Anne Monington and Thos. Clifford came not. Capt. Mason did not desire cross-examination. [*G* 157, *p.* 19.] *Enclosing,*

I. *Anne Monington to Capt. Taylor. I beg to be excused the trouble and charge of attendance at Gloucester this busy harvest time. I have no idea why I was summoned. Sarns[field], 15 Aug.* 1653. *With note of receipt by Taylor of the letter.* 31 *Aug.* [*G* 157, *p.* 22.]

II. *Depositions of James Smith, George Lynn, and Walter Merrick, in the above case against Mason.* [*G* 157, *pp.* 23–29.]

Aug. 18. Dorchester. Capt. Ben. Mason to the Committee for Compounding. I met Capt. Taylor at Dorchester, and tried to arrange a time and place for examination of witnesses, but he said he had examined his, and should go on, for he was suspended already, and could be no more done to. He threatens my witnesses. You know I came up by your order, but he, in contempt of it, examines witnesses *ex parte.* I desire justice, and leave to cross-examine, and for both of us to put in a bond in 500*l.* to abide by your award. [*G* 102, *p.* 141.]

Aug. 22. Cirencester. Giles Hancock to Thos. Bayly. I send you Mr. Pury's answer to what was desired in your letter to me. You could not have it sooner, because he was away from Gloucester. [*G* 157, *p.* 75.]

Aug. 23. Durham. County Committee for Durham to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 23 March [*see p.* 634 *supra*], we have repaid to Edw. Lee the tithes, &c., ordered, but as the Committee for Propagating the Gospel have settled the impropriations on ministers, are we to discharge the sequestration, or to continue to receive the rents? [*G* 155, *p.* 11.]

Aug. 30. Haberdashers' Hall. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that George Williams be Sequestration Commissioner in Cornwall, in place of Fras. Courtney, who is hereby discharged from further acting. [*G* 12, *p.* 563.]

Order in the case between Capts. Mason and Taylor, that a witness for Taylor who refuses to appear be summoned to be examined in town.

That the depositions taken in co. Gloucester stand as evidence for Taylor, Mason cross-examining if he choose, and Taylor having like leave. All depositions to be returned in a fortnight, publication granted, and the case heard in 3 weeks. Mason to particularize his charge, on Taylor's request, if he except to any part of it before witnesses are examined. [*G* 25, *p.* 180.]

Aug. 30. Committee for Compounding to Capt. Mason. You are forthwith to perfect your accounts, and pass them with the auditor, that it may appear what money is due from co. Hereford, the State having very urgent occasion for revenue.

The like order is given to Capt. Taylor. [*G* 25, *p.* 180.]

Aug. 30. Committee for Compounding to Mrs. Monington. We hear that you are a material witness for the State in a charge against Capt. Mason, but being summoned, you refused to appear before the Committee of co. Gloucester. We order you to appear before us this day fortnight. [*G* 25, *p.* 180.]

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Aug. 30. Committee for Compounding to [George] Lynn, clerk to the Committee for Sequestrations of co. Hereford. Transmit to us speedily copies of all depositions before your committee touching John Wingfield. We have present occasion for them. [*G* 25, *p.* 180.]

Aug. 31. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on motion of Capt. Stint on behalf of Col. Pyne, that the order of 6 April last may be reinforced, as the returns are not yet made—that Mr. Whetcomb transmit attested transcripts without delay of all proceedings in a charge against Rich. Cheesman and Mr. Batt, clerk to the Commissioners in co. Somerset. [*G* 25, *p.* 185.]

Sept. 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding that, as Lord Wenman has not paid in as ordered the 72*l.* 2*s.* due for goods of Sir Thos. Aylesbury, bought by him of the late Committee for Sequestrations of Westminster, he pay it in, or the said committee will levy it on his estate by sequestration. [*G* 25, *p.* 189.]

Sept. 1. Petition of John Tey, a Commissioner for co. Herts, to the Committee for Compounding, for a warrant to appear before them to acquit himself of a contempt of their order, on pretence of which he is now in custody of the serjeant-at-arms. [*G* 140, *p.* 171.]

Sept. 1. Order thereon, that the serjeant bring him before them this afternoon. [*G* 25, *p.* 186.]

Sept. 1. Committee for Compounding to [Hen.] Darley. We wrote you 14 Sept. last, about a debt of 251*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, due for goods of Lord Savile, delinquent, bought of the late Westminster Committee, the delivery of which to you is sworn to, but have received no answer. Please to pay in the money, or show cause without delay. [*G* 25, *p.* 190.]

Sept. 2. Drury House Trustees to the Committee for Compounding. The late Fenton Parsons had a claim allowed by the Committee for Removing Obstructions on 4 Feb. 1652, to 86*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year on Hardwick and Hurst Grange, and other lands, and 40*l.* on Norton Manor, all co. Notts, late lands of the Earl of Newcastle, and sold by us 12 May 1652, to Wm. Clayton, who complains of damage by reason of arrears of these rents due before his contract. We beg your order to the county commissioners to pay off all such arrears. [*G* 111, *p.* 57.]

Sept. 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that this letter be sent to the county committee to certify what arrears are due, and whether before or since the contract, &c. [*G* 25, *p.* 191.]

Sept. 5. Blandford. James Dewy to the Committee for Compounding. Being appointed by the Council of State one of the commissioners to examine those guilty in this last war, I give you notice of a Mr. Combes, who by his own confession is guilty in this late treasonable engagement of raising a new war. He has a large fortune, and there are others in like case. Are we to secure their estates to prevent the passing them away?

Thanks be to God, we have prevented the most dangerous design to raise a new war that ever was in our western parts since Goring was beat out of it. I am busy taking examinations, and sending them to the Council of State. [*G* 75, *p.* 348.]

Sept. 7. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that the registrars draw a general letter to the county commissioners to publish the resolves of Parliament of 3 Sept., and that they sign the letters, in order that they may be sent away as soon as printed, and the resolves published with speed. [*G* 31, *p.* 787.]

Sept. 7. **10.** Committee for Compounding to the county commissioners. Enclosed are the resolutions of Parliament of the 3rd inst., touching delinquents being admitted to compound, which you are to publish in all the market towns, that none may plead ignorance. [*Printed, ½ page; also G* 31, *p.* 788.] *Enclosing,*

10. 1. *Order in Parliament, 3 Sept., that all delinquents whose estates are not in any Act for Sale, nor compounded for, and who are now under actual sequestration, be admitted to composition at ⅓, according to the value of their estates in* 1640. *That those whose habitations are within* 80 *miles of London perfect their compositions in* 2 *months, paying their first moiety within* 2 *months, and the*

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rest within 2 months following, and those beyond 80 miles within 3 months, their second moiety within 3 months following. That the Committee for Compounding, in all cases not herein provided for, follow the former instructions, and that they have power to discharge the sequestration of all who pay their fines. Those delinquents who compound not within the time limited shall have their estates sold, according to a bill to be brought in by this committee, the Committee for Compounding to take care that these notes be published. [*Printed, 1 page; also G* 31, *p.* 787; 172, *p.* 677.]

Sept. 7. Gloucester. Ant. Edwards and Giles Hancock to the Committee for Compounding. We send examinations taken as ordered by yours of 16 and 30 Aug., on the cases of Mason and Taylor. [*G* 157, *p.* 31.] *Enclosing,*

I. *Interrogatories against Capt. Taylor's cross-examinations to Capt. Mason's* 17 *articles.* [*G* 157, *pp.* 33–36.]

II. *Depositions thereon on behalf of Taylor against Mason, of James Smith, and* 8 *others,* 6 *Sept.* 1653. [*G* 157, *pp.* 37–43.]

III. *Depositions on behalf of Mason against Taylor, of George Lynn, and* 12 *others,* 6 *being in the preceding list,* 6 *Sept.* 1653. [*G* 157, *pp.* 51–74.]

Sept. 8. Request that—as there has been a charge by Col. Pyne and T. Paul against Col. John Gorges, and that John [Thos.] Gorges is made a party on purpose to take off his testimony, which would be material in the case—he be examined at least *de bene esse.* [*G* 88, *p.* 788.]

Sept. 8. Order in the Committee for Compounding that John Gorges be examined, the other side having notice thereof, and being allowed to cross-examine and to make exceptions, the deposition not to be read if they make just exceptions. [*G* 88, *p.* 788.]

Order that Thos. Gorges—whose testimony is very material, and who has been made a party in the charge only to take it off—be examined before Sam. Whetcomb and Nath. Quash, two of the Commissioners of co. Somerset, and the other party allowed to cross-examine him. [*G* 25, *p.* 195.]

Order that Jeremy Powell of Bedston be a Commissioner in co. Salop. [*G* 12, *p.* 563.]

Sept. 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding, granting the motion of counsel in behalf of Col. Pyne, on an information against Col. John Gorges, and his brother Thomas, that further witnesses may be examined before publication, the examinations to be by the examiner, on oath, and on interrogatories given in by the respective parties, and the witnesses to appear in 3 weeks. John Rogers of Cheddar, one of them, to be protected, as Col. Gorges has a verdict at law against him for words in the charge, for which he might be taken up. [*G* 25, *p.* 193.]

Sept. 9. Committee for Compounding to Capt. Mason. Your account given in to our auditor in Feb. 1651 is very imperfect, and your demands for journeys to London very large. You are to come up and perfect it with the auditor, without further delay. [*G* 25, *p.* 196.]

Sept. 9. Hereford. George Lynn to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 30 Aug., I send you such examinations relative to persons in this county as I find filed in the late county committee books. [*G* 157, *p.* 358.] *Annexing,*

I. *Information of Roger Pritchard that Mr. Wingfield, late porter to the Bishop of Hereford, spoke bitterly against Parliament, and when asked for help for a poor boy, whose mother was hanged by the King's party for giving notice to the Scots of a sally, said that the child had better have been hanged with the mother.* 10 *July* 1646. *Also,*

Information of Joan, wife of Rich. Greenliff of Kilpeck, that she was taken to the palace prison by the King's soldiers as an intelligencer, when the Marquis of Hertford got her exchanged; but Wingfield would not let her go for 4 days, and charged her 1*s. a day for her bed only. Her son was also taken prisoner as a suspected intelligencer of Parliament.* 1 *Aug.* 1646. [*G* 157, *p.* 355.]

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Sept. 13. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners for co. Hants. We enclose you a letter of 10 Sept., from Commissioner Lisle. You will see his desires; certify what you know, and how much of the rent he demands was due before Dec. 1649, and how much since. [*G* 25, *p.* 197.]

Sept. 14. Order of the Committee for Compounding for a letter to the Committee of co. Wilts to put an honest responsible man to look to goods belonging to the State in Salisbury great church, and to send a particular account what those goods are. [*G* 37, *p.* 192.]

Sept. 14. Deposition by John Vicaris that the charge made by Hen. Banks, jun., cobbler, late of Bewdley, co. Worcester, is false. That Fras. England was hired by Captain Boylston to make a false charge against Yarranton, who arrested Boylston thereon, and that Banks has left the town lest Yarranton should bring an action against him for the charge. That Yarranton tries to find him, and thinks he is in London. [*G* 140, *pp.* 213, 214.] *Annexing,*

1. *Articles by Henry Banks, jun., against Andrew Yarranton, Commissioner for co. Worcester. That in* 1652, *in presence of Capt. Wm. Collins, he got drunk at Wolverhampton, and used violence.*

That when he examined witnesses, he asked if they needed spectacles, and put them on spectacles with sharp pricks, which made their noses bleed.

That he let the estate of Wm. Coningsby without the privity of the other commissioners, who have retaken it.

That he prosecuted Sir Wm. Russell violently to re-sequestration, but offered to cease if he would give him 500*l.*

That he sometimes threatens witnesses, and sometimes bribes them.

That he is very quarrelsome, and beat Thos. Boylston, of Bewdley in the streets of Worcester.

That he spends much time in taverns and alehouses, drinking and gaming, and boasts how much he can drink.

That he promotes suits, and boasts of his power to ruin those who oppose him.

That on 25 *Aug. last, a thanksgiving day, he spent three hours in drinking at Bewdley, and sent some aqua vitæ to Thos. Boylston, who, with other religious and well-affected people, had set apart the day for worship.* 9 *Sept.* [*G* 140, *pp.* 215, 216.]

Sept. 14. Petition of Walter Staile, executor of Rich. Cheesman, to the Committee for Compounding. Cheesman being questioned for delinquency by the Committee for Sequestrations and sub-committee of Somerset, was acquitted by them. There is a charge depending before the Committee for Compounding against Colonel John Gorges, one of the sub-committee,—exhibited by Col. Pyne, on the discovery of the well-affected in that county, of Gorges receiving a judgment from Cheesman on an action of account,—whereas there was never anything due to him.

Upon this it is supposed Cheesman was acquitted, there being a defeasance from the said Gorges that no advantage should be taken thereon till within 6 months after Cheesman's death, which being now expired, Gorges endeavours to take forth execution on the judgment. As its legality is in question before the Committee for Compounding, begs order for stay of execution. [*G* 140, *p.* 321.]

Sept. 14. Order thereon that the petition be dismissed. [*G* 25, *p.* 199.]

Sept. 14. Newcastle. County Committee for Northumberland to the Committee for Compounding. We find by your order of 30 Aug. that John Ogle, who was treasurer to sequestrations last year, refused payment of certain fee-farm rents, and spoke ill to those who demanded them. This was unknown to us. [*Damaged. G* 172, *p.* 7.]

Sept. 16. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Somerset. We confirm your contracts returned 4 Feb., if let according to instructions, but estates that are in any Act for Sale are only to be let for one year. [*G* 30, *p.* 395.]

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Sept. 17. County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. We have had the resolves of Parliament of 3 Sept., published in Salisbury, Marlborough, and Devizes, our chief towns, and have sent them to be published in the inferior towns. [*G* 171, *p.* 475.]

Sept. 17. Kendal. County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. We have received yours of the 7th, with the printed resolves of Parliament, which we caused to be published in Kendal, and shall have published in all towns in the county on the first market days. [*G* 171, *p.* 179.]

Sept. 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding for Peter Ambrose's release for a month, on his own bond for 2,000*l.*

The case between Capts. Taylor and Mason to be heard on Thursday. [*G* 25, *p.* 207.]

Sept. 22. Nottingham. County Committee for Notts to the Committee for Compounding. We had your order of 10 Sept. and the resolves of Parliament openly proclaimed the following market days, and posted in all the market towns of the county, so that none concerned may be ignorant. [*G* 164, *p.* 331.]

Sept. 22. County Committee for Bedford to the Committee for Compounding. We request an answer to some things that obstruct the passing our accounts with the auditor. Notes on particular cases. The under-sheriff has levied 42*s.* on a sequestered estate of the Earl of Cleveland, being a seizure upon an extent of some part of the estate which formerly belonged to Sir John Crofts.

With note of reply 27 Sept., that the under-sheriff should be summoned before the Committee for Compounding to answer his contempt in making a distress on a sequestered estate without order. [*G* 30, *p.* 2; *also* 146, *p.* 91.]

Sept. 22. Proceedings in the Committee for Compounding on the articles exhibited by Capt. Silas Taylor against Capt. Ben. Mason. [*See p.* 646 *supra.*]

The certificate of the County Committee for co. Gloucester taken. Mason confesses to signing Taylor's name to the certificate of contracts, because two names were needful, and Taylor was away.

Capt. Taylor pleads that he was surprised into signing a contract for Hum. Berrington's estate, being told by George Lynn, the clerk, that it had been compared with the book of contracts, whereas there were no such contract; but he only agreed if they would let the estate at 180*l.*, the full value.

Statements, letters, and depositions of James Smith, George Lynn, Capt. Mason, Taylor, and Walter Merrick thereon, and on the bargain with Mrs. Monington, and the contract concerning Eliz. Vaughan. [*G* 37, *pp.* 199–201.]

Sept. 23. Order of the Committee for Compounding that — Smith, under-sheriff of co. Bedford, appear to answer matters objected against him. [*G* 25, *p.* 213.]

Sept. 23. Taunton. Sam. Whetcomb and Nath. Quash to the Committee for Compounding. On Col. Pyne's motion about a charge of delinquency presented against Rich. Cheesman, we send copies of all papers, &c., relating thereto. The reasons of his discharge will appear in our order of 22 Jan. 1652. [*G* 167, *p.* 55.] *Enclosing,*

I. *Depositions before the late County Committee against Rich. Cheesman, of Cheddar, Jan.* 19 *and Feb.* 22, 1649. [*G* 167, *pp.* 57, 58.]

II. *Orders of the County Committee in the case, Jan.* 20, *Feb.* 22, *and March* 2, 1649. [*G* 167, *p.* 59.]

III. *Depositions on behalf of Rich. Cheesman,* 21 *Jan.* 1652. [*G* 167, *pp.* 61–64.]

IV. *Order of the County Committee of* 11 *Dec.* 1651, *for seizing Chris. Doddington and Rich. Cheesman. Also order of* 22 *Jan.* 1652, *discharging that against Cheesman, as the witnesses contradict their former testimony, and Cheesman is not proved guilty of delinquency.* [*G* 167, *p.* 65.]

Sept. 26. County Committee for Northampton to the Committee for Compounding. We have had the resolves of Parliament of 3 Sept. about delinquents published at Northampton, Towcester, Thrapston, Daventry, Wellingborough, Kettering, Oundle, and Brackley, between 13 and 22 Sept. [*G* 163, *p.* 509.]

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Sept. 26. Answer of Capt. Ben. Mason, on an order of 17 Aug. last, to the scandalous petition preferred against him by Rob. Wakeman, of fraud in non-payment of a debt of 100*l.*, on which money Mr. Pitt and Mr. Booth had a claim, which they had assigned to Wakeman. [*G* 102, *p.* 107.]

Sept. 28. Coventry. County Committee for Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. According to your direction, we have published the resolves of Parliament at Coventry, Warwick, and other chief market towns in the county. [*G* 170, *p.* 483.]

Sept. 28. Taunton. Sam. Whetcomb and Nath. Quash to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 8 Sept. in the case of John Pyne and Thos. Paul against Col. John Gorges, we have taken the examination of Thos. Gorges and send it. [*G* 167, *p.* 67.] *Enclosing,*

I. 24 *Interrogatories for Thos. Gorges on behalf of Col. John Gorges.* [*G* 167, *pp.* 69–76.]

II. *Deposition of Lieut.-Col. Thos. Gorges, barrister-at-law, on the above. Taunton,* 28 *Sept.* 1653. [*G* 167, *pp.* 77–90.]

Sept. 29. Wm. Ludlow and Ben. Swayne, Sequestration Commissioners for co. Wilts, to the Committee for Compounding. We have cross-examined witnesses on the charges against John Gorges, and taken all examinations produced, except that of Gorges' brother Thomas, which was excepted against, he being a party charged. Also, we did not examine Walter Staile, against whom Gorges excepted. [*G* 171, *p.* 295.] *Enclosing,*

I. 28 *Interrogatories for witnesses on behalf of Col. John Gorges on the charge against him relating to Rich. Cheesman, John Rogers, Thos. Hawkins, Edw. Curle, late a sequestrator, &c.* [*G* 171, *pp.* 279–287.]

II. *Depositions of* 31 *witnesses, including Jasper Batt, Sam. Whetcomb, Neh. Collins and Nath. Quash thereon. Wells,* 24 *Aug.* 1653. [*G* 171, *pp.* 297–394.]

III. 34 *Interrogatories for Col. Pyne's witnesses against John Gorges in the above case.* [*G* 171, *pp.* 289–294.]

IV. *Depositions of* 29 *witnesses taken thereon, including many of those examined on the other side. Wells,* 24 *Aug.* 1653. [*G* 171, *pp.* 395–464.]

Sept. 30. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the auditor and registrar prepare forthwith a list of all who have incurred delinquency since Jan. 1649, and whose estates are sequestered, with their value, to be sent to the Committee of Parliament for preparing a bill for sale. [*G* 25, *p.* 213.]

Sept. County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We enclose depositions of our agents about giving summons touching delinquents' compositions, according to the votes of Parliament of 3 Sept. last. [*G* 172, *p.* 553.] *Enclosing,*

I. *Deposition of Chris. Holmes of the posting thereof as follows:—*

14 *Sept. Easingwold, being the fair day, and Northallerton.*
15 ,, *Yarm, being market day.*
17 ,, *Richmond and Stopeley, market day.*
19 ,, *Middleham and Guisbrough.*
20 ,, *Bedale.*
22 ,, *Askrigg, market day.*

These 6 *were done by himself, and Thos. Harwood, bailiff of Whitby, posted them.*

17 *&* 24 *Sept. Whitby, market day.*
19 ,, *Pickering, market day.*
22 ,, *Scarborough.*

[*G* 172, *p.* 555.]

II. *Deposition of Jos. Beverley, that between* 10 *and* 18 *Sept. he posted them in Selby, Snaith, Doncaster, Pontefract, Rotherham, Barnsley, and Wakefield. Also,*

Deposition of Rich. Fishwick, that he posted them—

20 *&* 21 *Sept. Knaresborough and Leeds.*
22 ,, *Ripon and Wetherby.*
23 *&* 24 ,, *Skipton, Wakefield, and Pontefract.*

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III. *Deposition by Wm. Garthwaite, of their posting in the East Riding.*
14 *Sept. Weeton and Hedon.*
16 „ *Hull, the sheriff not allowing them to be posted on the* 13*th.*
17 „ *Pocklington, Beverley, Kilham, and Howden.*
22 „ *Frandugham [? Frodingham].*
[*G* 172, *p* 560.]

Oct. 1. Leicester. County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. On your order of 7 Sept. last, we published the resolves of Parliament at Leicester on 17 Sept., the market day, and next week in other towns and places where the sequestered estates lie; at Melton on the 20th, Loughborough the 22nd, and Ashby-de-la-Zouch the 24th, being the market days. [*G* 161, *pp.* 547, 548.].

Oct. 4. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on an order of the Committee for Removing Obstructions in sale of Dean and Chapters' lands, that the Committee for co. Durham seize and sequester the estate of John Young of Pittington, for non-payment of 109*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*, due 19 June 1651, the second ½ of his purchase money for a house and lands in Pittington, according to a Parliament order of 10 Nov. 1652.

Order to the Committee for co. Berks to sequester Sam. Osborne of London for 651*l.* 11*s.* 2½*d.*, the second ½ of payment due 23 Jan. 1650, for Letcombe Regis Manor, co. Berks. [*G* 25, *p.* 215.]

Oct. 4. Proceedings in the Committee for Compounding on the following Articles against Capt. Silas Taylor.

1. That he retards the service, not sitting, though importuned, more than 1½ hours; in letting estates, he would have the tenants to pay only the old rents, whereby the State has lost 500*l.* a year, and he refused for 3 months together to seal their leases, so that they refuse to pay the rents.
2. That he associates with Papists and delinquents, owns himself their protector, and has meetings with them at taverns late at night, with music.
3. That he hired a house at Hereford for a Jesuitical Papist.*
4. That he refused to leave a tavern, when summoned by Capt. Mason because much business was to be done.
5. That he so protects Papists and delinquents that the State cannot receive much from their estates.
6. That he refused the order of Haberdashers' Hall to grant [Eliz.] Vaughan her thirds, because she had sued his father.
7. That he refused to allow — Watts possession of a Papist's estate let to him for 50*l.* a year.
8. That he lost the committee 1,000*l.* by refusing to sign warrants.
9. That he has employed the State's money to his own use.*
10. That he persuaded his fellow-commissioners to abate 54*l.* for taxes from the rent of 206*l.* for the estate of [the late] Wm. Moore, Papist delinquent, let to [Thos.] Husbands.
11. That he revolted from the army and joined the levellers.
12. That he was in arms at Hyde Park against the army.
13. That he is an enemy to the present Government, and asked who made this a Parliament.
14. That he wanted Capt. Mason to enter discoveries in other men's names, that they might share the ⅓ between themselves.
15. That he often denies his own hand-writing.
16. That he wanted to dismiss the clerk and put a musician in his place.
17. That he offered 10*l.* to two men who had put into the box for Mr. Goodyer's estate, if they would forbear bidding.

Order that Captain Taylor's exceptions against certain witnesses be disallowed.

Also that he pay Mrs. Monington 50*s.* for the charges of her journey to London, she being summoned on his business, and that the case be further heard this day 3 weeks. [*G* 25, *pp.* 215, 216; 37, *p.* 201.]

* These 2 charges are noted as waived.

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Oct. 4. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Gloucester. We could not proceed in the case between Capts. Taylor and Mason to-day, because of defects in your return, Taylor's counsel insisting that you have not cross-examined Mason's witnesses upon his interrogatories. Tell us speedily why you omitted this, or if you did cross-examine, why the witnesses did not answer the particular points. If you have not cross-examined, do so without delay, and send us the papers. [*G* 25, *p.* 216.]

Oct. 4. Certificate by Wm. Moyer, auditor, that Capt. Ben. Mason has given satisfaction as to particulars in his accounts of 11 Feb. 1651, except as to 16*s.* 3*d.*; but as to the 150*l.* received of Capt. John Burgess, his agent, he wishes Burgess to give account. [*G* 102, *p.* 135.]

Oct. 4. Ormskirk. County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. We sent our agent to summon 5 persons suspected of Popery to take the oath of abjuration. Of these, Hen. Walmsley, husbandman of Elston, Rich. Parkinson of Sowerby, and Gabriel Short of Lea, appeared, but declined to take it. Thos. and John Cosson, of Grimsargh, appeared not, so we have sequestered ⅔ of all their estates. [*G* 158, *p.* 594.]

Oct. 6. London. County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. We have had the resolves of Parliament of 3 Sept., about delinquents being admitted to compound, published in Leadenhall Street, Gracious Street, the Exchange, Newgate Market, Cheapside, and Fleet Street. [*G* 162, *p.* 394.]

Oct. 7. Chelmsford. County Committee for Essex to the Committee for Compounding. Your order of 2 Sept., with the resolves for delinquents to compound for their estates, came to our hands 17 Sept., and our agents immediately published them in the market towns of the county. [*G* 156, *p.* 142.]

Oct. 11. Summons by the Committee for Compounding to Richard Auncell, late under-sheriff for co. Bedford, to appear to answer objections. [*G* 25, *p.* 222.]

Oct. 11. Committee for Compounding to the Committee for co. Wilts. We hear that the books in Salisbury Cathedral library are likely to be embezzled for want of some fit person to look after them. We wish you to repair to the church, take an inventory of them, and send us a copy of it; employ some responsible person to take charge of them, and give him the same allowance as given to others in that service. [*G* 25, *p.* 222.]

Oct. 11. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of Northumberland. You are to pay to the order of the treasurers-at-war 2,000*l.* or 2,500*l.* sequestration money now in your hands. [*G* 25, *p.* 222; 37, *p.* 203.]

Oct. 11. Deposition of Ant. Wither, Covent Garden, Middlesex, before the Committee for Compounding. About 5 or 6 months ago I received a letter from the Haberdashers' Hall Committee directed to the Earl of Denbigh, took it to his lodging at the Golden Helmet, Strand, and delivered it to his steward. He shewed it to the Earl, who said he had satisfied the Committee of Parliament about the goods in question. I said the answer must be sent to Haberdashers' Hall, and on the steward's asking who prosecuted the business, I named one or two that could better inform him. [*G* 80, *p.* 267.]

Oct. 12. Order in the Committee for Inspecting Treasuries and Regulating Salaries that,—as by order of this committee of 8 Sept. last, John Smith and Roger Robinson, late farmers of the excise of tobacco, and their 3 sureties, were to pay into the Excise Office, on 20 Sept. last, 107*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, arrears of their farm rent, fines, damages, and costs of suit, and only paid in 41*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*,—the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall sequester their estates according to the late Act for getting in the arrears of excise, the farmers being of ability to pay, except that of Fras. Bloomer, who paid in the 41*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, being his ⅓, and has otherwise deserved well. [*G* 138, *p.* 259.]

Oct. 12. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Monmouth. On enquiry into the Goldsmiths' Hall receipts, we find very little paid from your county; therefore we renew our request that you will make up your accounts to 25 March

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last, subscribe them, and one of you come up to depose to their truth; also pay in all moneys in hand, and perfect the said accounts by 31 Oct. In case of failure, we shall proceed as empowered by Parliament, but hope our long forbearance, and the present urgent need for money will enforce you to comply, and prevent further trouble to yourselves and us. With note of like letters to cos. Salop, Lincoln, Cornwall, Devon, Suffolk, Notts, Hants, Rutland, Essex, Kent, and Herts. [*G* 31, *p.* 789.]

[Oct.] 13. Berkhamstead. Thos. Downes to the Committee for Compounding. Bail was taken for [John] Tey's appearance and he attended accordingly, but the case was postponed till to-day, and now he cannot attend, having fallen from his horse, and put his shoulder out of joint. He hopes nothing will be ordered against him in his absence, and will appear as soon as able. [*G* 140, *p.* 169.]

Oct. 14. Nehemiah Collins to the Committee for Compounding. Major-Gen. Harrison contracted a year since with the Drury House Trustees for Auler Manor, co. Somerset, part of Sir John Stowell's estate, and the sequestration was discharged; but soon after, he left that manor, and had other lands instead, so that 1 or 1½ years' profits have to be enquired after for the use of the State, in which I beg direction. [*G* 94, *p.* 805.]

Oct. 18. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that a sharp letter go to the commissioners who have moneys in hand or have not accounted, that unless they pay in their money, or make up their accounts within — days, they must expect to be speedily sent for by a serjeant-at-arms. [*G* 37, *p.* 207.]

Oct. 20. Deposition by Thos. Burges of Westminster, that last September he delivered to Hen. Darley and Sir John Hippesley letters from the Committee for Compounding, about money due to the State. [*G* 143, *p.* 208.]

Oct. 20. Gloucester. Ant. Edwards and Giles Hancock to the Committee for Compounding. We did cross-examine Capt. Mason's witnesses on Capt. Silas Taylor's interrogatories, on each particular. [*G* 157, *p.* 7.] *Enclosing*,

1. *Interrogatories on Capt. Taylor's cross-examinations to Mason's* 17 *articles.* [*G* 157, *pp.* 9–17. *See* 7 *Sept., p.* 651 *supra.*]

Oct. 21. **11.** Act enabling the Commissioners of Parliament for compounding with delinquents to dispose of two parts of the lands and estates of recusants for the benefit of the Commonwealth, except rectories, glebes, and tithes. They are to value them at the rate of 4 years for one life, and ½ of personal estates; 3 months to be given to recusants to bring in full particulars, and contract for their estates themselves, and if they neglect so to do, the estate to be let to others, all contracts being for the life of the recusant.

Proviso that ½ the money be paid in a month, and the other ½ in 3 months, the sequestration to be discharged on payment of the second ½. On neglect of payment the estate to be re-sequestered, and let to another.

Proviso that if 12 months after discharge of sequestration, the estates are settled in the possession of, or for the use of any recusants above 21 years old, they shall be liable to all penal laws in force against recusants. [3 *pages, printed.*]

Oct. 21. Order of the Committee for Compounding that—as on 21 Oct. 1647, the late Committee for Compounding ordered to Mr. Rich, appointed by a former order to draw up the conveyances made by delinquents of tithes, &c., for increase of maintenance to preaching ministers, 20*s.* for every such conveyance, on his certificate of its sealing; and on 6 Nov. 1648 ordered him to sue those who have not performed their covenants therein, and to be paid fees and charges—Mr. Rich be continued in the same employment, and with the like allowances. [*G* 25, *pp.* 231, 233; 113, *pp.* 708, 709.]

Oct. 21. Winchester. County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. We received no order from you to perfect our accounts by 25 March last, till that of 12 Oct. We will now pay in 300*l.*, and on the receipt of the Michaelmas rents, we will do our best to perfect the accounts and send in the money, though we shall be straitened for time. If they cannot be quite in time, be assured that we will send them as speedily as possible. [*G* 167, *p.* 613.]

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Oct. 22. Leicester. County Committee for Leicester to the Committee for Compounding. On 25 June last, the Militia Commissioners here sent us an order to pay 10*l.* to John Goodman for horse and arms, and a fortnight's pay for defence of the Commonwealth, but we cannot allow it, as being contrary to your order of 22 Oct. 1650. Noted 1 Nov., that nothing was done in the case. [*G* 161, *p.* 539.]

Oct. 22. Sarum. County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. We have your discharges for the estates of Lord Arundel and others who have compounded by purchase; but as some bear date since Midsummer, we do not know what course to take about that quarter's rent; for though, by former directions, the estates are let half-yearly, yet we generally agree for quarterly payments, as being more advantageous to the State; we beg directions. [*G* 171, *p.* 199.]

Oct. 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the Cornwall Committee sequester the estates of delinquents under sequestration at their death, if they held estates in fee, and particularly that of Sir Wm. Courtney. [*G* 37, *p.* 210.]

Order that Aud. Moyer make out a list of delinquents in each county, with the yearly value of their estates, that their number and the income may be known, so that if they compound not within the time lately limited by Parliament, their estates may be disposed of. Also that he bring in an estimate of the moneys in the hands of the county commissioners, and their arrears.

Order that the case between Capts. Taylor and Mason be postponed to Friday, because the cross-examinations from co. Gloucester against Taylor only came in last night, so that he could not have notice and is not ready; but that he pay 4*l.* costs to Capt. Mason, who attended with his counsel. [*G* 25, *p.* 233.]

Oct. 25. Committee for Compounding to the Commissioners of cos. Berks, Warwick, Middlesex, and Cornwall. We once more remind you of our request to perfect your accounts and pay in arrears; if not done in 14 days, you must expect to be sent for by a serjeant-at-arms, as we cannot otherwise answer our trust. This will, we hope, constrain you to a compliance. [*G* 31, *p.* 789.]

Oct. 25. Committee for Compounding to the Committee of co. Wilts. We wish you to inventory the plate and other goods which we hear are in Salisbury Cathedral, and find out what books have been lent, and to whom, and reclaim them speedily. [*G* 25, *p.* 233.]

Oct. 26. Taunton. Sam. Whetcomb and Nat. Quash to the Committee for Compounding. We have received your order of 7 Sept., and the resolves of Parliament of 3 Sept. about delinquents, and have published them accordingly. With list of 26 places at which they were published from 17–24 Sept. [*G* 167, *p.* 217.]

Oct. 27. Petition of Hugh Royell to the Committee for Compounding. Biddlesdon Manor, co. Bucks, part of the estate of the Duke of Buckingham, was granted 2 years since by Parliament to John Thurloe and Nath. Waterhouse, in trust for the wife and children of Hen. Ireton, late Lord-deputy of Ireland, who authorized petitioner to receive the rents; but Thos. Yates of Turweston, and Wm. Andrews of Biddlesdon, who hold 2 farms on lease, will neither give them up nor pay the improved rents, which is a damage to the lady and her children, and a bad example to the other tenants. Begs that they may show cause why they do not pay the improved rent, with arrears. [*G* 114, *pp.* 629, 631.]

Oct. 27. Order thereon that Yates and Andrews produce their title before the Committee for Compounding in 10 days. [*G* 25, *p.* 236.]

Oct. 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on request of Capt. Mason, that judgment be given in his and Capt. Taylor's cases on Tuesday next.

Order for Peter Ambrose's release on payment of fees, Major Wigan having bound himself in 1,000*l.* for his appearance on summons. [*G* 25, *pp.* 237, 238.]

Oct. 29. **12.** Act for continuing the powers of the Commissioners for Compounding, Advance of Money, Indemnity, &c., to 1 Jan. 1654. With order for its publication. [*Printed*, 1 *sheet.*]

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Nov. 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding that, if any persons in the list of those returned as not having paid in their fines for delinquency, have fines under 10*l.*, the registrar draw up an order giving them time till 31 Dec. to pay the fine. [*G* 13, *p.* 50.]

Nov. 1. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Cornwall. Sir Wm. Courtney and many other deceased delinquents in your county were seized of estates in fee which were sequestered, but no proceedings taken; yet by the Ordinance of Sequestration, these are forfeited and the heir excepted from compounding. You are therefore to re-sequester all such estates, and receive the profits for the State. [*G* 30, *p.* 114.]

Nov. 2. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on reading Col. John Gorges' exceptions to the charges and proof of misdemeanour against him, and hearing his and Col. Pyne's counsel—that the exceptions, though irregularly drawn up, be admitted, and that Gorges bring further witnesses in 14 days to prove them, giving in their names to Pyne, who may examine witnesses against the exceptions.

That the depositions against John Rogers, on which Gorges committed him, and which Gorges delivered in at the county assizes, be brought up against the hearing, with copies of all depositions in the case betwixt Banks and Rogers before the Excise Commissioners, which now remain with the Navy Committee. Also that publication be granted, and the case heard early in December. [*G* 25, *p.* 239.]

Nov. 2. Short-hand notes and examinations in Gorges' and other cases. [*G* 88, *pp.* 777, 779.]

Nov. 2. Exceptions taken by Col. John Gorges against John Rogers, Thos. Hawkins, Hen. Major, and [Wm.] Wellman, minister of Drayton, and other witnesses examined against him. [*G* 88, *pp.* 781–786.]

Nov. 3. Order of the Committee for Compounding, acquitting Capt. Mason of the charges brought against him, and restoring him to his office as one of the sequestrators of co. Hereford.

Order that Capt. Taylor, who has neglected to proceed in making his defence, pay Mason 20*s.* more for attending in town to prosecute the case. [*G* 25, *p.* 240.]

Nov. 4. Haberdashers' Hall. **13.** Committee for Compounding to [the county committees]. Parliament, by their Act of 21 Oct. last, have authorized us to dispose of two-thirds of the estates of recusants under sequestration, and have given liberty to any such recusant to contract for his or her estate at four years' value for life. Upon refusal, we are to dispose of the estate, and we are required by the said Act to inform ourselves of the true value of all such estates. You are therefore to repair yourselves, not relying on agents, to the estates belonging to any recusant under sequestration, take an exact survey thereof, and transmit to us a particular account of the true yearly value of all lands and tenements wherein such recusant has any estate of inheritance, lease for life, lives, or years, or any other estate, whether in possession, use, remainder, reversion, or otherwise, being forfeited or sequestered by any Act, Order, or Ordinance of Parliament; also of any annuities or rent-charges payable to such recusants out of any other estate; with an estimate of the timber, &c., growing upon such manors or lands, &c.; you are to examine witnesses upon oath if necessary.

You are not to confine yourselves to your sets and lettings in making this return, but to return the utmost value you can discover, and not rely upon your agents, but personally view and survey, and return us accounts in writing of each estate by itself.

You are not to acquaint any person of the values or particulars of the survey and view, until you receive our order upon a contract made for such estate, and then only to let the party contracting know the value. You are also to act upon the former commission and orders from us until 1 Jan. next, our time being renewed until then by Act of 29 Oct. [*Printed*, 1¼ *pages; also G* 31, *p.* 790.]

Nov. 4. Coventry. County Committee for Warwick to the Committee for Compounding. We will endeavour to observe your orders about passing our accounts and paying in moneys. [*G* 170, *p.* 487.]

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Nov. 7. Carmarthen. J. Dawkins and M. Thomas, Commissioners for co. Carmarthen, to the Committee for Compounding. We have, as required, had the resolves of Parliament of 3 Sept. openly proclaimed at the sessions held here 6 Oct. last. [*G* 167, *p.* 671.]

Nov. 8. Order of the Committee for Compounding on the proposals of Capt. Ben. Mason, Sequestration Commissioner for co. Hereford.

(1.) That the present committee levy all moneys due on bonds given in by the late committee, by distress and sale of goods, on refusal of payment.

(2.) That Capt. Taylor give up all the sequestration books and papers which he has taken out of the office.

(3.) That Thos. Husbands pass his accounts, and that taxes, &c., be allowed according to the lease.

(4.) That the county committee send up all orders relating to Coningsby's Hospital, and manage it to the best advantage; their putting in Step. Chamberlain approved.

(5.) That the commissioners appoint their treasurer; that Taylor and Mason give in their accounts to the auditor in a week, and that each give the other a copy. [*G* 25, *p.* 242.]

Nov. 10. Norwich. Committee for Sequestrations for Norfolk to the Committee for Compounding. We think it impossible to view and send up particulars of all the recusants' estates here by 1 Jan., some being 40 miles off, some under water, the days short, and only 2 of us able to travel. Moreover, we are ordered by Parliament to give in our accounts by 25 Dec. We beg consideration. What are we to do about witnesses who are summoned and do not appear, if they live in our county, and what if they live in another? [*G* 164, *p.* 91.]

Nov. 10. Requests by the County Committee for Oxon to the Committee for Compounding. That our agent may pass the accounts on oath, we having received and paid all the moneys.

To know whether any of Lord Craven's coppices, being of full growth, shall be sold.

To have directions about Papists' estates.

What allowance to make to the tenants of the late Sir Charles Blount's estate, who took leases before the late war, freeing them from all payments, but their charge of quartering in the march to Worcester was very great. [*G* 165, *p.* 271.]

Nov. 11? Petition of John Tey, Commissioner for Sequestration, co. Herts, to the Committee for Compounding, for discharge from further attendance, and cancelling of his bond. Gave in his account of wood sold from North Mimms Common, deposed to it, and on 28 Oct. 1653, was ordered his liberty on security to appear in a fortnight, which security he has given to the serjeant-at-arms, and Mr. North has not surcharged his account. [*G* 140, *p.* 165.] *Annexing,*

1. *Certificate by Aud. Wm. Moyer that North had liberty to surcharge the said account of wood sold, but has not done it.* 11 *Nov.* 1653. [*G* 140, *p.* 167.]

Nov. 11. Committee for Compounding to Wm. Lenthall, Master of the Rolls. The many civilities we have received from you in cases of difficulty urge us to return humble thanks, and embolden us to ask further favour in a case here enclosed, presented by Mr. Brereton. [*G* 25, *p.* 245.]

Nov. 14. Inner Court of Wards. Order in the Committee for Treasuries and Salaries, that the Committee for Compounding sequester, on the late Excise Act, Thos. Tickner, for non-payment into the Excise of 30*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*, for 20 hhds. of Virginia tobacco, as ordered 28 Oct. [*G* 138, *p.* 265.]

Nov. 15. Order of the Committee for Compounding, refusing the request of Capt. Mason's counsel that Taylor should pay costs before hearing of the case, and fixing the hearing for Friday next. [*G* 25, *p.* 246.]

Nov. 15. Registrar's certificate that it has been the usual practice of the Committee for Compounding, upon compounding with persons who had tithes, to accept of such compounders' settling of tithes in lieu of their fines or part thereof, for which they allowed 10 years' purchase, if seized in fee. This they have done in the case of the Earl of Northampton, 13 others named, and many others. [*G* 33, *p.* 315.]

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Nov. 16. Receipt by John Stent from Thos. Bayley of two leases of 26 March 1652, by the County Committee of Hereford to Latimer Sampson and Thos. Smith, which were produced by Capt. Mason in his defence. [*G* 102, *p.* 125.]

Nov. 17. Order of the Committee for Compounding that—as by order of 26 April 1650, the officers and agents attending the late Committee for Advance of Money were ordered to proceed in execution of their orders, unless a particular revocation of any were signified; and as by order of 18 June 1652, Thos. Jarvis, Wm. Ragdale, Thos. Hamersley, and Rich. Cole, having executed divers orders, for which 235*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* was due to them for salary and charges, 100*l.* was paid to them, and they request the balance—a warrant be issued, on an order of the Council of State of 30 June 1653, to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, to pay them the 135*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* due. [*G* 25, *p.* 247.]

Nov. 17. Wardrobe. County Committee for London to the Committee for Compounding. We have surveyed and let leases of sundry houses belonging to Rob. Peckham, Thos. Stitch, John Webb, Scholastica Peacock, George Thimbleby, and Rob. Dormer, recusants, and John and Francis Simpson, delinquents, to tenants and at rents specified, and desire your confirmation.
Noted. Query if posted and boxed. [*G* 162, *pp.* 395, 396.]

Nov. 18. Order in the Committee for Compounding that, on full hearing and debate, numerous depositions being given, Capt. Silas Taylor is not found guilty of the charges brought against him by Capt. Ben. Mason, but is restored to his employment as sequestration commissioner of co. Hereford in as ample a manner as before.
Capt. Mason's bond to prosecute the charge to be delivered up to him. [*G* 25, *p.* 250; *also* 37, *pp.* 226, 227.]

Nov. 18. Sarum. County Committee for Wilts to the Committee for Compounding. According to your order and the two Acts sent, we will survey the ⅔ of recusants' estates here as punctually as we may, but it will require courts of survey in several places, and more time than the small scantlet allotted. What can be done within the time shall be returned. [*G* 171, *p.* 473.]

Nov. 22. Order of the Committee for Compounding that all petitions to contract on the Act of 21 Oct., for estates sequestered for recusancy only, be referred to counsel, as is usual in composition cases. [*G* 13, *p.* 51.]

Nov. 22. Committee for Compounding to [G.] Williams, one of the Commissioners for Cornwall. We hear that your fellow commissioners, [Sam.] Kekwich and [Fras.] Courtney, refuse or neglect to act, whereby the service is retarded. Let us know their reasons if it be so, and we will add to your assistance persons who will vigorously carry on the work. [*G* 25, *p.* 251.]

Nov. 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding that the whole case between Cols. Pyne and Gorges be heard Tuesday week. [*G* 25, *p.* 254.]

Nov. 24. Haberdashers' Hall. **14.** Committee for Compounding to the county committees. Finding a misunderstanding in some of our commissioners touching our late letter for surveying of the two parts of recusants' estates, we explain that you need not make surveys according to exact measurement of acres, but only take the names of the several manors and farms, with the number of acres as near as you can, together with the yearly values; make a return with all speed, in regard of the shortness of the time limited in the Act for the parties to proceed upon their contracts. [¾ *page, printed; also G* 31, *p.* 791.]

Nov. 28. Order of the Committee for Compounding on a Parliament order of 28 Nov. prefixed, for payment by the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers of the salaries of the clerk of Parliament and his assistant, the serjeant-at-arms, and other servants attending Parliament, with the arrears now due. [*G* 12, *p.* 581.]

Nov. 29. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that when orders are directed to them from the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries, concerning farmers of the excise who are in arrears, the registrar draw up orders of sequestration against them on the Act of 30 Aug. last. The order for sequestering Wm. Savile, farmer of excise, is passed this day. [*G* 13, *p.* 51.]

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Order refusing the request of Col. Gorges to bring witnessess to prove that some of those examined against him are perjured, but postponing the hearing of the case a fortnight. [*G.* 25, *p.* 259.]

Nov. 29. Committee for Compounding to the late Committee of Accounts at Southampton. You are forthwith to transmit the accounts of Thos. Baker, late sequestration collector in co. Hants, that we may see what he is in arrear, and compel him to perfect the accounts and pay the moneys due. [*G* 25, *p.* 254.]

Nov. 29. Order in the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries that they find 250*l.* due to Hen. Scobell, clerk of Parliament, for salary and arrears up to 24 June last, and that the same should be paid. [*G* 116, *p.* 18.]

Dec. 1. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on a Parliament order prefixed of 28 July 1653, that 400*l.* a year be the standing salary of the clerk of Parliament, out of which he is to pay all his under-clerks, except the clerk assistant, the Committee for Inspection having ascertained the arrears due up to 24 June last, for payment of which a warrant is this day issued—that 100*l.* be paid him as salary up to 29 Sept. last. [*G* 25, *p.* 256.]

Dec. 2. Certificate by John Booth of his claim, with that of Mr. Pitt, upon 160*l.* said to be due by Capts. Taylor and Mason to Rob. Wakeman. [*G* 102, *p.* 109; *see* 26 *Sept.*, *p.* 654 *supra.*]

Dec. 3. Inner Court of Wards. Certificate by the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries and Regulating Officers and Salaries to the Committee for Compounding. On a Parliament order of 28 Nov. last, we examined the arrears due to Edw. Birkhead, serjeant-at-arms attending Parliament, on his fee of 500*l.* a year, and his pension of 240*l.* for maintenance of his servants; also his fee of 1*s.* a day, and his allowance of 200*l.* a year for wood, coals, candles, torches, &c., for the House, and we find that there is 808*l.* 5*s.* due to him up to 25 March last. With specification of the sums due on these respective accounts. [*G* 116, *p.* 5.] *Annexing,*

I. *Parliament order alluded to, for the said committee to report the sums due to the present officers attending Parliament, and on their certificate, the Committee for Compounding are to issue warrants for the payment.* 28 *Nov.* 1653. [*G* 116, *pp.* 3, 17.]

II. *Parliament order that the serjeant-at-arms attending Parliament, the clerk assistant to the clerk of Parliament, and other servants of Parliament shall have their salaries charged on Goldsmiths' Hall, and be paid therefrom.* 28 *Nov.* 1653. [*G* 116, *pp.* 9, 19.]

III. *Order in Parliament,* 28 *July* 1653, *on report from the committee appointed to consider the servants to attend the House and their salaries, appointing the following:—*

Serjeant-at-arms	-	-	-	300*l.* (*sic*)
Wm. Hull, his servant, he providing fire, candle, &c., for the House and 3 rooms above	-	-	-	100*l.*
Rich. Acton, doorkeeper, his livery, and	-	-	-	40*l.*
Rob. Harris, keeper of the outward door, livery and			-	40*l.*
Hen. Fitzherbert, messenger to the serjeant, his livery and				40*l.*
Hen. Terry	,,	,,	,, -	40*l.*
Thos. Young	,,	,,	,, -	40*l.*
Charles Lowdon	,,	,,	,, -	40*l.*
James Harrison	,,	,,	,, -	40*l.*

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IV. *Like order substituting Hen. Hooper for Thos. Young; the salaries to be paid on warrant from the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries.* 12 *Oct.* 1653. [*G* 116, *pp.* 13, 14.]

V. *Notes of orders in Parliament,* 28 *July to* 3 *Dec.* 1653, *relative to payments to the serjeant-at-arms.* [*G* 116, *p.* 1.]

Dec. 6. Order by the Committee for Compounding. The Committee for Inspection having, according to Parliament order of 28 Nov. last, certified 3 Dec. last the arrears to 25 March 1653, due to Edw. Birkhead, serjeant-at-arms, the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall are to pay 808*l.* 5*s.*, being the amount due for his

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pension of 500*l.* a year for personal services, for that of 240*l.* a year for servants, and for his fee of 12*d.* a day for providing the House with wood, coals, candles, torches, &c. [*G* 12, *p.* 583.]

Dec. 6. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Somerset. We confirm your contracts of 14 Nov. with Major Kingsland, Hugh Blackwell, and Nich. Blake, for the estate of Giles Poynts, Papist and delinquent, if according to instructions. [*G* 30, *p.* 396.]

Dec. 8. Inner Court of Wards. Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries and Regulating Officers and their Salaries to the Committee for Compounding. Being directed by Parliament to examine what sums are due to their present or discharged officers, we find that 50*l.* is due to Ralph Darnell, clerk-assistant of the late Parliament, on his salary of 200*l.* a year. [*G* 143, *p.* 271.]

Dec. 9. Petition of Fortune, widow and administratrix of George Redshaw, agent for sequestrations for Northumberland, to the Committee for Compounding. There is 33*l.* 12*s.* due to him on his salary of 4*s.* a day from 11 Nov. 1651 to 28 April 1652, and he employed Ant. Woodman as assistant—giving him diet and horsemeat, and 2*s.* 6*d.*,—and 3 others. Begs satisfaction. [*G* 138, *p.* 417.]

Dec. 9. Order of the Committee for Compounding that they are not satisfied that an assistant was necessary; but if the county committee certify that it was, the 2*s.* 6*d.* shall be allowed. [*G* 25, *p.* 263.]

Dec. 9. Order [by the Committee for Compounding], that when Jos. Beverley shows what he has expended in prosecutions, whether they have taken effect or not, it will be allowed; but that as agent, he cannot have more than 4*s.* a day nor can he have a fifth as discoverer. [*G* 67, *p.* 464.]

Dec. 13. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that all orders for payment of money on a contract for ⅔ of recusants' estates, on the Act of 21 Oct. last, pass in the same form as that of Bridget Fryer, recusant. [*G* 13, *p.* 51.]

Proceedings in examination of witnesses on the charge against Col. Gorges, and his answer thereto; there not being time to read the proofs on Col. Gorges' side, the case postponed till to-morrow. [*G* 37, *pp.* 236, 237.]

Dec. 14. Haberdashers' Hall. Order of the Committee for Compounding that Col. Rich. Turton, Capt. Thos. Bound of Upton, and Ald. [Edw.] Elvins of Worcester, be Sequestration Commissioners for co. Worcester. [*G* 12, *p.* 587.]

Order that the Committee for Middlesex levy on Hen. Darley, by sequestration, a debt of 251*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* due for delinquents' goods bought by him of the late Westminster Committee, two letters for payment having been written in vain.

Order on a full hearing, entirely acquitting Col. John Gorges from the charges of bribery and corruption brought against him by Col. John Pyne.

Order that, as Gorges has not acted according to instructions in his employment as a Commissioner for co. Somerset, he be laid aside from further acting.

Declaration that Thos. Gorges, brother to Col. John Gorges, and concerned in the charge against him, has conducted himself as an honest man, and is acquitted from all that is laid to his charge. [*G* 25, *pp.* 265, 267, 270, 275.]

Dec. 15 & 16. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on request of Rob. Massey to have his salary, which is detained, with the rest of his fellow commissioners'—that the county committee either pay him his proportion since his first commission, or return up their moneys without deducting salary, when the Committee for Compounding will divide the salary as they judge meet. [*G* 37, *p.* 239; 25, *p.* 265.]

Dec. 17. Carmarthen. J. Dawkins and Mor. Thomas, Commissioners for co. Carmarthen, to the Committee for Compounding. Having long had 40*l.* in hand from the estates of Rob. Brett and Nich. Lewis, and no means of paying it, we have now received a bill of exchange for 50*l.* from Thos. Williams of Swansea, to whom we shall pay it, and beg discharge. [*G* 167, *p.* 678.]

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Dec. 17. Hen. Scobell, clerk of Parliament and of Council, to Edw. Carey. The Protector and Council yesterday passed an order for payment of the salaries of the officers of the late Parliament. As I cannot personally attend the Committee for Compounding, on account of my attendance at Council, move the commissioners to sign a warrant for 100*l.* due to me 25 Dec. instant, and I will send my clerk for it. [*G* 116, *p.* 21.] *Annexing,*

I. *Parliament Order that* 400*l. a year be the standing salary of the clerk of Parliament, out of which he is to pay all his under-clerks, except the clerk-assistant.* 28 *July* 1653. [*G* 116, *p.* 15.]

II. *Parliament order that the clerk-assistant have a yearly salary of* 100*l.* [*G* 116, *p.* 7.]

Dec. 20. Order of the Committee for Compounding that all who apply for their estates on the late Recusants' Act are to be admitted to contract on "their own particulars, such as they will stand by at their peril." [*G* 13, *p.* 51.]

Order to Chas. Enderard, goldsmith of Lombard Street, to appear before the Committee for Compounding to answer enquiries. [*G* 25, *p.* 267; 138, *p.* 269.]

Order on the request of the Commissioners of co. Surrey, that the books and papers belonging to the late committee, which are in the custody of the Committee for Compounding, be delivered to them speedily by Mr. Hamersley, messenger. [*G* 25, *p.* 275.]

Order that the resolve on the case between Cols. Pyne and Gorges, as to freeing Gorges from the charge of bribery and corruption, be drawn out as full as may be.

That the drawing up of the resolve laying him aside as sequestration commissioner be respited for further consideration. [*G* 37, *p.* 240.]

Dec. 22. Preston. County Committee for Lancaster to the Committee for Compounding. On your order of 20 July 1653, on petition of John Wigan, presented to the Council of State, we certify that Peter Harrison had his commission as solicitor of sequestrations here in 1643, and acted till dismissed in 1649, and was to have 6*d.* in the pound.

We have summoned all our agents to bring in their accounts, and send an abstract of what have come in. [*G* 159, *p.* 297.] *Annexing,*

I. *Note of receipts by several agents, and of their payments therefrom to Harrison.* [*G* 159, *pp.* 295, 296.]

Dec. 23. Oxford. County Committee for Oxon to the Committee for Compounding. In surveying estates we observed more strictly some cases mentioned in the proceedings of the late committee, about which we think further enquiry should be made. Notes of cases.

John Denton, discharged by the late county committee.

Rich. Harrison, who compounded with the committee for the 3 counties of Oxon, Berks, and Bucks.

Stephen Powell of Barton, said to be discharged by order of the late county committee.

Edm. Gregory. A settlement of his estate to uses allowed by order of the late county committee. [*G* 165, *p.* 113.]

Dec. 23. County Committee for Oxon to the Committee for Compounding. In surveying estates, we find that which was Lady Brown's of Kiddenton discharged on a demise proved by Peter Brown for payment of debts, which seems to be valid, but we refer it to you. What are we to do with Mr. Clarke of Ascot, who had Lord Craven's estate, and has money in hand raised from it, but will not account, so that we cannot perfect our accounts? We beg that our agent may pass them on his oath, as he has done all the business, and one man cannot swear for the transactions of another. [*G* 165, *p.* 115.]

Dec. 24. Certificate signed by Rich. Sherwin and John Leech, of sums paid by the treasurers of the Committee for Compounding and Committee for Advance of Money, as public debts of the Commonwealth, since June 1653. Total, 2,227*l.* 19*s.* [*G* 64, *pp.* 757, 758.]

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Dec 26. Winchester. County Committee for Hants to the Committee for Compounding. Having at length obtained the accounts of the collectors of sequestrations here, and enquired after the arrears, we find them worthless, the men being dead or removed, or so poor that they cannot pay. The accounts and list we send by our agent, and beg that they may be subscribed by you for our discharge. We send also 20 surveys of sequestered estates, in order to the sale of ⅔, which we beg you also to subscribe. Notes of cases. We want answers to former letters. [*G* 167, *p.* 621.]

Dec. 27. Order of the Committee for Compounding for a letter to the Cornwall Committee to lodge their accounts here, and bring in the money due thereon within a month, or they will be sent for by a serjeant-at-arms. [*G* 37, *p.* 242.]

Dec. 28. Padstow. George Williams, County Commissioner for Cornwall, to the Committee for Compounding. The information given you about my fellow-commissioners was not causeless, for one refers the business to another, so that the service is much retarded. It may be imperiousness of spirit, or that late Act of Accounts, for they are strangers to matters of this nature. I cannot hear that they have held any sittings for 6 months. The under officers sport 40*l.* at a time in dice. I beg a speedy perfecting of accounts, that nothing which is past may be laid to my account. [*G* 149, *p.* 531.]

Dec. 30. Order allowing to John Case [*see* 2 *July*, *p.* 643 *ante*] the 300*l.* requested, on certificate by Col. Gilb. Ireland that it was paid for his regiment. [*G* 25, *p.* 278.] *Annexing*,

I. *Receipt by Lord Gen. O. Cromwell for* 300*l. from Capt. John Case for Col. Gilbert Ireland's regiment, to be allowed by the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers, as received from sequestrations in Lancashire*, 27 *Aug.* 1651. [*Copy*, *G* 142, *p.* 145.]

II. *Certificate by Col. G. Ireland of receipt of the said* 300*l.*, 21 *June* 1653. [*Copy*, *G* 142, *p.* 147.]

Dec. 31. **15.** Ordinance of Parliament for continuing the powers of the Committee for Compounding, the Committee for Advance of Money, and the Committee for Indemnity to 1 Feb. 1654. [*Printed*, 3 *pages.*]

1653 ? Order in the Committee for Compounding, that as several recusants have had allowances made them by the Committee for Removing Obstructions in the sale of traitors' estates, and the ⅔ thereof are not yet sequestered for their recusancy, Mr. Noel, their registrar, is to send us a list of such persons, and a particular of the estate, and the registrar of the Committee for Compounding is to send letters to the county committees to sequester what belongs to the State for their recusancy or delinquency.

Also that as several who give in accounts to Phil. Tandy, auditor to the said committee, give in far less than they have received, and also have allowance in their purchase for rents in the tenants' hands, Aud. Sherwin peruse the accounts sent in by Aud. Tandy and surcharge them, and the registrar write to the county committees to receive all arrears due, that the auditor may better surcharge them. [*G* 108, *p.* 157.]

Statement of reviling words used by — Baynes against the County Committee [for York], declaring them, especially Ald. [John] Geldart, base rogues in markets and churches here, and making it known at London, asserting that the country knows the truth of what he says so well that the county committee dare not call him to account. [*G* 172, *p.* 568.]

16. Notes of Wm. Curtis of Leeds and 6 others, part of whose fines remains unpaid. [½ *page.*]

1653–54. Jan. 2. Norwich. County Committee for Norfolk to the Committee for Compounding. We have done what we could about viewing recusants' estates, and will send up the surveys; but as you only authorize us to act to 1 Jan. 1654, we want directions. [*G* 164, *p.* 89.]

Jan. 5. Order of the Committee for Compounding, that Col. [J.] Carter and [Thos.] Michael, two of the Commissioners of North Wales said to be in town, be requested to appear to-morrow. [*G* 37, *p.* 245.]

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Jan. 5. Haberdashers' Hall. Committee for Compounding to the county committees. We authorize you to continue acting on the former commissions and instructions till 1 Feb. next, our time being continued till then, by which time do your best to pay in all the moneys you have in hand. [*G* 31, *p.* 792.]

Jan. 5. Dorchester. County Committee for Dorset to the Committee for Compounding. Notes of cases. Dorothy Arundel, recusant, claims an estate for lives in a tenement in Chideock Manor, value 70*l.* a year, part of which she has lately recovered, and has a title to the whole; but she living in London, we cannot find the right state of the case. [*G* 152, *p.* 575.]

Jan. 6. Wm. Moyer having resigned his place as auditor to the Committee for Compounding, Thos. Browne and Dancer Hancock are appointed in his stead. [*G* 25, *p.* 280.]

Jan. 7. Inner Court of Wards. Order in the committee for bringing in the arrears of excise, that as Rich. Sadler has begged a hearing against the payment of 150*l.* ordered by the late Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries, and an order to the Committee for Compounding to forbear proceeding against him meanwhile, they forbear his sequestration till the hearing on Wednesday next. [*G* 115, *p.* 429.]

Jan. 10. Order of the Committee for Compounding, making void the appointment of 14 Dec. 1653 of Col. Turton, Capt. Bound, and Ald. Elvins as commissioners for co. Worcester. [*G* 12, *p.* 599.]

Order that Capt. Phil. Thorp, agent to the committee for co. Lincoln, pay in 99*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, which the commissioners certify that he has in hand. [*G* 25, *p.* 281.]

Jan. 11. Petition of Capt. Phil. Thorp, agent for co. Lincoln, to the Committee for Compounding, for an order to [W.] Harvey and [Wm.] Thompson, two of the commissioners, to examine and certify his accounts, that he may be discharged from attendance, having paid in to [John] Disney all he had in hand, except what was due to him for salary. With order for examination accordingly. [*G* 122, *p.* 141.]

Jan. 11. Order on directions from the Protector in Council, received by Mr. Reading, that Auditors Browne and Hancock send in by to-morrow evening a list of all delinquents under sequestration, and the values of their estates, distinguishing those sequestered before and after 30 Jan. 1649; also a list of all Papists under sequestration and their revenues. [*G* 25, *p.* 282; 37, *p.* 248.]

[Jan. 13?] **17.** Petition of the Catholic recusants concerned in the late Act for disposal of ⅔ of their estates, to the Protector. The late Parliament has ordered us, within a very short time, to contract for ⅔ of our estates sequestered for religion, at a proportion higher than imposed on general delinquents, and that without distinction of age, or permission to enjoy them more than one year, though we pay 4 years' value, and the sequestration to continue till the whole fine is discharged. These difficulties, with our extreme sufferings in the late war, wherein none of us were engaged against the Commonwealth, make it impossible for us to comply with the Act. We beg consideration, that we may be rendered as capable as we are willing to comply. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

17. I. *Arguments to prove the impossibility of recusants contracting on the present Act, because*

(1.) *The proportion of 4 years is so high that they cannot raise the money, many being only tenants for life.*

(2.) *The last proviso makes the estate liable to penal laws if found after a year in the hands of a recusant, so that he is to pay 4 years' value for 1 year's profit.*

(3.) *Most recusants can only raise money on their estates, and yet these estates are not to be freed from sequestration till all the money is paid.*

Arguments to show the improbability of strangers' contracting, many of the estates being on lease, whilst many lands are on sale that are better bargains, and the purchaser having limited powers over the lands, &c.

Also request to consider whether rectories, tithes, &c., which are so large a part thereof, should be exempt from composition. [1 *sheet.*]

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Jan. 13. **18.** Proposed qualifications of the Act, viz.:—

That all contractors -	-	under 40 years old	pay 3 years' value.		
,, ,,	between 40 and 50	,,	pay 2½	,,	
,, ,,	,, 50 and 60	,,	pay 2	,,	
,, ,,	,, 60 and 70	,,	pay 1½	,,	
,, ,,	- - above 70	,,	pay 1	,,	

That sequestration be discharged on paying the first ½, and giving good security for the second.

That the last proviso be interpreted that the contractor shall enjoy what he contracts for.

Or that tenants in fee simple and all under 40 years pay 3 years' value.

If above 40 and tenant for life, 2 years' value.

Noted, read and agreed. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 13. Order in the Council of State that Sir Charles Wolseley, Sir A. A. Cooper, and Col. Phil. Jones be a committee to prepare an ordinance for sale of ⅔ of Papists' lands in such a way as, on consideration of this day's debate, they judge most for the service of the State. [*I* 75, *p.* 51.]

Jan. 13. Committee for Compounding to Ald. Herring. For better enabling us to give an account when required of our transactions as Committee for Compounding and Advance of Money, we wish you to send us a general account of your receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall, from 20 April 1650, till your dismissal, under the heads of compositions, sequestrations, and advance of money. Pray dispatch this within the time desired. [*G* 25, *p.* 284.]

Jan. 13. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for co. Chester. To yours of 23 Dec. we reply that by our letter on the Act for recusants contracting, we did not mean you to survey any but recusants' estates. You are to forbear letting those estates till 1 Feb. when we will send you further directions. The estates of delinquents or Papist delinquents you may let for a year. [*G* 30, *p.* 96.]

Jan. 14. Kendal. County Committee for Westmoreland to the Committee for Compounding. On yours of 5 Jan., with the Ordinance of 31 Dec. last, we shall continue to act on our former commission and instructions till 1 Feb. next. [*G* 171, *p.* 185.]

Jan. 14. York. County Committee for York to the Committee for Compounding. We will obey the commands of your letter, and the Ordinance for continuance till 1 Feb. next. [*G* 172, *p.* 561.]

Jan. 20. Order in the Council of State that the Committee for Compounding forbear to proceed on the Act enabling them to dispose of ⅔ of recusants' estates for the benefit of the Commonwealth till further order. [*G* 144, *p.* 441.]

Jan. 20? List of 13 recusants desiring to compound on the Act of 21 Oct. 1653, whose reports were drawn up and filed, but no fines set. [*G* 144, *p.* 439.]

Jan. 20. Committee for Compounding to the County Committee for Oxon. You mention cases needing enquiry. [*See* 23 *Dec. p.* 664 *supra.*] Notes of cases. You were ordered to sequester all who were illegally discharged, and you are to seize the estates of these several persons until they produce their discharges. Notes of cases calendared. Also John Denton and 9 others named are to be re-sequestered. Thanks for your care; make further enquiries of like nature. [*G* 30, *p.* 357.]

Jan. 24. Deposition of Capt. Phil. Thorp, of James Deeping, co. Lincoln, agent for sequestrations, of his several payments to Mr. Disney, treasurer, of 10*l.*, 50*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*, and 50*l.*, which last 50*l.* Disney refuses to allow, and he also disallows the salary of 49*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.*, due to deponent for service. [*G* 122, *p.* 139.]

Jan. 24. Order of the Committee for Compounding, on Capt. Thorp's request, staying that of 11 Jan., and referring the case between him and Mr. Disney, about 99*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, to Mr. Harvey and Thompson, two of the county commissioners.

Like order—on certificate from the County Committee for Northumberland, in answer to their letter of 9 Dec. 1653, that an assistant agent was needed by

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George Redshaw, and that Anthony Woodman was so employed for 750 days, from 1 Feb. 1650 to 20 Feb. 1652;—that 2*s.* 6*d.* a day be allowed (amounting to 93*l.* 10*s.*), and paid by the said committee to Fortune Redshaw, his widow. [*G* 25, *pp.* 288, 292.]

Jan. 25. Order of the Committee for Compounding—on a return from the Commissioners of co. Lancaster, on the order of 30 July, about arrears due to Peter Harrison as solicitor for sequestrations—that the auditor state the account of what is due to Harrison, and report it. [*G* 25, *p.* 288.]

Jan. 31. Order of the Committee for Compounding that—as by approval of the late Army Committee, commissioners were appointed to survey under-let sequestered estates in co. Berks, of whom Sam. Bellingham was one, and has taken much trouble for 3 months, and raised the revenue 1,000*l.* a year,—50*l.* be allowed him for his pains, to be deducted from the sequestration moneys in his hands; the 25*l.* allowed him 23 July 1652 to be half of the said 50*l.* [*G* 25, *p.* 291.]

Feb. 1. **19.** Warrant by the [Drury House] Trustees for sale of lands forfeited for treason to their treasurers to pay to Edw. Hore, surveyor of the said estates, 38*l.* 16*s.* for salary and travelling charges, from the money received on the first Act for Sale. [*Printed form, filled up.* 1 *page.*]

Feb. 7. Order by the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries, that the Haberdashers' Hall Committee certify next Friday the whole proceedings in the claim of Wm. Dickins, Mr. Abel, and the vintners about the wine license. [*G* 138, *p.* 255.]

Feb. 10. **20.** Ordinance of the Lord Protector and Council, for better disposing of estates under sequestration, that Josias Berners, Edw. Winslow, Rich. Moore, John Upton, Edw. Carey, and Rice Williams be appointed commissioners for disposing of all estates of delinquents now sequestered, or of those who shall be adjudged delinquents on cases now depending, and of all under sequestration for recusancy; with power to let and dispose of the estates, provided no lease be for more than a year. The rents to be paid at Goldsmiths' Hall to Rich. Sherwin and John Leech, appointed treasurers. They are to call to account all commissioners, treasurers, and officers employed in the counties by the former Committee for Compounding, and all who have any rents in hand are forthwith to pay them in to the said treasurers before 25 March; in default, a fine not exceeding ½ the moneys in their hands is to be levied on their lands and goods by the said commissioners. They are, as they see cause, to continue or remove the former county commissioners and their agents, reducing them to the number necessary for the service, and thus lessening the public charge.

The county commissioners are to retain as their salary 1*s.* in the pound on all moneys paid in at Goldsmiths' Hall, and other officers to have such salary as the commissioners think fit.

The commissioners to have the same power to compound with the persons in the additional Act for Sale as the late Committee for Compounding had, and to allow claims and charges on the estates. Also to examine into the delinquency of persons not formerly judged, receive informations of debts belonging to delinquents or Papists, re-sequester estates where charges allowed have expired, receive fines for compositions which have lapsed payment, if paid in before 5 March, rectify any mistakes in casting, and upon payment, discharge the sequestration.

Also to order payment of quit rents and out rents, &c., on sequestered estates, with arrears since 24 Dec. 1649, and to repay moneys unduly received.

All delinquents who have not compounded or are in any Act of Sale, who shall discover any of their real or personal estate not compounded for, may compound for real estates at 1 year's value, and for personal at ⅙, and the commissioners shall compound with and discharge them, provided the composition be perfected before 20 April 1654. The said commissioners and those in the counties to have power to examine witnesses on oath. The commissioners to determine all causes which on 31 Jan. last were before them as an Indemnity Committee. [*Printed, 7 pages.*]

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Feb. 14. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations* that letters signed by Registrar Bayly be sent this night to the several counties, to publish the ordinance of Protector and Council whereby the Commissioners for Compounding are constituted a Committee for managing estates under sequestration. [*G* 31, *p.* 792.]

Feb. 14. Haberdashers' Hall. **21.** Commissioners for Sequestrations to [the county committees.] Enclosed is an ordinance of the Lord Protector and his Council, whereby we are constituted Commissioners for the managing estates under sequestration. Let it be published with all speed, that all persons concerned may take notice thereof. We also expect you to pay in all moneys in your hands, and perfect your accounts by the time limited in the said ordinance.

You are likewise to call upon all such tenants and farmers of sequestered estates as are in arrears to pay in all moneys due, and you are hereby continued and empowered to act according to the tenor of such ordinance, until you receive further commission from us. [¾ *page, printed; also G* 31, *p.* 792.]

Feb. 14. Truro. County Committee for Cornwall to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send you proffers for estates that we have posted, to be set for 7 years, and desire your confirmation, that we may make the leases. [*G* 149, *p.* 419.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Note of proffers for the following estates:—*
Hannibal Buggens, St. Keverne, to Thos. Tyack for 45*l.*
Thos. Blake, Brook, to Thos. Tyack for 30*l.*
Petherick Jenkin, Lanivett, to Peter Wymond, for 40*l.*
[*G* 149, *p.* 417.]

Feb. 16. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that John Jenkinson be continued steward for keeping courts in cos. Cambridge and Hunts, and Isle of Ely. [*G* 12, *p.* 602.]

Feb. 19. Col. Rob. Overton and Hugh Bethell to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. By a late ordinance of Protector and Council you are to appoint Commissioners for Sequestrations in the several counties. We recommend Capt. Rob. Stafford, our friend and neighbour, for employment in co. York. His election will be useful to the State and will oblige us. [*G* 120, *p.* 471.]

Feb. 21. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that Mr. Winslow and Upton, taking Mr. Brereton to assist, consider how to lessen the charge of officers employed in managing estates under sequestration. [*G* 37, *p.* 265.]

[Feb. 23.] Petition of Wm. Brewen, agent for sequestrations co. Durham, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for an allowance to Wm. Story, whom he has been obliged to employ as assistant; no one man is able to do the work, the county being very great, the revenue large, and he having lost many horses in the service. [*G* 143, *p.* 38.]

Feb. 23. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on certificate from the Durham Committee, 31 Jan. 1654, that Wm. Brewen, their late solicitor and now agent, has been at much charge and pains, and forced to keep an assistant, and has lost several horses by continual riding—that 50*l.* be allowed him therefor, and paid him by the county committee. [*G* 25, *p.* 301; 143, *p.* 39.]

Feb. 23. Statement by Capt. P. Thorp, that the order of 11 Jan., for his case to be examined by Thomson and Harvey, was not delivered him till 25 Jan.; that he set off next morning for Lincoln, and arrived on the 31st, but Mr. Harvey had come up to London. Therefore he begs that Steph. Burston, clerk of the committee, and other witnesses may be examined in his behalf. [*G* 122, *p.* 134.]

Feb. 24. Petition of Capt. Phil. Thorp to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Begs renewal of the order for examination of witnesses, and delay of 3 weeks, Harvey, one of the commissioners in his case, having come up to town, so that it could not be examined in the country. [*G* 122, *p.* 133.]

* The composition business being practically put a stop to by the preceding Ordinance, the Committee henceforward were styled Commissioners for Sequestrations. *See* Preface.

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Feb. 24. Order thereon granting him the 3 weeks time requested; Stephen Burston, clerk to the committee, who is in town, to be examined here, and Disney's agent to have leave to cross-examine him.

Order that the auditors with all speed make out and deliver in a list of the sums in gross of the revenue of each county distinctly, both Papists and delinquents, whose estates are under sequestration. [*G* 25, *pp.* 301, 302.]

Feb. 25. York. County Committee for York to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have received the ordinances for better managing estates under sequestration and your instructions of 14 Feb., and will do our best therein. [*G* 172, *p.* 571.]

Feb. 28. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on an order in Council, prefixed, of 15 Feb.—that the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers pay to the servants of the Committee of Public Debts the following salaries:—

Capt. Jos. Larke, clerk, 80*l.* a year.
Chris. Fist, his assistant, 40*l.* a year.
Edw. Friend, usher, 30*l.* a year.
Wm. Blundell, messenger, 40*l.* a year.
John Sparrow, messenger, 40*l.* a year, and 5*l.* for paper, books, firing, &c., from 20 July to 12 Dec. 1653. [*G* 12, *p.* 604.]

Feb. **22.** List of 196 persons still under sequestration for delinquency or recusancy, with the dates of sequestration, when given in the returns, and the yearly revenue of their estates, arranged in alphabetical order of counties, and alphabetically in each county. [9 *pages.*]

Feb. ? **23.** Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Protector. We beg your pleasure in sundry doubtful points in the ordinance of 10 Feb. last. It does not revive the Acts of 25 January and 15 April 1650, whereby the late Committee for Compounding could execute any other Acts, ordinances, or instructions for compositions, sequestrations, &c., but gives us only the powers therein expressed, which we conceive to be short of what was intended.

1. We are to manage all cases depending 31 Jan. last, but have no express power to sequester, nor any such for adjudging delinquents.

2. We are to call to account the agents of the late Committee for Compounding, and get in all moneys in their hands before 25 March 1654, and in default, to forfeit them; but we are only empowered to levy the penalty, not the rents or moneys.

3. The County Commissioners are to have 1*s.* in the pound, and we are to salary our officers, but there is no power to give warrants for salaries or incidental charges.

4. We may receive information about debts, &c., on estates under sequestration, but we cannot proceed to judgment thereon, nor receive information touching estates belonging to delinquents whose cases are depending.

5. We may order re-payment of quit rents, moneys unduly received, &c., but we doubt whether the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers can repay such moneys, as by the ordinance of 18 Jan. 1654, they are to pay all their receipts to the war treasurers, till 20,000*l.* is satisfied.

6. We and the County Commissioners have power to examine on oath, but not to compel persons to be examined, or to punish the refractory.

The late Committee for Compounding also enjoyed several powers not given to us, viz.:—

To compound upon savings, and sequester if the parties neglect to compound.

To proceed on the Yorkshire Engagement,* not finished, which may yet bring in large sums.

To sequester ⅔ of Papists' estates, for want of which the State daily suffers, as on their deaths, we have to allow of conveyances and discharge the sequestration.

To protect from suits or trouble those who acted under the late Committee for Compounding or Committee for Advance of Money.

To pay ministers the sums allowed by the Committee for Plundered Ministers from sequestered estates, and the wives and children of delinquents their fifths.

We beg such further powers as may tend to the public good. [3 *pages, signed.*]

* *See* Calendar for Advance of Money, *pp.* 895-942.

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Feb. ? **24.** Note of the powers granted to the Committee for Compounding and Committee for Advance of Money by Parliament 16 June and 25 Oct. 1649, and by the Ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654, and of their being empowered by the Protector to put in execution all powers heretofore given to the said committees. [1 *page.*]

March 2. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the county committees. You will have noted that by the Protector's late ordinance, all sequestration officers are to perfect their accounts and pay in their moneys at Goldsmiths' Hall. That you may not be remiss, we call on you for performance, and desire you to send us a particular of your payments since 6 June 1653, with the dates of payment.

Also send speedily an alphabetical list of the Papists and delinquents under sequestration, with the yearly worth of the estates, without deductions, giving the name of the estate, and where it lies, and let no estate be omitted. Tell us what day you receive this from us. [*G* 31, *p.* 793. *In all the general letters in G* 31, *notes are given of the dates of their dispatch to the several counties, mode of transmission, &c.*]

March 2. Wrexham. County Committee for North Wales to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We only act as Commissioners for cos. Denbigh, Flint, and Merioneth. We will send up our treasurer with perfect accounts of all moneys due in April. We caused 500*l.* to be paid into the Treasury in October last, and last week sent 500*l.* more by bill of exchange, on account of the rents and profits of all Papists' estates in these counties. [*G* 165, *p.* 23.]

March 3. Bedford. County Committee for Bedford to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We wrote you of our resolution to retire from the service, and as the rent day draws nigh, and other contingencies require an agent, we commend John Ramsey as faithful, able, honest, and experienced, for the employment. [*G* 146, *p.* 229.]

March 3. Petition of Sam. Baker, late deputy-examiner to the Committee for Compounding, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for redress in his difference with Birchenshaw, the examiner, who for 8 months has enjoyed the whole salary of 100*l.* a year, and the fruits of office, whilst petitioner has discharged its duties for 4 years, at his own expense. With note that the Commissioners for Sequestrations think not fit to intermeddle in the dispute. [*G* 65, *p.* 136.]

March 6. Oxford. County Committee for Oxon to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Having on your instructions ordered the tenants of sequestered estates not to pay fee-farms, annuities, &c., unless allowed by you, we find the claimants have distrained for them, and put the tenants to much trouble; we beg directions, that they may be indemnified. [*G* 165, *p.* 268.]

March 7. **25.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of the 2nd, we have given notice to all to pay in their arrears and perfect their accounts before the time appointed by the Lord Protector and Council's ordinance. Our account and the balance we sent lately, and it will show what we have paid since 6 June 1653. We send you an alphabet returned by the late committee of all Papists in this county, but most are either dead or have conformed, and taken the oath of abjuration. The particulars of such as we can find we have surveyed and sent, as we have several times done before.

We wonder at the often trouble you put us to, we having had many orders for like performances, after our several certificates in the case of divers delinquents, but we shall endeavour to discharge our trust. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

March 7. **25.** I. *Alphabetical list of* 171 *recusants in Cornwall.* [2 *pages.*]

25. II. *Survey and valuation of* 7 *Papists' estates in Cornwall, viz.:—*

Thos. Arundel of Cardinham.
John Trevilian of St. Clether.
Wm. Arundel of Columb-major.
Ursula Sayer of [*St.*] *Michael Carhayes.*
Mary Pearse of St. Ervan, widow.
Rich. Victor of Little Petherick. [1 *page.*]

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1653–54. March 9. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that Rob. Massey ought to have his due proportion of the 12*d.* in the pound since the date of his commission, and that—on his request for leave to detain it out of his receipts—he may detain it, bringing in a particular account, and the auditors are to allow it, and to give the rest of the commissioners their due proportion, but not to exceed 12*d.* in the pound. [*G* 37, *p.* 240; 25, *p.* 311.]

March 9. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for York. You say that several persons have purchased at Drury House estates not belonging to the persons for whose treasons they are sold, but to recusants, ⅔ being sequestered for recusancy. We reply that on receipt of any order of discharge on purchase, you are only to discharge what is the estate of the person for whose treason it is sold, and to keep the ⅔ of recusants' estates under sequestration. [*G* 30, *p.* 490.]

March 13. Norwich. Rich. Wenman to Charles George Cock. You would do good service if you called Capt. Thos. Garrett to account. John Harborow told me before his death that Garrett had cheated the State of 600*l.* sequestration money, and yet had passed several accounts. I thought it impossible, as Bradford also was employed. I wished him to make it known, but he would not, lest he should be thought to do it because Garrett had put him out of his place. On his deathbed he confessed that he had taken from Garrett 280*l.*, and Garrett had taken 600*l.* Garrett, by threatening to sequester my daughter, Harborow's wife, has made her give bond to pay 180*l.*, part of the 280*l.* [*G* 88, *p.* 885.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Deposition of Rich. Wenman, cousin, and of Rob. Wenman, son of the above, both of Norwich, to the above statements relative to Harborow.* 13 *March* 1654. *Norwich.* [*G* 88, *p.* 887.]

March 14. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the [former] county committees. You will find that so much of the revenue by sale and composition being taken away by the ordinance of 10 Feb., we must lessen the charge which was necessary for the former great revenue, which we cannot effect and continue the business in the former method. We therefore make void all commissions to yourselves or your agents, who are to expect no further salaries, and you are to deliver the books and papers to ———, whom we have ordered to receive them, but with leave for you to have recourse to them to perfect your accounts, which we desire may be speedily, and all rents and profits paid in, to avoid trouble to you or us.

You are also to deliver to ———, by 24 March, all counterparts of leases, orders for letting estates for a year, and a list or rental of persons in arrear; after 24 March, you are to receive no profits of sequestered estates, which are to be paid to ———. We do not make this alteration out of prejudice to your former actings, but in pursuance of our trust. [*G* 31, *p.* 794.]

March 14. Haberdashers' Hall. **26.** Commissioners for Sequestrations to [the newly appointed county committees.] You will perceive that the ordinance of 10 Feb. rather gives us a new limited power than confirms the old, and gives us a different title. It is also expected we should lessen the charge of management of sequestered estates. We have therefore made void the commission in your and all other counties, and having had experience of your faithfulness and diligence, we have chosen you to act under us, and appoint you our sub-commissioner in your county, to manage estates and receive rents after 24 March 1654, and all arrears, for which we shall allow you 12*d.* in the pound on all you pay in; but you are to be at the whole charge of management and payment, observing our instructions, and giving security to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall for payment.

You are to receive all the late committee's books and papers, allowing them recourse to them to perfect their accounts. Also to receive counterparts of leases, orders for letting estates, &c.; give a speedy account of your proceedings. [*G* 31, *p.* 795.]

With list of the persons to whom the above letter was sent, viz.:—

County.	To.	At.
Lincoln	Wm. Harvey and John Disney	Lincoln.
Notts	Gabriel Odingsells	White Lion, Nottingham.
Stafford	John Peirce, John Lea	Stafford.

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County.	To.	At.
*Berks	Sam. Bellingham	Reading.
*Hereford	Silas Taylor	Hereford.
*Warwick	Edw. Chamberlain	The Star, Coventry.
*Northumberland	Hen. Horsley	Newcastle.
Worcester	Wm. Collins	Worcester.
Durham	Fras. Wren, Thos. Delavall	Durham.
*Westmoreland and Cumberland	John Archer	Kendal.
*Cornwall, Devon	James Pearse	Exeter.
*Chester	Thos. Robinson	Chester.
Northampton, Rutland	Peter Whalley	Northampton.
*Gloucester	Giles Hancock	Cirencester.
Hertford, Middlesex, London	George Smith, Wm. Haslope, [Wm.] Turpin	——
*Leicester	John Horton	Mr. Mann's, Leicester.
York	Thos. Bourchier, Ralph Rymer	York.
*Somerset	John Gorges	Lt.-Col. Bovet's, Taunton.
*Monmouth	Thos. Evans	Trelleck.
Essex	Thos. Leech, John Mann	——
*Hants	Thos. Muspratt	King's Arms, Holborn Bridge.
Lancaster	Edw. Aspinwall, Rob. Massey	Warrington.
*Wilts	Bennet Swayne	Sarum.
*Oxford	John Cary	The Talbot, Snow Hill.
*Derby	Thos. Newton	Derby.
*Dorset	James Dewy	Blandford.
Kent	John Browne, Thos. Monings	Maidstone.
*Cambridge, Hunts	Jonathan Paris, [Wm.] Pickering	The Falcon, Huntingdon.
Sussex	George Stonestreet, Step. Humphrey.	Lewes.
*Surrey	Ben. Goodwin	Kingston.
*Bedford, Bucks	Sam. Bedford	White Hart, Aylesbury.
Norfolk	Ant. [Nich. ?] Salter	Carrow Abbey, Norwich.
Suffolk	Wm. Hanby, Rob. Sparrow	Ipswich.
Salop	[Joseph] Prowd	——

[*G* 31, *p.* 794.]

March 14. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Capt. Ben. Mason. We wrote you on 9 Sept. that we found your account as treasurer for sequestrations in co. Somerset very imperfect, and your demands for journeys large, and we wished you to come up and perfect it, but you have made no progress therein. We renew our request, and you are to pay in all moneys due before 25 March, if you would prevent further trouble to yourself and us. [*G* 25, *p.* 312.]

March 14. A. Garland and 3 others to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Hearing that you are choosing a county commissioner for York, we beg you to employ Major Thos. Ripon. [*G* 138, *p.* 477.]

March 17. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, continuing Thos. Vincent, usher, and Wm. Hale and Thos. Hamersley, messengers, in their respective employments, and with their former salaries. [*G* 25, *p.* 316.]

* The asterisk signifies that to these counties the letter of 31 May 1654 was sent for nomination of an additional commissioner. [*See G* 31, *p.* 795.]

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Order on request of the Berkshire Commissioners, that the auditor allow in their accounts for 4 horses, laid on Lord Craven's estate in June 1651, being 24*l.* [*G* 37, *p.* 247.]

March 17. Durham. **27.** County Commissioners for Durham to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 2 March, we send you an alphabetical list of Papists and delinquents under sequestration in this county, with the yearly sums for which the estate of each is now let, without reduction. On 30 May last, we paid the treasurers-at-war 5,000*l.*, and in Dec. last 1,200*l.* by order of the Committee for Compounding. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

1. *List of* 60 *Papists and* 14 *delinquents, and of their estates in co. Durham, with the value.* [3½ *sheets.*]

March 17. Coventry. Edw. Chamberlain, Commissioner for co. Warwick, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Notes of a case. My fellow commissioner and I will speedily pay in our moneys which the agent is getting in, but many recusants are very poor, and corn and cattle are so cheap that they cannot raise money speedily. I have paid 200*l.* in legacies left by John, Lord Craven, and augmentations to ministers. I doubt we shall not let the recusants' lands as high as the surveys. [*G* 170, *p.* 253.]

March 18. Knutsford. County Committee for Chester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have returned all the money we can, and hope it will answer your desires. Though the time of 25 March has been short for so large a work as the perfecting our accounts, we have done it, and sent [Thos.] Robinson to have them audited and get our discharges. We beg his speedy dispatch, and an allowance as treasurer for all money returned since Ladyday 1650, or he will be a sufferer, having been at much trouble. We have not charged, as other commissioners do, chamber room, fire, or candles. [*G* 149, *p.* 357.] *Annexing,*

1. *Note of moneys paid by the County Committee for Chester to Goldsmiths' Hall, from* 6 *June* 1653 *to* 18 *March* 1654; *total,* 1,520*l.* [*G* 149, *p.* 360.]

March 20. Huntingdon. Jonathan Paris to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I am obliged by your choosing me as Commissioner for cos. Cambridge and Hunts, but cannot accept the office, as it would hinder my private business and my public duty, which I have held many years, of collector of the monthly assessments. Pray pardon my refusal. [*G* 147, *p.* 367.]

March 20. Reading. S. Bellingham to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have yours of the 14th, and will attend the service to my utmost power, thinking it my greatest happiness to be capable of service. As this burden will be the greater lying upon one, I beg that your directions—which yet are only general—may be the plainer. The commissioners here are perfecting their accounts, and we shall wait on you with them. [*G* 146, *p.* 273.]

March 20. Ditchley. John Cary, County Commissioner for Oxon, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You write that you wish to wind up affairs in this county, and repose the trust in myself singly; I thank you for your favour, and though I have much other business, I dare not waive so clear a call. I accept of this, not for the profit, which I shall divide with our clerk and agent, and continue the books with the clerk and agent, and (if that be not a transgression of rule) the books and papers shall remain with the clerk. I will wait on you when I come to London, and be careful in receipts and payments. [*G* 165, *p.* 257.]

March 21. Petition of Phil. Darell, auditor of recusants' revenues, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I was employed as auditor for taking accounts of the revenue from forfeitures by recusants in the 11 northern counties, for 14½ years, ending March 1643, and having collected all the records relating thereto from 1624 to 1643, I had them bound in books, with tables and calendars, at great charge and pains, and the books were delivered by order of 9 Jan. 1651 to Thos. Fowle, your solicitor. By their help you have gained 40,000*l.*, and will gain 70,000*l.* at least, yet I have received nothing for all my said labour. Being worn out with age, and having lost my place, worth 200*l.* a year, since Michaelmas 1652, I beg recompense and support, or else a report to the Protector therefor. [*G* 25, *p.* 318; 79, *p.* 835.]

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March 21. Order thereon that the commissioners acknowledge that the books were delivered and are of great advantage to the State, but that they have no power to grant compensation for them. [*G* 25, *p.* 318.]

March 21. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Commissioners of co. ———. You write us on 17 March that you have 1,056*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* in hand, which you wish to pay in. Let it be paid by order of John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, treasurers-at-war. [*G* 25, *p.* 322.]

March 21. Lewes. County Committee for Sussex to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. In pursuance of your order of 2 March, we have begun to make up our accounts, and hope to finish them by April. We have but little money in hand, and that we will pay in, and hope for a discharge to avoid dangerous consequences hereafter. [*G* 170, *p.* 89.]

March 21. Edw. Cresset to Edw. Carey and Edw. Winslow, Commissioners for Sequestrations. Could I have attended you to-day, I should have petitioned for Capt. Disney of Lincoln, who has faithfully served in all these troubles, that he may be heard in a complaint against him by Capt. Thorp, late agent to the county committee, who had an order to examine witnesses, but never told Disney of it. I know nothing of the business save by a letter I received last night, but his request seemed to me Christian like. [*G* 122, *p.* 135.]

March 22. Carlisle. **28.** Late County Committee for Cumberland to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. To yours of 2 March we reply that our accounts for 1650–1652, have been several times tendered, but the auditor would not receive them, because not agreeable to his form, though wanting nothing in substance. The moneys have all been paid in, and we have acquittances. Those for this year are not due till 25 March, after which we shall hasten our accounts and send them with the others. We have 420*l.* ready to pay at your order. We cannot, by this post, give you an account of moneys paid in since 6 June 1653, because our treasurer is not at home, but we will by the next. We send you an alphabetical list of all Papists and delinquents now under sequestration.

With note of reply 7 April, that the commissioners must not think it grievous that they are urged speedily to perfect their accounts, as if not done soon, the penalty must be enforced. They are not to be their own carvers, and give what accounts they like, and take what allowances they think fit, but abide by the rules, as any other payments will be disallowed. [1 *page; also G* 30, *p.* 129.]

Enclosing,

28. I. *Alphabetical list of* 29 *delinquents and Papists under sequestration,* 22 *March* 1654. [1 *sheet.*]

28. II. *Blank form of certificate upon the above list.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

March 23. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that,—whereas by order of the late Council of State of 30 June 1653, the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers were to pay the salaries of the officers attending there, and at the Committee for Compounding, and to pay 60*l.* a year to the master and wardens of the Haberdashers' Company for the use of their hall; and whereas an ordinance of the Protector of 10 Feb. 1654 constituted the present committee and allowed them to give fit salaries to their officers;—the former salaries and rent be paid until 25 March instant; also all bills due for paper, &c., coals, candles, and occasional expenses. [*G* 25, *p.* 319.]

March 23. Commissioners for Sequestrations to late Commissioners for Northumberland. We hear from John Ogle, one of the late commissioners, that he has 600*l.* of sequestration money in hand on his year's account. See that it be paid on order of John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, treasurers-at-war. [*G* 25, *p.* 321.]

March 24. York. County Committee for York to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We find by yours of the 14th that you are pleased to continue us in office, when you might as easily have laid us aside as the rest. We will try to answer the trust reposed in us. [*G* 172, *p.* 549.]

March 25. Kendal. John Archer, County Commissioner for Westmoreland and Cumberland, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Although I much desire exemption from

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public employment, I will do my utmost, as no other is empowered, to make the returns you require by 1 May, and get in rents and arrears. But as there is no allowance for an agent, I know not how I shall get anyone to distrain for arrears, unless they may be paid by the defaulters, for which I desire instructions. If I find by 1 May that I cannot perform my trust, I hope you will excuse me from employment.

We have sent in our 3 years' accounts. We fear you will think us remiss that so many estates are unaccounted for or in arrears, but the complaints for want of money are sad, and the people importunate in their excuses. Acting on your instructions of the 18th instant, I hope to give a better account for this year. [*G* 171, *p.* 183.]

March 27. Mr. Cheetham's, Newark. Gabriel Odingsells to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On your commission and power given me to manage sequestered estates in co. Notts, on 23 March I delivered the old commissioners their orders of dismissal, and received several counterparts of leases; the rest are promised when their clerk returns from London. [*G* 164, *p.* 329.]

March 28. Carmarthen. John Hughes, sen., to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I was a County Commissioner two years ago, when the Most High visited this place with plague. I have 17*l.* 3*s.* in hand, and wanted to pay it to some gentleman here rather than send it to Haberdashers' Hall; Lieut.-Col. Dawkins is now going up, and I would gladly pay it to him, and be free from the charge; having spent more in the service than the 12*d.* in the pound allowed for salary, I cannot afford to send the money up. [*G* 167, *p.* 667.]

March 29. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that when any claim is petitioned to be allowed wherein a rectory is included, a suspension of the profits of the rectory for 3 months be granted of course. [*G* 13, *p.* 51.]

March 30. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, by virtue of the power given them by Protector and Council of 10 Feb., that Wm. Thompson be a Commissioner for co. Lincoln, to act with Wm. Harvey, one of the commissioners there, in examining witnesses on behalf of Mr. Disney and Capt. Thorpe, in a controversy between them.

Order on request of Capt. Thorpe, that Thompson and Harvey be empowered to examine witnesses on oath in their case, and allow them to cross-examine. [*G* 12, *p.* 610.]

Order that the registrar be empowered to set down reports the next Thursday after they are brought in. [*G* 37, *p.* 287.]

March 30. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Wm. Thompson]. The matter between Disney and Thorpe was formerly referred to you and Harvey, as County Commissioners, but your powers having expired on the late alteration, and it being desirable that you should go on with the business, we specially empower you thereto. [*G* 12, *p.* 610.]

March 30. List of 61 bonds delivered into the Treasury 12 July 1652, receipted by Wm. Sherwin for the treasurers. Also list of 17 more delivered in 21 June 1653, and receipted by John Disney. Also list of 23 more delivered in 25 March 1654, receipted 30 March by Thos. Robinson, clerk to the Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers. [*G* 82, *pp.* 677–679.]

March 31. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that this day is set apart for private business.

That on Tuesday the commissioners will consider of setting their hearing of cases in order, whole days for indemnity, and the like for sequestrations, &c.

Order on question that Capt. Thos. Garret be not joined with Nich. Salter as sub-commissioner in Norfolk, but that Salter act alone.

Order to write to the old treasurers to deliver in their bonds to the new treasurers; and to the new treasurers to give a list of the bonds in their hands. [*G* 37, *p.* 257.]

March 31. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Hen. Darley. We once more write you to pay in 251*l.* due for goods of Lord Savile, sold you by the late Westminster

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Committee, being very unwilling to proceed in a strict way for its recovery, as we are empowered by the late ordinance of Protector and Council. We hope you will prevent further trouble by present payment. [*G* 27, *p.* 18.]

March 31. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Committee for Westminster. We desire you to send this letter to Mr. Darley by a trusty messenger, who may take oath of its delivery, which you are to certify to us, that in case of non-payment we may take order for levying the money. [*G* 27, *p.* 18.]

March 31. London. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Since parting with my fellow commissioners, and coming up to have our accounts audited, I have received your commission of the 14th instant, appointing me sole commissioner. I beg answers to the following queries:—

You require me to be at the whole charge of managing the estates under sequestration, allowing me neither agent nor clerk. Am I to do all the work myself, or may I employ others, paying them out of my salary? In case of delay or contempt of order to pay moneys, may I levy and distrain, according to former Acts?

Are rents and incident charges allowed on sequestered estates to be paid by me in the country, and my salary to be deducted from what remains?

Does my power extend to sequestered estates in the City of Chester?

You require security for the due paying in of moneys. Will not my own bond or oath suffice? I am not provided with other security, and having always been faithful, should conceive it a discredit to ask it.

I have been at great expense in journeys in the service, always keeping a horse for it, and it has been my whole work for 4 years, which cannot be said so fully of any other commissioner in any county. I have paid for chamber-room, fire, candles, and other incidentals, for all which I beg a respite of a fit sum on my accounts.

With notes of reply, 6 April. You may employ men at your own charge, for whom you must be responsible. We will give speedy order as to levying rents. You may allow rent charges, &c., under 40*s.* a year, but all above must have our allowance. Your power extends to the City of Chester. It is no disparagement to you to give security, but we respite it for the present. We can give you no further allowance. The Parliament granted you a clerk and agent, and if your fellow commissioners laid the whole burden on you, they should pay you out of their salaries. [*G* 149, *pp.* 343, 344; *also* 30, *p.* 96.]

March 31. County Commissioners for Dorset to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Chris. Weare, one of our commissioners, received moneys and died, leaving his accounts imperfect; he owes the State 80*l.*, which his widow and executrix refuses to pay. Wm. Raymond, our late agent, who now lives in Somersetshire, where he has an estate, refuses to pay 37*l.* 18*s.* which he owes. What course are we to take for recovery?

Noted, to mind the commissioners of this when they have power to compel payment. [*G* 145, *p.* 581.]

March 31. Salop. Col. Wm. Crowne, County Commissioner for Salop, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have not been negligent in clearing my accounts, but during the 10 days since I was with you, I have had to attend on the bench at the assizes, so few justices appearing, and this week Mr. King is gone to the assizes in Wales, and cannot assist me. Our agents are preparing their accounts, and on King's return we will complete them, and I will wait on you with them. [*G* 166, *p.* 165.]

March 31. Coventry. Late County Committee for Warwick to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We find you are dismissing us from employment, and we are well pleased if the change is advantageous to the State, though we are not conscious of any neglect of duty. We beg that, as we have borne the burden hitherto, we may have our salaries on moneys due 25 March, as this is but just.

We have paid in all our moneys, except a few arrears, to Edw. Chamberlain.

With note of reply that they will be dealt with as other counties, and that they are the first in England that have made such a demand, as the gathering in of the moneys will be after the time they prefix. [*G* 170, *p.* 481.]

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April 1. Taunton. Col. John Gorges to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The late commissioners yield ready obedience to your orders. I will obey your commands, but scruple to act on letters since received addressed to the commissioners. Please send me directions, as much business depends. The former commissioners will speedily send up their accounts. Address me at George Newton's, minister of Taunton. [*G* 167, *p.* 215.]

April 4. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Col. Gorges, County Commissioner for Somerset. As you scruple to proceed upon orders addressed to the late county committee, we authorize you to proceed thereon as fully and amply as they did, and to certify us. [*G* 30, *p.* 396.]

April 4. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that when any Papist desires to become tenant to ⅔ of his estate, certificates of its value on survey or otherwise be returned by the registrar and auditor, and that Mr. Fowle peruse them, to discover the true yearly value of the ⅔, and inform the committee, that they may proceed more regularly to contract and lease the estates for one year. [*G* 13, *p.* 51.]

April 4. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Hen. Horsley. You decline to act on your new commission, your own business having been much hindered by your former employment, which was so troublesome that you have long wished dismissal. Our experience of your faithfulness induced us to choose you, and we knew not your intention to desert the service. We hope you will not leave the work when no other is appointed to act, but make returns on letters sent you till we pitch on some other person. Advise with Sir Art. Hesilrigge, and tell us whom you think fit and willing to be employed. [*G* 27, *p.* 22.]

April 6. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that on Tuesdays they will sit all day on sequestration business. Mornings for motions and petitions, afternoons for compositions and reports on the Act of General Pardon.

That on Wednesdays they will hear causes of indemnity in the morning, and motions of indemity in the afternoon.

Thursdays, morning and afternoon, reports on claims.

Fridays, private business only, both morning and afternoon.

Order that all reports henceforth be heard in course according to precedency. For such as have special orders already granted, they are to be heard after the causes of the day. All petitions to be filed in course, and numbered as they come in. [*G* 13, *p.* 52.]

Order that the county commissioners allow, without special order, all issues, as out-rents, annuities, rent-charges, &c., not exceeding 40*s.* a year, but none exceeding that sum. [*G* 37, *p.* 290.]

April 6. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mr. Waring and Herring. The present Goldsmiths' Hall treasurers say that you have all the bonds for securing the latter moieties of fines, and for those who have claims depending who are to receive their rents whilst the cases are pending. You are to deliver all to Mr. Sherwin and Leech, the present treasurers, to be put in suit when required. [*G* 27, *p.* 21.]

April 7. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Capt. B. Mason. You seem displeased at our asking you to perfect your Somersetshire account, which you affirm that you have cleared, and that it is placed at the beginning of your Herefordshire account; but this our auditor denies, and we therefore renew our former request; we also wish you to come up and perfect your Herefordshire account, as we ill-resent that it was not done before 25 March. If you further delay, we shall be constrained to lay the penalty imposed by the ordinance of 10 Feb.

We have also considered your carriage on receipt of our letters, laying you aside and placing Capt. Taylor in the employment to lessen the charge; if you do not conform, and deliver him the books and papers of the late committee, we shall use our utmost power to compel obedience, but we hope you will observe what is now required of you. [*G* 27, *p.* 23.]

April 7. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Capt. S. Taylor. In reply to yours, you are to examine witnesses on any order directed to the former committee, and

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make a return. We approve your proposal to call in leases, and take counterparts when wanting. You are again to demand from Capt. Mason the books, &c., of the late committee. Hasten in the ½ year's rents. Pay in all money due on your accounts as one of the late commissioners, and perfect them with our auditor. This should have been done before 25 March, according to the ordinance [of 10 Feb.] by which you are to be guided. [*G* 27, *p.* 23.]

April 7. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Commissioner for Westmoreland. We approve your sending up your accounts, and shall take order for your return of the moneys in hand. We wish we had power to grant abatement in rent, as you desire, because of the deadness of trade and cheapness of cattle, but our rules prevent it. You are to allow no out rents, quit rents, &c., without our order, except those under the value of 40*s.* a year, which are to be proved before you on oath, and the proof certified to us. [*G* 30, *p.* 463.]

April 7. London. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have been waiting a fortnight about my accounts and directions, but there are so many accounts on hand that [the auditor] can only take a note of my orders and vouchers, and when he has time, will balance and send them down to me.

There is so much to be done in the country in setting of estates, &c., that I cannot stay here longer without loss to the State; if you wish me to perfect my accounts, pray order them to be done speedily. Particulars of cases. [*G* 149, *p.* 365.]

April 12. Petition of Chris. Cheesman to the Protector, to refer his whole cause to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, with order to do him right.

Complains that though he informed against the Commissioners of co. Berks in 1650, and proved them guilty of crimes by which the State lost 1,500*l.* a year, yet on a false, scandalous, and unproven information against himself, he was dismissed, and they retained.

That in Jan. 1652 he renewed the charge, and proved them guilty of continuing the same crimes, yet the Commissioners for Compounding would not dismiss them in open court, but put them away privily, and refused petitioner any reparation for his great sufferings and expense in the prosecution. With reference thereon to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, to give him relief. [*G* 74, *p.* 293.]

April 13. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Durham. Mr. Pearson writes us that he has 1,000*l.* in hand; let it be paid on order of John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, treasurers-at-war, whose acquittance will be your warrant. [*G* 30, *p.* 67.]

April 14. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, summoning the Kent Commissioners to come up this day week, and pay in the money in their hands.

Order for a letter to ask [Sam.] Bedford if he has received his commission, an answer being expected of his acceptance of the trust, and his transactions therein.

And. Hancock reports that the account of the Cheshire Committee is perfected.

Order that the auditors and treasurers, as being better acquainted than the registrar with the obstructions in their offices, prepare letters to the county commissioners when needful, which the registrar is to enter and send away.

On request of Ald. [Thos.] Dickinson that he and his late fellow commissioners in co. York may have their share of 12*d.* in the pound on the last half-year's rents, a letter to be written to the present commissioners, leaving them to do what in conscience they find meet.

Order on [Wm.] Collins' request for [Walter] Gyles to be joined with him for examination of witnesses in co. Worcester, for a letter accordingly.

Like order on [Edw.] Chamberlain's request that one of the late Commissioners of co. Warwick be joined with him. [*G* 37, *p.* 297.]

April 14. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Walter Gyles. We have appointed Capt. Wm. Collins sole commissioner for co. Worcester, and at his desire we request you to join him for the examination of witnesses. [*G* 30, *p.* 476.]

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April 14. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Wm. Turpin. We have appointed [George] Smith and Wm. Haslope Sequestration Commissioners in London, Middlesex, and Herts, and nominate you to join with them, as you are acquainted with the managing of the greatest part of that revenue lying in Middlesex. [*G* 27, *p.* 24.]

April 14. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Smith and Haslope. To the same effect, *mutatis mutandis*. [*G* 27, *p.* 24.]

April 14. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Kent. Our auditor reports that you do not come up, though summoned, to perfect your accounts, which makes us believe you have a large balance in hand. You are to appear before us this day week, to show cause why your accounts are not perfected, and the moneys paid in, according to the ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654. [*G* 30, *p.* 192.]

April 18. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, referring it to Mr. Fowle to report on the following and a former petition, "leaving the recompense to our opinion." [*G* 27, *p.* 28.] *Annexing,*

1. *Petition of Auditor Phil. Darell to the Protector, repeating that of* 21 *March, and begging allowance, having hitherto been clerk and auditor in the Exchequer and of recusants' revenues for* 48 *years without interruption. With reference thereon to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, to certify his services, and their opinion what recompense he deserves.* 14 *April* 1654. [*G* 79, *p.* 833.]

April 18. Col. Wm. Crowne, County Commissioner for Salop, to Edw. Carey, one of the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have now come up, being sent from our county to his Highness on a business of concern, and am daily in attendance, so that for a few days I cannot attend you. The accounts are on the way. [*G* 166, *p.* 163.]

April 19. Cambridge. Wm. Pickering, Commissioner for cos. Cambridge and Hunts, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have received from the clerk of the late County Commissioners for Hunts some orders of discharge, and 3 counterparts of leases; I have also the books and papers of the County Committee for Cambridge. [John] Jenkinson, the steward of courts on delinquents' estates, refuses to deliver me his records. Pray reinforce your orders, that I may get in quit rents, fines, &c., and fully to do my work.

With note of an order to the steward as requested. [*G* 147, *p.* 355.]

April 19. Whitehall. Walter Strickland to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The Protector having referred to me the question of alnage exercised some time by the Duke of Richmond and Lenox, I want to know whether he compounded for it, or whether it was excepted from his composition. [*G* 113, *p.* 1021.]

April 19. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Strickland. The Duke did name in his composition in Nov. 1646 a lease for 21 years, of which 10 were to come, for granting licenses to export white woollen and undressed cloths, and was to have 800*l.* a year for releasing to the King another grant to the late Duchess of Richmond, re-conveyed to Sir John Jacob for 3,000*l.*, but he was not allowed to compound for it, and no fine was set. [*G* 27, *p.* 29.]

April 20. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Cornwall. We are surprised that you have not perfected your accounts, since by the ordinance of 10 Feb., you are required to perfect them before 25 March. We shall be obliged to lay the penalty on you unless you speedily account with our auditor, which you are to do before 1 May, bringing up your acquittances and warrants for rates, fifths, annuities, &c., and the orders for discharge of estates, if not already entered with our auditor. Observe this, to avoid further trouble to yourselves. [*G* 30, *p.* 114.]

April 21. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that the salaries to the counsel and other officers, already ordered to be paid to 25 March last, be continued until further order. [*G* 27, *p.* 32.]

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April 27. Certificate by the trustees for sale of Crown lands to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that [Col.] Chris. Whichcott of Windsor, Berks, contracted 11 April 1650 for Cookham Manor and other lands and rents specified, which are due to him accordingly. [*G* 130, *p.* 159.]

April 28. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that Chris. Cheesman's case on reference from the Lord Protector, be heard on Tuesday next. [*G* 27, *p* 42.]

April 28. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mr. Moyer. Chris. Cheesman, late agent to the Committee for co. Berks, has arraigned the judgment of the late Commissioners for Compounding before the Protector, and the case is referred to us. It concerns you to vindicate yourselves from his aspersions, therefore you should be present at the hearing on 30 May.

P.S.—Tell Mr. Molins, who is likewise desired to be present. With note of like letter to Mr. Russell and Squibb. [*G* 27, *p.* 42.]

April 28. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [John] Jenkinson. On the ordinance of 10 Feb. we have proceeded to lessen the public charge, and have appointed Mr. Pickering our sole commissioner for cos. Cambridge and Hunts. We hear that you refuse to deliver him the rolls and records of the courts for delinquents' estates in co. Cambridge. You are to deliver them forthwith, and any records you have about sequestered estates. [*G* 27, *p.* 42.]

April 28. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Devon. We wonder that in all this time you have not perfected your accounts, since it is so penal on you by the ordinance of 10 Feb. last, and we must lay the penalty on you, unless you prevent it by coming up and settling your accounts with our auditor before 1 May, bringing up all your warrants, acquittances, and orders of discharge, unless already entered with our auditor. [*G* 30, *p.* 41.]

April 28. Commissioners for Sequestrations to James Pearse, Commissioner for co. Devon. You are to have our order to the late county committee about sending up their books forwarded by a messenger who will swear to its delivery. You are to execute orders sent to the late committee but not executed, pay augmentations by our orders, and those of the late Committee for Plundered Ministers, and the arrears allowed. We send you our instructions to the late county committee and the ordinance of 10 Feb. [*G* 30, *p.* 41.] *Annexing,*

1. *Order to John Serle and Rich. Clapp to deliver up to James Pearse their books and records, or appear in* 10 *days to answer their contempt.* [*G* 30, *p.* 41.]

April 28. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Hunts. We hear from our auditor that you have passed your accounts before him to 25 March 1653, and that 246*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* remains due, which we desire you to pay in, and to bring up your accounts of receipts since. Your speedy dispatch may prevent further trouble to yourselves. [*G* 30, *p.* 183.]

April 28. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Kent. We are surprised you have not perfected your accounts, considering the penalties under which, by the late ordinance, you were to finish them by 25 March. These we must impose, unless by 5 May you bring up your accounts and receipts, stating defalcations for taxes and arrears, and producing your acquittances and warrants for taxes, land rents, annuities, and the discharges of all estates not already entered with our auditor. [*G* 30, *p.* 193.]

April 28. Cambridge. Wm. Pickering to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I told you what I had done since ordered to act alone as sub-commissioner. I also told you that Mr. Jenkinson, late steward to sequestered courts, has records of all the courts in Cambridgeshire, but refuses to deliver them to me, your order notwithstanding; I have received no directions from you, though I desired them. Many quit-rents are unreceived, and parcels of copy-land to be taken up; but as I have not the court rolls, I cannot tell what he has received, nor what fines he has taken for land taken up without the knowledge of the commissioners. I therefore beg your orders. [*G* 147, *p.* 357.]

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April 29. Kendal. John Archer, County Commissioner for Westmoreland and Cumberland, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I demanded, as directed, the counterparts of leases from the late Cumberland County Committee, but they have none, only bonds for most of the estates, written in a large book with other things. Am I to cut out the bonds and send them, or to send the book?

The Westmoreland Commissioners say they were not a number enabled by Act of Parliament to seal leases, but they let the estates by signed orders, the tenants signing contracts, few being willing to give bonds, because they had none from the commissioners. Some estates have not let for 2 years, nor will let at the high sum given in the survey.

I have sent up all moneys due, and have tried to get in arrears, but with little effect. I beg relief from my employment, or allowance for an agent to make distraints, or for a clerk. The estates sequestered are chiefly of Papists, some of whom plead want of money, and others so hope relief this summer by their royal neighbours, the Scots, that nothing will be done without distraint. [*G* 171, *p.* 181.]

April ? **29.** Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Commissioners. We and our predecessors, finding indirect practices in altering the orders delivered, required that all our orders, letters, &c., should be filed and safely kept. You are to carry this out, for we do not deny copies to parties for each county concerned. Lately a forged order has been brought us, and much trouble arises in the making up of accounts for want of vouchers, which would be prevented if this order were obeyed. [*Draft*, 1 *page.*]

April ? **30.** Note of proceedings in the cases of sundry persons who have requested discharges on the Act of Pardon. [1½ *pages.*]

April ? Petition of Henry Taylor, of Preston, co. Lancaster, draper, to the Protector. Having been ever faithful to and in arms for Parliament, in 1643 had his house and shop broken open and plundered by Hugh Anderton, Papist delinquent, and officer under the Earl of Derby; had a judgment and execution against Anderton, whereupon he surrendered at Lancaster Gaol, where he continued till 1651, when he was relieved by Charles Stuart, whose army he joined, fighting at Wigan against Col. [Rob.] Lilburne.

Has spent 100*l.* to obtain the said execution, and owes great sums for the plundered goods; prays satisfaction out of Hugh Anderton's estate, which is considerable. With deposition of Edw. French, mayor, and the aldermen and common council of Preston, 25 of whose names are subscribed, to the truth of the petition.

Reference thereon to the trustees at Drury House "to examine the truth of this petition, and to give such reliefe to ye petitioner as may consist with justice, *and bee agreable to the lawes.*"—*Oliver, P.* [*The words in italics are in Cromwell's hand.* *G* 121, *p.* 755.]

May 3. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that Capt. Silas Taylor have a copy of the articles delivered in against him, for misdemeanour as a Commissioner for Sequestrations in co. Hereford, to make his defence if he will. [*G* 27, *p.* 41.]

May 4. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that in cases referred to them by the Protector, and referred by them to counsel, the reports be read publicly before them on Fridays, before they are signed. [*G* 37, *p.* 304.]

May 4. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Edw.] Jennings, [John] Rusden, and [Thos.] Bateman, late Commissioners in co. Berks. Cornet Cheesman, your late agent, has complained to the Protector of the judgment given in his cause by the late Committee for Compounding; and also that, though you were proved notoriously guilty on examination of 70 witnesses, you were dismissed not openly but privately. As it concerns your honour as late commissioners to vindicate themselves from scandalous aspersions, we give you notice that we shall hear the case on 30 May, and you had better come up 2 or 3 days before, to examine the proofs on which judgment was given, and see that witnesses are present in your defence. [*G* 27, *p.* 42.]

May 5. Petition of Capt. Fras. Bland, late Commissioner for co. Notts, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for allowance on his accounts of an out-rent to

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the minister of Cottam and Carcolston, an out-rent to the receiver for the church of York, and a fee-farm rent to the sheriff of the county; these the auditor cannot allow without order, which by the ordinance of 10 Feb. they are empowered to give. [*G* 69, *p.* 359.]

May 5. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations thereon, that all rents for which there is no allowance be charged in super on his account, and that he have 2 months given to prove that they ought to be allowed, when they shall be defalked on his account. [*G* 27, *p.* 43.]

May 5. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee of Monmouth. You are to pay to the order of the treasurers-at-war 1,796*l.*, which we hear is waiting in your hands. With note of like letter to the Commissioners of Kent for 700*l.*, and Cumberland for 600*l.* [*G* 27, *p.* 47.]

May 6. Certificate by the Commissioners for Sequestrations to Council, that the London Commissioners certify an arrear of 3,000*l.* due from the Spanish ambassador for the rent of a house belonging to the Marquis of Winchester and often demanded, but he refuses any reply thereon to any other than the Council of State or Parliament. [*G* 132, *p.* 47.]

May 9. Northwich. Thos. Robinson, County Sequestrator for Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Since my return from London, I have set most of the estates left unlet by the late county committee, with little or no loss, considering the year is thus far spent. Some are unset, which are held by the delinquents and recusants themselves, who, though often requested, give no security. I cannot realize what is desired of me, unless I may distrain those whose cattle eat up the grass, with charges for the seizure. [*G* 149, *p.* 259.]

May 11. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations for a warrant to pay 900*l.* to the Weavers' Hall treasurer, for payment of poor lenders on the public faith, on a Council of State order of 9 May, 1654, prefixed. [*G* 12, *p.* 612.]

May 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Hen. Horsley. Thanks for your civil answer in promising not to neglect our orders about sequestrations in your county till we find some fit successor, though your own occasions prevent your continuance in it. We have chosen George Fenwick. If the late committee have, according to our orders, delivered you their books and papers, transfer them to Mr. Fenwick. If not, assist him in gaining them according to our order. [*G* 12, *p.* 612.]

May 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to George Fenwick. Hearing of your good affection, we appoint you Commissioner for Northumberland in place of Hen. Horsley, and send you the Protector's ordinance. You are to receive 12*d.* in the pound on all moneys brought in, you paying all charges. The books, &c., of the late committee are to be delivered to you, also all counterparts of leases, which you are to return speedily to us. Write us of your resolution to proceed in the business. [*G* 12, *p.* 612.]

May 12. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Weeks of Ipswich. Hearing from [Wm.] Hanby of your good affection, we choose you one of the county commissioners in his place, as he wishes to be spared; you are to join with [Rob.] Sparrow, the other commissioner, and act upon the instructions. [*G* 27, *p.* 49.]

May 15. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that,—as Wm. King, late Commissioner for co. Salop, has not yet perfected his accounts, and as until this is done the auditor cannot receive those of Col. Crowne, which he wishes to pass—King perfect his accounts in 7 days, on pain of the penalty inflicted by the late ordinance. [*G* 27, *p.* 47.]

May 16. Chichester. Step. Humfrey, County Commissioner for Sussex, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. There are arrears of Michaelmas rents uncollected, which cannot be in by the time given without the aid of our former agent, who will soon complete the business if you will give him a competent salary for his pains. Also he is joined with us in several leases to assist the lessees to get in their rents, which cannot possibly be done without him.

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With note of reply 13 June, that the Commissioners for Sequestrations cannot make the allowance requested, but if the county commissioners employ an agent, it must be at their own charge. [*G* 170, *p.* 85; *also* 30, *p.* 449.]

May 18. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations on an information of 2 May against Capt. Silas Taylor, Commissioner for co. Hereford—to which he replies that from several of the articles we acquitted him 18 Nov. 1653, and that the last is so general that he cannot answer it, but desires his dismissal; that he was acquitted on articles 1 and 3; and that on art. 2 he has brought a certificate from ministers, justices of peace, &c., of his good affection to Government, and of his public discountenancing of malignants' and Papists;—that these articles be laid aside; also that the prosecutor of the fourth say when and where he scoffed at the word of God and jeered at honest ministers, broke the Sabbath, told lies, put forth the pamphlet named, and defamed persons of quality and godliness; when this is done, he is to have a copy of the information and make his defence.

Meantime, he is to return to his charge in county Hereford, having notice of any commission to examine witnesses. Col. Wroth Rogers, who is in town, to have a copy of this order. [*G* 27, *p.* 52.]

May 18. **31.** Bond of Rich. Warren, merchant, and Thos. Cullen, mercer of London, in 810*l.*, for repayment to Rich. Sherwin and John Leech of 405*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*, received from them, charged on lands in Stepney parish, in suit between Warren and Rich. March, in case it appear within a week that Warren is already paid. [1 *page.*]

May 22. **32.** Cornet Chris. Cheesman to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Detailed reply to the accusations brought against him of malversation in his capacity of agent for sequestrations in county Berks, in reference to the letting of sequestered estates at under-values; with abstracts of depositions taken in his favour, and account of the whole proceedings. Complains of cruel usage, and begs justice at their hands. [17 *sheets.*]

May 27. Cambridge. Wm. Pickering to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Notwithstanding your several orders, Mr. Jenkinson, steward of courts, refuses to deliver me the court rolls and other papers in his hands, so that no courts can be kept nor quit-rents received. How am I to force him to obedience? [*G* 147, *p.* 373.]

May 28. Ditchley. John Cary, County Commissioner for Oxford, to Edw. Winslow, Haberdashers' Hall. I ordered the payment to Goldsmiths' Hall of the rents of recusants' estates, but the treasurers denied to give acquittances on my account, but made them in the names of Appletree and Draper. It may be a great trouble not to be able to prove that this money was paid by me, especially as we have got no discharge hitherto. Pray rectify the matter.

I have taken great pain in the business, and the rents are nearly ready to pay in, when I can have a discharge in my own name. I write to you because letters to the Commissioners for Sequestrations are often slowly answered. [*G* 165, *p.* 261.]

May 30. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the case of Chris. Cheesman,—after hearing all the former proceedings and himself, in presence of some of the late Committee for Compounding, he confessing to have taken the bribes of 20*s.* and 4*l.* named in the depositions against him,—that the order of the late Committee for Compounding in his case was well grounded. [*G* 74, *pp.* 257, 263–266; 27, *p.* 60.]

May 30. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Giles Hancock, Commissioner for co. Gloucester. On your request we give you full power to distrain those who refuse to pay their arrears of rent, by distress and sale of goods, and the same for all other moneys due to the State by bond or otherwise. [*G* 30, *p.* 155.]

May 30. Statement by Thos. Browne, auditor, of John Tey's account of his sale of wood at North Mimms, by which he brings himself creditor for 21*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, with Capt. Gilbert North's exceptions and counter-statement, bringing in Tey debtor 284*l.* 2*s.* [*G* 140, *p.* 174.] *Annexing,*

I. *Further particulars of the sale of the said wood.* [*G* 140, *pp.* 177–180.]

II. *Depositions taken thereon* 28 *Dec.* 1653, *and* 6 *and* 27 *April* 1654. [*G* 140, *pp.* 181–185.]

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May 31. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the county commissioners. As it is needful to have more persons than one in each county to examine witnesses in cases of claims on sequestered estates, we wish to add a justice of peace or other fit person in each county where there is but one. Send us the names of such justice or late commissioner in your county as would willingly join you in examinations, you being always present. Answer speedily, that the work may be prosecuted, as we are satisfied on serious consideration that this way of proceeding is best.

With list of 20 counties to which this letter was sent. [*G* 31, *p.* 795.]

May 31. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Norfolk. Our auditor takes exceptions to the accounts of Capt. Thos Garrett, your late agent and treasurer. He alleges that you told him to allow some issues not allowed by us; assist him to perfect his accounts, for we look upon you rather than him as responsible. You have chosen him treasurer, contrary to your instructions, and you must be accountable for his actings. [*G* 30, *p.* 296.]

May 31. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mr. Horsley, Commissioner for Northumberland. On your recommendation we have appointed George Fenwick commissioner, as you desire to leave the office on account of other employments. We thank you for your promise not to neglect orders till your successor was appointed. As to the salary in the interval, we doubt not you and Mr. Fenwick will agree. [*G* 30, *p.* 309.]

June 2. Commissioners for Sequestrations to George Fenwick, Commissioner for Northumberland. You must summon before you those tenants who are in arrears of rent, and if they refuse to pay, levy the arrears on their estates, and tell them of the penalty inflicted by ordinance of the Protector and Council for non-payment of rents. [*G* 30, *p.* 309.]

June 3. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Peck and Thos. Crachley, Commissioners for the 6 counties of North Wales.

Like letter with that of 14 March, but the leases, &c., are to be delivered them by 24 June, and sent hither by 16 July. [*G* 31, *p.* 793.]

June 6. Northwich. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You bid me not to pay incidental charges from sequestered estates of more than 40*s.* a year without your order. From the Earl of Derby's estate in this town there is a fee of 5*l.* to the steward, and a dinner at the 2 yearly fairs to the steward, burgesses, and attendants, which in 1650 were allowed on my information that they had been long allowed to the late and the present Thos. Marbury, high stewards of Northwich, and on orders from the Sequestration Commissioners, 1643 to 1649. These charges have since been paid, with care to avoid extravagance; and as the time draws near, I beg your allowance, or those concerned may desert the fairs and courts. Marbury is of approved faithfulness, a J.P., and useful in the orderly government of the town, which is a great thoroughfare. The burgesses serve as grand jurymen at the 2 court leets, from which more is extracted than the cost of the dinners. I beg speedy directions and answer to former letters.

With note of reply 9 June, that if the Earl of Derby's estate be still under sequestration, these charges are to be allowed in moderation. [*G* 149, *p.* 339; *also* 30, *p.* 96.]

June 8. Northwich. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I submit freely to your order that a J.P. or other fit person should be joined with me in the examination of witnesses, but as to sending up names, I did that to your solicitor, Mr. Fowle, on 22 May. I dare not send those of men of so high quality as the J.Ps. of this county, and I could not have much help in acting with men so far above me, and not directly engaged for the Commonwealth. When the Barons of Exchequer as Commissioners for Appeals, sent their orders for some gentleman, not a commissioner, to be present at examinations, had not great caution been used, things had been crossly carried.

Again, men of inferior quality could not afford to take the pains and receive only their charges. The man I named to Mr. Fowle was Wm. Leftwich of Northwich, a sequestration commissioner before 1649, honest and rational. If

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you do not approve him, I would name my late fellow-commissioners, Hen. Cockson of Haslehurst, Northen parish, and Wm. Barrett, Rungey in Hale, Bowden, but they live 10 miles off. Pray conclude yourselves, as I cannot name any others. [*G* 149, *p.* 361.]

June 9. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that the executor of the late John Browne be summoned by the Commissioners for co. Salop to pay in 300*l.* 13*s.* due to the State, and Charles Langford to pay 23*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* also due, or appear before the Commissioners for Sequestrations in a month to show cause. [*G* 27, *p.* 68.]

June 9. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Commissioners of Bedford. In yours of 11 May, you beg not to deliver up to our new commissioner, [Sam.] Bedford, your books and papers, as they tend to your security, and request that they may remain with Mr. Ampthill, but we think Bedford must have them, as it is too heavy a burden on him, considering his small allowance, to send to you whenever he needs the papers; moreover, they are not yours, but the committee's property. We did not dismiss you from jealousy, but you desired it, and you can always have recourse to the papers in his hands. [*G* 30, *p.* 3.]

June 9. Cambridge. Wm. Pickering, County Commissioner for Cambridge, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have considered yours of 31 May, but cannot find any justice of peace who will willingly meddle therewith. If you put in commission Rich. Pettit, jun., of Cambridge, who is well acquainted with sequestration business, what you desire would be done. I therefore request you to join him with me. [*G* 147, *p.* 347.]

June 9. Northampton. Peter Whalley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On your order of 31 May, I name as assistants Rob. Guy, one of the late county committee, John Wyat, formerly in the service, and now high collector of monthly taxes, who lives near, also Edw. Farmer of Daventry, and John Browne of Kettering. [*G* 163, *p.* 511.]

June 10. Reading. S. Bellingham to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I hear that it is supposed I have taken some examinations lately without any directions from you. The case is this: three years ago Mr. Hale and I were employed by the Committee for Compounding to enquire into the true value of sequestered estates here, supposed to be let at an undervalue by Mr. Cheesman, an utter stranger to me. We were to examine witnesses on oath and peruse Cheesman's printed book, and he was to attend us. Till then I had never heard of any contest between him and the then sub-commissioners.

We sent up our proceedings and opinion about Mr. Cheesman, and he had opportunity, if he chose, to copy what concerned himself, but I disown doing anything in the business since Nov. 1651. I wrote nothing more than was returned to the commissioners, except a letter to Mr. Berners to the same effect, and a short certificate, at his request, that he lives honestly and lovingly with his own wife, contrary to the ranters' practice. I would not take any depositions underhand or without positive directions. [*G* 146, *pp.* 275, 276.]

June 12. Ditchley. John Cary, Commissioner for co. Oxon, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I recommend Thos. Appletree of Deddington, late Commissioner for Sequestrations, Rob. Jenkinson of Walcot, Ald. Nixon, Mat. Langley, or — Berry of Oxford, all J.Ps, to assist me in examining witnesses, for though I should be faithful were the treasure of the nation committed to my trust, that cannot be known to you.

With note in reply, 16 June, of a commission to Appletree and Nixon. [*G* 165, *p.* 263.]

June 12. Col. George Twisleton to Edw. Carey, Commissioner for Sequestrations. These persons will serve faithfully as sub-commissioners, viz., for Anglesey, Carnarvon, Merioneth, Montgomery, Denbigh, and Flint, John Parry, Thos. Michaell, John Peck, Thos. Crachley, Hump. Ellis, and Dan. Lloyd. I could have named many more, but the business being reduced, I considered these sufficient. [*G* 165, *p.* 25.]

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June 13. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that as the registrar's reports on references from the Protector sometimes contain several sides of paper, and he has but 2*s.* 6*d.* for each, he have henceforth 2*s.* 6*d.* for the first 2 sides, and 1*s.* for every other side. [*G* 27, *p.* 69.]

June 13. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. John Merrick, near Shrewsbury, received 50*l.* of Dan. Lloyd, late commissioner and treasurer for North Wales, on 2 July 1652, and gave a bill of exchange to be paid into Goldsmiths' Hall, which is not accepted. Summon Merrick to pay the 50*l.*, to be returned on Lloyd's account. [*G* 30, *p.* 384.]

June 13. Clement Reed to Thos. Bayley. I beg you to present these queries from the County Committee for York, and send their reply. They thought the demand for incident charges high, which we think less in proportion than in other counties, considering the largeness of this. We have had to employ many assistants, and the carriage of our mere books and papers up and down will cost 50*s.*

Who knows how often the commissioners may be called to give accounts, and if nothing be respited in their hands, how are they to be paid future charges? However, they will freely submit to what is granted. [Ralph] Rymer has left 20*s.* for your officers and clerks. [*G* 172, *p.* 565.]

June 14. Hen. Darley to Rich. Moore, Commissioner for Sequestrations. I hear of proceedings against me tending to sequestration for goods belonging to Lord Savile, though both he and I have answered about them. I never meddled with them, and he has compounded for them. Give him notice, and his solicitor will satisfy you. With note that Lord Savile lodges in Covent Garden. [*G* 143, *p.* 209.]

June 14. Whitehall. Col. Wm. Goffe to Mr. Carey. [Thos.] Buttery was much esteemed by my father as a notable Puritan, and in my youth I received many gracious exhortations from him, and I believe he retains his integrity. He is now out of employment and wants work. I hope you may be able to help him. [*G* 143, *p.* 221.]

June 15. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations,—on Chris. Cheesman's request for further hearing, and on reading the proofs of bribery against him, and hearing his counsel, and his request that the depositions taken before Bellingham and Hale may be taken as evidence,—that those depositions be sent up, and that Cheesman certify when and by whose order they were taken.

Order on an order of 13 June from the Committee of Council for settling augmentations of livings,—requiring a list of impropriations sold to the State by delinquents, of their disposal, and of what remains undisposed of—that the auditors prepare such a list, with the yearly values.

Like order for Mr. Rich to prepare such a list. [*G* 27, *pp.* 71, 75.]

June 16. Petition of Rich. Banks and 6 other farmers of Commonwealth rents, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, to be allowed to prove before Mr. Archer, the Commissioner for co. Cumberland, the payment of rent-charges out of the estates under sequestration which they rent, and that the same may be allowed by the Commissioners for Sequestrations. [*G* 66, *p.* 7.]

June 16. Order thereon that they produce their deeds, &c., to Mr. Archer, who is to certify. [*G* 27, *p.* 78.]

June 16. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Rich. Pettit. We have lately appointed Wm. Pickering sole Commissioner for cos. Cambridge and Hunts; but as he needs assistance in examining witnesses, and informs us that your acting with him would conduce to speedy dispatch, as you live near, we request you to join him in examinations, and shall consider it good service to the Commonwealth. [*G* 30, *p.* 80.]

June 16. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Wm.] Leftwich. We have lately appointed Thos. Robinson our sole Commissioner for co. Chester, but as he needs assistance in the examination of witnesses, and has named you as a fit person, we request that you will join him therein, and we shall accept what you do as good service. [*G* 30, *p.* 96.]

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June 16. Like letters to And. Solace, to assist Giles Hancock, Commissioner for co. Gloucester. [*G* 30, *p.* 155.]

To Thos. Rawlins, to assist Capt. Silas Taylor, Commissioner for co. Hereford. [*G* 30, *p.* 179.]

To Hen. Horsley, to assist Geo. Fenwick, Commissioner for Northumberland. [*G* 30, *p.* 309.]

To Roger Bateman, to assist John Archer, Commissioner for cos. Westmoreland and Cumberland. [*G* 30, *p.* 463.]

June 16. Northwich. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Widow Warburton of Hoogrene owes 100*l.* or 200*l.* for the demesne of Hoogrene, whilst sequestered for delinquency of Sir Thos. Aston. The Act of Oblivion does not clear her from the debt, yet as by your resolve one commissioner cannot examine witnesses in cases of claims, I wait your pleasure to have a fit person joined with me, or to allow appeal to you; but unless a levy be made with speed, the goods may be conveyed away. I named 3 to you as fit to act. Rob. Massey of Warrington, a sub-commissioner of Lancashire, would be a fit person, as he lives only 7 miles from me, and could find time for it.

One Risden, a Papist not sequestered, has some estate ready to fall to him in this county; how shall I examine witnesses and proceed in the business? Particulars of cases. I beg replies to my letters. [*G* 149, *p.* 341.]

June 20. County Committee for London, Middlesex, and Herts, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Isabel Wheeler, tenant to Thos. Stich, recusant, complains of the pulling down by the Goldsmiths' Company of an old wall from Shoe Lane to Fetter Lane, thus endangering her house. We recommend that a new wall be built, to cost 20*l.*, and the recusant to pay ⅓ thereof, the estate being sequestered. [*G* 162, *p.* 497.]

June 21. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the county committees. We desire you carefully to observe the directions of the late Committee for Compounding of 22 April 1652, about preserving and filing our orders, to avoid indirect practices. We have never denied orders to each party for all the counties in which he has estates. This will prevent mistakes. An order was lately brought us which we find to be forged, and much trouble arises in making up the accounts of the county committees, because the commissioners cannot produce orders for their vouchers. Observe this direction punctually in future. [*G* 31, *p.* 796.]

June 21. Winchester. Thos. Muspratt, County Commissioner for Hants, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. In obedience to your order of 31 May, I name Edm. Rigby and John Champion, justices of peace of this city, as fit to join me in examining witnesses when needful. [*G* 167, *p.* 604.]

June 23. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on information that divers church livings in North Wales which were sequestered for 3 years have been disposed of for maintenance of ministers by the Commissioners for Propagation of the Gospel, whose power is now determined,—that the North Wales Commissioners enter upon the same as under sequestration, and receive the rents for the use of the State.

Order that Mr. Hanby and Sparrow [Suffolk Commissioners] appear forthwith, and give an account of all sequestration moneys in their hands, and pay them in at Goldsmiths' Hall without delay, or the sums will be levied on their estates. [*G* 27, *pp.* 79, 81.]

June 23. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Committee for co. Montgomery. By ordinance of the Protector and Council of 10 Feb. last, all county commissioners are to pay in their moneys by 25 March. As you have not yet passed your accounts, we remind you to pass them and bring in your money by 1 Aug., or we shall be forced to levy on you the penalty of the Act. [*G* 30, *p.* 342.]

June 23. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Hum. Ellis and Lewis Price. We wish to join you with [John] Peck and [Thos.] Crachley as sequestration commissioners for cos. Montgomery, Denbigh, and Flint, and we desire you to signify your acceptance of the employment. [*G* 30, *p.* 342.]

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June 23. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mr. Peck and Mr. Crachley. We have thought fit to divide the counties of North Wales, and add more commissioners. We have appointed [John] Parry and [Thos.] Michael for cos. Carnarvon, Anglesey, and Merioneth, and desire you to act only in cos. Montgomery, Denbigh, and Flint. We have joined Mr. Ellis and Mr. Price with you. [*G* 30, *p.* 343.]

June 24. John Peck and Thos. Crachley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We delivered your commands to the Committee for North Wales, and demanded their accounts and records, but have received no positive answer. Are those church livings sequestered before the Act for the Propagation of the Gospel in Wales to be received by us? The profits, both before and since the expiration of that Act, have been received and not accounted for. [*G* 165, *p.* 19.]

June 27. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on information that James Hardman, late agent to the Committee for co. Lancaster, owes 720*l.* on his account, and is now making away his estate—that the present commissioners seize and secure his estate, till he has paid in his arrears. [*G* 27, *p.* 80.]

June 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Parry and Thos. Michael. We have made void the county commissions in North Wales, as in other counties, the ordinance of 10 Feb. giving us a limited power and new title, and expecting us to lessen sequestration expenses. We therefore appoint you our sub-commissioners for cos. Carnarvon, Anglesey, and Merioneth, to receive rents and arrears from last June, receiving 12*d.* in the pound on money paid in, but you being at the whole charge of collecting and paying it in. You are to have all the books and papers of the late committee, allowing them access to them till they have perfected their accounts. You are to send us all counterparts of leases, &c. [*G* 30, *p.* 343.]

June 27. Northwich. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I shall observe your orders to the late commissioners as to the safe keeping and filing of orders and letters, so that I hope your auditor will acknowledge that there has been no defect in the accounts for this county.

You do not answer some part of my letters of 9 May, and 6 and 16 June, as to whether I may be empowered, as formerly, to levy rents by distress, and charges for seizure and sale; without severity, some subtle, obstinate persons will delay their rents, and disable me from making speedy and full returns to your Treasury.

If James Poole, a Papist, and lately married to a Papist, is to have the profits of his late father's estate, 200*l.* a year and arrears, there will be little left either for my salary or to return to you. Let me not be enforced to pains for nothing. Let me receive either here or at Goldsmiths' Hall my salary for what I pay here upon your orders.

With note of reply, 10 Nov. Particulars of cases.

For arrears due before the ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654, certify the names [of the persons] and the sums, and we will fine them, and give order to levy by distress; for arrears since, you have no other power than by distress, as other landlords have.

We see no reason why you should not have 12*d.* in the pound on such moneys, and this to be the rule for others. [*G* 145, *p.* 573; *also* 30, *p.* 97.]

June 27. John Peck and Thos. Crachley, Commissioners for North Wales, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have attended the late county committee for several days to receive their records, and they now inform us that they will only furnish copies, and have written you on the subject. As we conceive their objections are only to incur trouble and delay, we desire instructions, as also an order to dispose of the church livings sequestered before the Act for the Propagation of the Gospel; the profits thereof, which are considerable, have never been accounted for, but, as they allege, were disposed of in some other way.

With notes in reply, 4 July, that they are to continue the sequestrations, receive the arrears of rents of sequestered church livings, and return particulars.

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Also to inform the old county committee that complete duplicates of their records, and access to the originals when necessary, is expected. [*G* 165, *p.* 17.]

June 29. Dichley. John Cary, Commissioner for co. Oxon, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I observe your orders to file all your letters, noting the date of receipt, and will act in no case without your direction, which I can produce when required. I will send speedy and exact answers to yours, but I know not whether my letters are received, as several requests for directions in cases named are unanswered. I hope the counterparts of leases arrived safely, and entreat your reply. [*G* 165, *p.* 61.]

June 30. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on report of Aud. Thos. Browne, that the Committee for co. Salop, in their accounts exhibited 20 June, crave allowances above their salaries of 1*s.* in the pound for 2,532*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* paid in;—that they be allowed 1*s.* in the pound on all moneys paid for ministers' augmentations; also 10*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.* as their salary at 6*d.* in the pound for 434*l.* paid into the Treasury for Advance of Money for $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{20}$ parts; that 120*l.* of the 160*l.* asked for be allowed them for house rent, fire, candles, stationery, &c., for 4 years past; also the 46*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* paid for surveys, and the 319*l.* paid to the Treasurer for the militia, for 19 horses and arms assessed on sequestered estates; also 26*l.* to the bailiffs for collecting the Earl of Newcastle and Sir Edw. Littleton's rents.

But the 406*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* which they crave for 8,126*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* paid into Goldsmiths' Hall by persons for compositions, the 20*l.* for surveying recusants' estates, and the 20*l.* for repairs are disallowed. The 1,300*l.* paid by order of the Council of State and Maj.-General Harrison, and other sums allowed for fee-farm rents, &c., are to remain in super on their accounts, until they produce orders for their allowance. [*G* 27, *p.* 89.]

June 30. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Sir Hen. Vane. A business has this day come before us about 99*l.* charged in arrear on Capt. Thorp, late agent to the Committee for co. Lincoln, by Mr. Disney, one of the commissioners, which Thorp denies, and we cannot hear the case, because only one side had examined, and that was done in town, when the order directed it to be in the country, and the other side had no notice. To save trouble and charge, both desire the matter to be referred to you, and therefore, though unwilling to trouble you, we beg that you will hear the proofs, compromise between them if you can, and if not, certify your opinion to us. [*G* 27, *p.* 90.]

July 1. Northampton. Peter Whalley, county commissioner, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On your order of 16 May, shown me by John Cary, receiver for the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers here, I find that none of the rents named have been received by the County Commissioners since 6 Jan. 1650, but have been paid to Cary for the trustees; that of Long Buckby was paid to the minister by order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers, the other, being a rent payable by Sir Chris. Hatton to the dean and chapter, was always paid to the appointed receiver. I have always been careful in filing my orders, and have made a particular entry of them. [*G* 163, *p.* 261.]

July 1. Col. John Gorges to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have taken time to answer yours of 31 May, that I might propound your desire to as many as possible, but our justices of the peace decline it. Two of the late commissioners, Neh. Collins and Nath. Quash, will give the best help they can, so if you write to them, I shall have their assistance. [*G* 167, *p.* 213.]

July 3. Reading. Sam. Bellingham to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of June 15, about the depositions taken by myself and Mr. Hale, I certify that 3 years ago, we were employed by the Committee for Compounding to discover the underletting of sequestered estates in this county, discharged our trust to the best of our skill, and sent up an account of our proceedings and the original depositions, not knowing that we should have any further use for them. [*G* 146, *pp.* 271, 277.]

July 4. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Committee for North Wales. We expect our division of the counties of North Wales, and appointment of Parry

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and Michael, will be to your ease and content. The late committee must give you either complete duplicates or the originals of their books and records. You are to continue the sequestration of all church livings, and return the names of those who refuse to pay in their profits, with particulars, when we shall summon them before us. [*G* 30, *p.* 343.]

July 4. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late Committee for North Wales. You are to deliver up either the originals of your books and papers, which you may consult at pleasure, or duplicates, for the charge of making which you have money in hand without troubling us. [*G* 30, *p.* 343.]

July 4. Carmarthen. Jen. Dawkins and Mor. Thomas, Commissioners for co. Carmarthen, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The rents due May last, 35*l.*, are too small to employ an agent, but we will assist any whom you may appoint here for that service. [*G* 167, *p.* 665.]

July 7. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on an order of the Protector and Council of 21 June last, for payment of all moneys after 24 June into the Exchequer—that as the Exchequer is not yet settled, and many persons bound by penalties to pay in money to the Goldsmiths' Hall have offered payment, Rich. Sherwin and John Leech be appointed treasurers of the money to be thus received from county committees, tenants, or others, give discharges, and keep accounts thereof till further order. [*G* 27, *p.* 101.]

July 7. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Weeks. We have no cause to distrust your fitness as a commissioner for co. Suffolk, but as we have vacated Mr. Sparrow's commission, and committed the sole management to a single person, we waive your employment, though without the least prejudice to yourself, which we write, to prevent any misconstruction. [*G* 27, *p.* 91.]

July 7. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Capt. Rob.] Sparrow, and [Thos.] Weeks. We make void your late commission to manage sequestered estates in Suffolk, and desire you to deliver all your books, papers, and records to John Base of Saxmundham, to whom we have committed those affairs. [*G* 30, *p.* 434.]

July 7. Habderashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Base, sen. We have made void our former commission, and chosen you sole commissioner for Suffolk, to act according to the ordinance of 10 Feb. last, and such further instructions as we may send you. You are to demand the records from the former commissioners, and return us their answer if they do not deliver them. [*G* 30, *p.* 434.]

July 7. John Peck and Thos. Crachley, Commissioners for North Wales, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We delivered your letter to Dan. Lloyd, treasurer to the late county committee, but he will not deliver up their books and records without their order. It was not our desire to have a division made of the six counties to avoid trouble, but since you have ordered two men for the three upper counties, we are well satisfied. You joined Humphrey Ellis and Mr. Price with us for the three lower counties; the former is lately dead. Pray suspend adding more to our commission without just cause.

With note of reply, July 28, that no more shall be added without just cause, and that they are to see to the paying in of the composition money in Anglesey. [*G* 165, *p.* 21.]

July 8. Northwich. Thos. Robinson, commissioner for co. Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have given Mr. Leftwich your letter of 18 June, and he desires me to certify that he is willing to assist me in examination of witnesses. [*G* 149, *p.* 364.]

July 8. York. County Commissioners for York to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We will observe yours of 21 June last about keeping the original orders for discharge, and that of 20 June in the case of John Jackson. [*G* 172, *p.* 552.]

July 13. Surcharge by John Disney on the accounts of Capt. Phil. Thorpe, agent for co. Lincoln; total, 138*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* [*G* 122, *pp.* 128, 137.]

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July 13. Answer of Capt. Phil. Thorpe to the said surcharge, to prove that there is 30*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.* still due to him. [*G* 122, *pp.* 129–132.]

July 14. Northwich. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I beg an answer to mine of 16 June about Widow Warburton's debt, that I may proceed, for it is cause of notice if there be not speedier acting for the Commonwealth. In my desire to speed in moneys, I have sent to the tenants to bring in rents and arrears, and some have paid, but most refuse, because they say there is a new ordinance for paying all such moneys into the Exchequer. Whatever ordinance passes must have come to you; therefore speed me directions. Tell me whether I am to be taken off what should bring me my salary, which would be sad to your poor faithful servant.
With note of reply. "To receive money as formerly, and to certify such as refuse, to the end we may proceed against them according to the ordinance." [*G* 145, *p.* 567.]

July 15. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Hen. Burton and Edw. Pegg. We have lately appointed Thos. Newton our sole commissioner for co. Derby, but as in examining witnesses on oath, he needs assistance, and has certified to your fitness, we desire you to join him therein, and you will do the State good service. [*G* 30, *p.* 30.]

July 17. John Base, County Commissioner for Suffolk, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 7 July, I demanded from Capt. [Rob.] Sparrow, [Thos.] Weeks, and [Wm.] Hanby, all their sequestration records, and they promised them by 22 July. I want their account during their employment, and a certificate of all estates discharged, when, and by what order. I gave them such account and certificates when they entered on the business. [*G* 169, *p.* 223.]

July 18. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that as the payment of augmentations is suspended, notice is to be given to the augmentationers to offer what they know on behalf of the State. [*G* 37, *p.* 346.]

July 18. Wrexham. John Peck and Thos. Crachley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have received the enclosed from Daniel Lloyd, treasurer to the late commissioners, who affirms they contain all the revenue now under sequestration in cos. Denbigh and Flint; but we have not received any original books, or any leases or counterparts. Unless you take some speedy course, that we may receive them and all their original writings, we cannot ascertain who were sequestered, when they were discharged, the revenues then in hand, or what church livings were under sequestration, and when discharged. There are many church livings become void since the Act for Propagation, which determined in 1652. Several rectors and vicars were then ejected, and so remain, and those livings amount to a great value. Are these within our commission to set and let? the tithes ought to have been set a month ago. [*G* 165, *p.* 15.]
Enclosing,

1. *Account by Dan. Lloyd of arrears, &c., due from sequestered estates in cos. Denbigh and Flint.* 17 *July* 1654. [*G* 165, *pp.* 1–13.]

July 21. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the county commissioners. When you account with the auditors for the profits of sequestered rectories, and for payment of augmentations, you are to produce the order granting the augmentations, or they will not be allowed. You are to deduct your 12*d.* in the pound from the profits of rectories, and then pay the augmentations so far as they will go, in order of priority of grant, as we shall allow no more than the profits of the rectories. Send us a list of all the bonds you have taken for moneys, or rents, or goods, with the addresses of the persons, the penalties, and conditions. [*G* 31, *p.* 796.]

July 21. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Capt. B. Mason. You have had large time for perfecting your accounts for cos. Somerset and Hereford, and have not

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done it, therefore we set a fine of 100*l.* upon you, which we shall be enforced to levy unless you bring in the accounts in 3 weeks. [*G* 27, *p.* 96.]

July 21. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Hen. Wilson. We lately appointed Ben. Goodwin our sole commissioner for Surrey, but as he needs help in examining witnesses, we appoint you to join him therein, but not to act as commissioner in any other kind. [*G* 30, *p.* 442.]

July 25. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Col. Crowne. We hear that you say all the moneys are paid into the Treasury, but our auditor gives a certificate which makes us marvel at your suggestion therein. We respect you, but considering the pressing occasions of the country calling for a settlement, we plainly tell you that we cannot give you any commission till your accounts are perfected and moneys paid. We give you 14 days; and ifyou do it not in that time, we must grant a commission to some other person to proceed against you, as directed by the late ordinance. [*G* 27, *p.* 101.]

July 26. Wrexham. Lewis Price, one of the Commissioners for North Wales, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Since your order to Hump. Ellis and myself, to act with Mr. Peck and Mr. Crachley in counties Denbigh, Montgomery, and Flint, Ellis has died; I will do what service I can, and upon Mr. Crachley's coming up, he will acquaint you with what I and the rest of the commissioners find necessary. [*G* 165, *p.* 29.]

July 27. Order by the Commissioners for Inspecting the Treasuries that the Haberdashers' Hall Committee certify next Tuesday whether the imposition of 4*s.* a chaldron on sea coals was ever under sequestration for delinquency of the Earl of Dorset or the Earl of Holland,

With request by Thos. Smithsby, Secretary, for an answer to the above order. Whitehall, Aug. 1, 1654. [*G* 138, *pp.* 251–253.]

July 27. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that in all cases concerning recusants, certificate be had (before hearing cause or report) from Solicitor Fowle, whether there be any conviction or seizure, that the committee may not be surprised by sudden searches, nor spend time therein at the hearing of each cause. [*G* 37, *p.* 355.]

July 28. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that the rent for the Hall, salaries, and incidental charges be paid by the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall out of the moneys in their hands as formerly. [*G* 37, *p.* 357.]

July 28. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mr. Blake and Turpin. We have often written you to perfect your accounts, but you have not done it, and you owe much money on sequestration account. Unless you settle all in 14 days, we must levy the same and a fine for neglect on your estates. [*G* 27, *p.* 100.]

July 28. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Base, County Commissioner for Suffolk. We have ordered our auditor to send you a transcript of the accounts of the late county committee, and a certificate of estates discharged since Jan. 1650. As soon as you get the books of the late county committee, send us a list of all who were in arrears 25 March last, with the sums owing, that we may set fines on them, out of which we will give ample allowance to the officers employed in levying the arrears. [*G* 30, *p.* 435.]

July 31. Wrentham. Ro. Brewster to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The respect shown the Commissioners in yours of 28 June engages me to give you all the assistance I can. John Base, sen., of Saxmundham, is fit for a commission, but aged; he was employed before, and understands the work. I commend to you my second brother's eldest son, Fras. Brewster, aged 27, who was in the Excise before it was farmed, was faithful, and is an excellent accountant, having been educated in merchandizing affairs. Also [Wm.] Bends will be as able in the management of sequestrations as in the keeping of courts.

In what I said about Mr. Weeks, I referred not to his principles in religion, but to his business as a glazier unfitting him for the stewardship of courts, and he receives a good salary as agent for bringing in the county assessments.

If you approve of the persons nominated, and think their speedy repairing necessary, they can wait on the commissioners at Ipswich on 12 July, at the election for members of Parliament. [*G* 169, *p.* 219.]

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July 31. Ditchley. John Cary, County Commissioner for Oxon, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. As the time approaches for reletting recusants' estates, I want to know whether I may let the recusant ⅔ of his estate, if I can improve the revenue by it, which I shall the better do, having viewed them on the late survey, and finding many under-let. It is not prohibited by the Act, but it has not been done in this county. Yet none will take such good care of the estates, and the tenants usually under-let them to the recusants at a profit, which might as well come to the State. Let me have a speedy answer, that I may treat with the several parties, and not be put to a strait at last. Also I beg an answer to my former letters. [*G* 165, *p.* 269.]

Aug. 3. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that the committee will not hear any particular business till the first Tuesday in September, except sequestration business on Fridays. [*G* 37, *p.* 365.]

Aug. 3. John Base, County Commissioner for Suffolk, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 28 July, I shall expect the account and certificates from your auditor. I have received from [Wm.] Hanby and [Thos.] Weeks, a book of arrears and rents due at Michaelmas, with orders on which examinations have been returned. I delivered them five orders on which there have been no proceedings for want of prosecution, and 2 of my 3 books of accounts, but there are still divers records in their hands which they do not return to me, such as certificates of discharges, leases to the tenants, books of courts under sequestration.

My sending a list of persons in arrears must be after I have been with the tenants, and found who will pay their arrears, and who stand out. If you order me to receive the arrears before Michaelmas, I will.

I find that by the ordinance of 10 Feb. you can appoint officers and agents, and allow them salaries. I beg you will appoint me such as are necessary. I find there are 2 tenants in Cavenham from whom 598*l.* 10*s.* is due, and if there be not an agent on the ground, their corn will be made away with and all lost. There are others in the same case, and few arrears will be gathered in without distress.

With notes of reply. Hanby and Weeks are to deliver up all the records, and in case of refusal, you are to report them. You must receive the arrears due speedily, and go upon it with effect. Get a note from Hanby, Weeks, and [Rob.] Sparrow, of their Ladyday receipts, and of those who refuse to pay, that we may proceed against them on the ordinance of 10 Feb. last.

We can allow no agents, yet in the case of the Cavenham tenants, you may employ a person to gather in the corn and make a distress; but husband the charge, and pay it out of the fines of those who do not pay their rents. We have set 40*l.* fine on those 2 tenants which you are to levy.

P.S.—On recommendation of a county gentleman [*see letter of* 31 *July, supra*], we have appointed Mr. Bends steward for keeping courts, and sent him a commission. [*G* 169, *p.* 221; *also* 30, *p.* 435.]

Aug. 4. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Base, County Commissioner for Suffolk. We send you a copy of the accounts of the late county committee ending Michaelmas 1652, which is the last account we have received from them. [*G* 30, *p.* 435.]

Aug. 4. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Wm. Johnson of Newcastle-on-Tyne. We appoint you our commissioner for the town, and desire you to take the examinations of Rob. Gainsford and others, on an alleged corruption in the management of the coal farm sequestered from Thos. Ashfield. [*G* 27, *p.* 105.]

Aug. 4. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mr. Peck, Crachley, and Price [Commissioners for North Wales]. We shall make no addition to your commission, not doubting your care. Take care that the arrears due on the general composition be speedily brought in. [*G* 30, *p.* 344.]

Aug. 5. Capt. Ben. Mason to Edw. Carey, commissioner at Haberdashers' Hall. I am troubled to be the only object of the committee's displeasure, and fined 100*l.* for not perfecting my accounts for cos. Somerset and Hereford. I wanted 6 weeks' time, and will come to London to get them allowed by the Protector

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as soon as I can, but I have not 20*l.* in the world, and have lost by my employment 200*l.*, spending 300*l.* in Col. Pyne's business and only receiving 180*l.*, and 70*l.* in Taylor's business. In my Hereford accounts there is an overplus due to me.

The whole demand on me is under 300*l.*, and I have suffered more for Parliament than that. Others have thousands in their hands and are let alone. I have signed bonds for 900*l.*, and if you trouble me, I shall be prisoner all my days. My fortune came by my wife, and much has been spent in the State's service. Do not let me be disgraced, and after Michaelmas I will come up, and I engage to pay what is demanded, unless the Protector will allow of it. [*G* 102, *p.* 120.]

Aug. 8. Durham. County Commissioners for Durham to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Mat. Curry, tenant to ⅔ of Bedlington Mill, sequestered for recusancy of John Widdrington, begs a reduction of the rent of 32*l.* a year, corn being so cheap that he cannot pay the rent without his utter undoing. We beg leave to reduce it to 16*l.*, or to relet the mill.

With note of order for abatement. [*G* 155, *p.* 307.]

Aug. 9. Sarum. Ben. Swayne, County Commissioner for Wilts, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I will follow your orders about accounting with your auditor for the profits of sequestered rectories. I cannot send the list of bonds required, for none have been given to the late county committee or myself, except some for payment of ½ year's rents, none of which are forfeit. [*G* 171, *p.* 471.]

Aug. 10. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that Benj. Bends be steward for keeping courts in all sequestered estates, co. Suffolk. [*G* 27, *p.* 110.]

Aug. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Commissioners for North Wales. We want a duplicate of the assessment roll on the general composition of North Wales, stating what each person was assessed at, what has been received, and what is in arrear, that those long and tedious accounts may come to some issue. If you fail to send this within a month, we shall use our utmost power to bring you to account, and fine you for neglect. [*G* 27, *p.* 110.]

Aug. 10. **33.** Petition of Mary Sankey to the Protector. My husband was receiver of the late King, Queen, and Prince, and also of the tenths of co. Stafford; at his death he had public money in his hands, and arrears were due to him as solicitor for sequestrations in the county. I beg an order that the auditors for the revenue and tenths may state his accounts, and the Haberdashers' Hall Committee the arrears due to him, and if they are more than his debts, that the balance may be paid to me. With reference thereon to the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall, all proceedings against her as executrix to be stayed meantime. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

33. I. *Certificate by the late county committee, that Rob. Sankey of Cannock served Parliament as solicitor for sequestrations from* 12 *June* 1643 *to* 24 *Jan.* 1650, *in which time his salary amounted to* 1,200*l.*, *of which he only received* 200*l.*, *being always willing that the necessity of the county soldiery should be preferred before himself. Stafford,* 5 *April* 1654. *With note that this certificate was showed to Mary Sankey,* 4 *Dec.* 1656, *when she made her affidavit.* [⅔ *page; also G* 34, *p.* 83.]

Aug. 10. Reference of the case in Council to Lisle, Jones, and 3 others, to report. 24 Aug. 1654. [*I* 75, *p.* 531.] *Annexing,*

33. I. *Their report that the Commissioners for Sequestrations should take Mary Sankey's accounts, and pay her, on certificate of the county committee, the balance due to her.* [½ *page.*]

33. II. *Order in Council adopting the above report.* 31 *Aug.* 1654. [*I* 75, *p.* 545.]

33. III. *Order in Council accordingly, that she be allowed what is due to her husband, defalking his receipts, and if there be any balance due, that a warrant be issued for payment.* 1 *and* 2 *Sept.* 1654. [*I* 75, *pp.* 557, 563; *G* 34, *p.* 83; 144, *pp.* 245, 247.]

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Aug. 12. Kendal. John Archer, County Commissioner for Westmoreland and Cumberland, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send you, as ordered, a list of all the bonds in my keeping, or in that of the late county committee. I have provided bonds for all the rest of the sequestered estates for this year's rent, and hope soon to get them sealed. There are some bonds for tithes not disposed of by the Commissioners for Propagating the Gospel; but as they have given the other rectories and tithes to the ministers, and not set out augmentations from them, I cannot give any account of them.

Particulars of cases. I wish to resign my employment, not because it is no benefit, but I am much discouraged to receive such orders as I have done in the case of [Mary] Lady Howard and Col. [John] Cooke. [*See their cases*, 30 *Oct.* 1650.]

What is to be done about old Lady Howard's annuity on the estate here sequestered from Sir Fras. Howard, and sold to [Gilbert] Crouch? It was 100*l.* a year, ⅔ being sequestered for her recusancy, but the annuity was forgotten when her estate was discharged, and now the tenants refuse to pay it, saying Mr. Crouch has nothing to do with it. [*G* 171, *p.* 169.] *Enclosing,*

I. *List of* 24 *bonds taken by the late County Committee for Cumberland for payment of rent of sequestered estates, and delivered to John Archer.* [*G* 171, *pp.* 171–174.]

II. *Like list of* 15 *bonds for co. Westmoreland.* [*G* 171, *pp.* 175–178.]

Aug. 14. Dichley. John Cary, County Commissioner for Oxford, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I will observe your directions in my accounts about profits of tithes and rectories, and payments for augmentations. You ask a list of bonds taken by the late county committee and myself, but there are only a few for performance of contracts of leases made this year. One was taken by our agent, Rob. Leicester, of John Harper of Noake, 26 Dec. 1653, in 240*l.*, to pay 120*l.* for an arrear of rent on the estate of Benedict Hall, sequestered only for recusancy, for which we ordered a distraint, finding nothing but delays.

With note of reply. Harper fined 20 marks, and an order to levy the money in arrear, and the fine. [*G* 165, *p.* 123.]

Aug. 14. Dichley. John Cary to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have done my best in getting in the rents, but have only just received them fully. I have 90*l.* in hand, but hearing of an ordinance for all moneys to be paid into the Exchequer, I wait directions. [*G* 165, *p.* 259.]

Aug. 15. Ipswich. Thos. Weeks to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You say that you waive my continuance as County Commissioner for Suffolk, not from any prejudice against me, but because you wish a single person to manage the business. Had I continued I should have been faithful, but I willingly submit. Whilst employed I received 500*l.*, and had begun to send out messengers to get in arrears, and soon should have raised large sums. I have paid 400*l.* by Major [Nehemiah] Bourne, Navy Commissioner, which is ready in London against my coming next week to pass my accounts. [*G* 145, *p.* 577.]

Aug. 16. White Lion, Nottingham. Gab. Odingsells, Commissioner for co. Notts, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On your order (missing) of 16 May 1654, made on the claim of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to Edwinstow Rectory, demised by the late Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to Sir Charles Dallison, I find that the rectory was sequestered for Sir Charles' delinquency, but discharged by the late county committee on 14 April 1648, because he never had any estate therein. [*G* 164, *p.* 209.] *Annexing,*

I. *Order of the county committee alluded to, discharging the rectory as leased to Sir Charles only as guardian of the late Thomas, son of Lawrence Stirrop, to whom Alice, wife of Wm. Brailsford, is sister and heir, and her husband no delinquent.* 14 *April* 1648. [*G* 164, *p.* 207.]

Aug. 18. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Lieut.-Col. Twisleton. We give you notice of the enclosed letter from the Army Committee, that you may prevent inconvenience by speedy satisfaction. [*G* 27, *p.* 110.] *Enclosing,*

34. *Army Committee to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. By Act of Parliament of* 19 *Oct.* 1653, *we have examined the account of Lieut.-Col.*

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George Twisleton, late Governor of Denbigh Castle, and find that in 1651, 700*l.* *was entrusted to him by the receiver-general for army assessments in the county, and by our order of* 3 *Jan. last, he was to pay it to Sir John Wollaston and the other* [*late*] *treasurers-at-war; but as he has not done so, we signify it to you, that you may sequester his estate.* 16 *Aug.* 1654. [1 *page; also G* 125, *p.* 599.]

Aug. 18. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Commissioner for Berks. The treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall certify that Wm. Barker, tenant to ⅔ of the estate of Sir Edw. Mansfield, recusant, is 250*l.* in arrear of his Ladyday rent. By the power given us by orders of 10 Feb. of the Protector and Council, we require you to levy the arrears and 40*l.* fine on his lands and chattels, and send a speedy account. [*G* 30, *p.* 15.]

Aug. 18. Northwich. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. I am in the 4th week of examining witnesses in several cases, and have sent messengers into every hundred of the county, and to the city, with letters to the late committee to give account of what you require.

I beg answers to several former letters, especially those of 14 and 31 July, concerning my security for moneys returned since Midsummer. [*G* 145, *p.* 569.]

Aug. 22. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Commissioner of Devon and Cornwall. Our auditors say that the accounts in your counties are not made up to 25 March, according to the Protector's order of 10 Feb., but there are large arrears. You are to summon all in arrear to pay in 7 days, and return a list of all defaulters, with particulars, that we may fine them as ordered. For collecting these fines, we will allow 4*d.* a mile, and 1*s.* in the pound for the first 100*l.*, and 4*d.* a mile, and 6*d.* in the pound for all sums above that. You are speedily to pay in the money, as State affairs require it.

P.S.—Say what augmentations are payable to ministers from sequestered estates in your jurisdiction. With note of like letters to the commissioners of counties Cumberland and Westmoreland, Durham, Glocester, Lancaster, Lincoln, Notts, Norfolk, Oxford, Stafford, Warwick, and Wilts. [*G* 31, *p.* 797.]

Aug. 22. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the commissioners of the other counties of England. Like letter, adding to the P.S. Send us an alphabetical list of sequestered persons in your county, and whether Papists or delinquents, and the value and situation of the estates. [*G* 31, *p.* 798.]

Aug. 24. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Wm.] Hanby and [Thos.] Weeks. John Base, our Commissioner for Suffolk, reports that you have not yet delivered up your books and records, whereby the service is much retarded. You must deliver them without delay, or we must compel you. [*G* 30, *p.* 435.]

Aug. 24. Stafford. County Commissioners for Stafford to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On your instructions to account for the profits of sequestered rectories, we have searched the books of the late committee, and cannot find any bonds by them returned to us. We have taken many bonds of those who were tenants to sequestered estates for one year, and returned them on payment of the rent; we send a list of such as remain in our hands.

With list of 14 bonds for payment of rents of sequestered estates. [*G* 168, *pp.* 559, 560.]

Aug. 25. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Capt. Mason. We have several times written you to deliver to Capt. Taylor, now our sole Commissioner for co. Hereford, all the books, records, and papers of the late committee in your custody. We once more request delivery, and in failure thereof, must put forth our power to enforce obedience. [*G* 30, *p.* 179.]

Aug. 26. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mr. Peck and Crachley. You are to take into your care all sequestrations, impropriate rectories, and tithes, and enjoy the same unless persons produce orders of augmentation, grounded upon orders of the Committee for Approving Public Preachers. [*G* 30, *p.* 344.]

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Aug. 26. Northampton. Peter Whalley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I will carefully obey your order of 21 July about impropriate rectories. Nothing has been paid by myself or the late committee without order. I send you abstracts of all bonds in the hands of the late county committee, and of such as I have taken on new contracts; I can get nothing from the late county committee for Rutland. In that county there is only one sequestered estate, that of James Digby, recusant, from which profits arise, and it is now allowed to Geo. Allen and others for payment of debts. Part was let by the late county committee to Mr. Digby at 60*l.* a year, and as to the rest, the tenants show copies of discharges from the late county committee, who hold the originals.

With note of reply 29 Sept. thanking him for his care. The commissioners will write to the late county committee for Rutland to deliver up rentals, leases, bonds, &c. The tenants are not to be freed unless they produce the originals of their discharges. [*G* 163, *p.* 513.] *Annexing,*

1. *Abstracts of 7 bonds taken from residents in co. Northampton for payment of rents due for sequestered estates leased to them,* 1653 *and* 1654. [*G* 163, *pp.* 515, 516; *also* 30, *p.* 281.]

Aug. 29. Northampton. Peter Whalley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I find only one arrear of 91*l.*, being on Lord Vaux's estate and since paid in, save on estates still depending before you. The last August rents have been paid in, or allowed according to your orders, except 269*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* from Lord Vaux's tenants, which I will pay, and return an account of the estates remaining sequestered, and what augmentations issue from them. [*G* 163, *p.* 519.]

Aug. 31. John Base, County Commissioner for Suffolk, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. To prevent damage to the State, I went last week to Cavenham to the 2 tenants, and found one had 364*l.* returned upon him. I should have seized his estate, but there were only 200*l.* worth of goods, so I gave him till 15 Sept. to see what he could raise; he will never be able to pay the fines nor his debt by 200*l.* unless he have great allowance for taxes, &c.

The other tenant says that Lady Skinner, whose estate he has, died 5 years since, and that it descended to Sir Edm. D'Ewes, therefore he detains the rent as not due to the State, though not discharged. I find you have appointed Mr. Bends steward of courts; he is a stranger to me, and lives 15 miles off, which will hinder the service. I wish it had been left to me as proposed, there being but 5 sequestered courts in the county, of which Mr. Alexander, an able man, has a life patent.

With notes of reply 8 Sept. Get in as much as you can from Cavenham, taking allowance for your pains and charges. Continue the sequestration of the other estate until Sir Edm. D'Ewes proves his claim before us. [*G* 145, *p.* 565; *also* 30, *p.* 436.]

Aug. ? Commissioners for Sequestrations to [John Base.] You say that several tenants have been returned as in arrears, who produce their acquittances; in these cases do not put them on proof of payment, but if it appears to you that they are still in arrear, levy the arrears, the acquittance notwithstanding. You shall soon have Hanby and Weeks' last account. [*G* 30, *p.* 435.]

Sept. 1. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Oxon. On yours of 31 July, [*see p.* 694 *supra*] we think recusants' estates, being let but for a year, are best let to themselves, who will be most careful to prevent spoil, and give the best rent rather than they should be let to strangers. We allow Mr. Hall, vicar of Bicester, the ½ year's arrear due to Michaelmas 1653, but cannot, even in so equitable a case, dispose of the State's money. As to payment of moneys [*see* 14 *Aug. p.* 696 *supra*] pay them into Goldsmiths' Hall, and the treasurers there will pay them into the Exchequer. [*G* 30, *p.* 358.]

Sept. 1. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Walter Giles. We appointed Wm. Collins sole commissioner for co. Worcester, but as he is now in Parliament, he requires assistance; we therefore choose you, as having experience in the business, to help him, and beg you to signify your acceptance of the office. [*G* 30, *p.* 476.]

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Sept. 1. County Commissioners for Kent to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. Bonds taken for payment of rents, &c. There is 40*l.* a year out of Rich. Spencer's estate allowed him on his composition, which should be paid to the minister, but has been several years in Spencer's hands, and the payment uncertain, as the ministers are often changed. We wish to receive and pay this money ourselves, as we do in other cases. [*G* 145, *p.* 575.]

Sept. 2. Streatham. Ben. Goodwin, County Commissioner for Surrey, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. In obedience to your order of 21 July, I certify that I know of no sequestered rectories here from which augmentations are granted to ministers, and I know of no bond for obedience thereto in the hands of the late county committee, except from John and Thos. Turner about their goods, which was sent up by order of the Committee for Compounding on 23 Oct. 1652. [*G* 145, *p.* 445.]

Sept. 2. Kendal. John Archer, County Commissioner for Westmoreland and Cumberland, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have as ordered summoned all the tenants and others in arrears, and will soon make returns, but there is not much due, as I have paid 1,170*l.* to the treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall since 25 March. There are no augmentations in these 2 counties, as the ministers have the rents and tithes. I cannot satisfy you as to bonds, for though most of the Papists appear on summons, they refuse to seal bonds.

With note of reply, that Archer is to certify, as to Cumberland impropriations, by what authority augmentations were given in kind, and that as to those Papists who will not give in bonds, when a sufficient distress cannot be had, the estates are to be let to others. [*G* 171, *p.* 165.]

Sept. 2. York. County Commissioners for York to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have told our agents to summon all tenants in arrear, and hope soon to execute your orders for bringing in all arrears of rent.

We left you last June the alphabetical list of Papists' and delinquents' estates desired. [*G* 172, *p.* 563.]

Sept. 2. White Lion, Nottingham. Gabriel Odingsells to John [Thos.?] Bayley. There was an order made, as I am told, that Wm. Whightman should join me as Commissioner for Sequestrations for Notts, that I might examine persons on oath. If there be such an order, send it me speedily, as I much need it to examine witnesses about Laneham Rectory, claimed by John Dalton. [*G* 144, *p.* 281.]

Sept. 5. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late Committee of co. Berks. [Chris.] Cheesman pressing for a further hearing in his defence to your charge against him, we give you notice that we shall hear it on Thursday, so that you may be present, and you should examine witnesses before our new Berkshire Commissioner touching his drunkenness and bribery. [*G* 27, *pp.* 116, 118.]

Sept. 5. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for York. In answer to your queries left with our registrar—

1. Clipped money not payable is to be made good by those that received it.

3. You doubt where to levy arrears of rent for an estate farmed by Lawrence Browne, he saying that he is tenant to the Papist, and the Papist that Browne was forced on him by the Commissioners. Call for arrears upon him who is in truth the State's tenant, and if he refuse, levy the sum, and send his name to us, that we may fine him for his neglect.

12. We have sent an order empowering you to take your agents' accounts.

13. You ask what order will be given in any new cases of sequestration. Inform us of the cases as they occur, and we will give directions. We will consider about the oath of abjuration. Directions in cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 490.]

Sept. 5. Sarum. Ben. Swayne, County Commissioner for Wilts, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have noted all arrears due to 25 March 1654, and ordered the parties to appear and pay in 7 days. If they fail, I will make return of them.

The augmentations now paid here are: From Tilshead Rectory, sequestered from Sir Ralph Hopton—

	£
To [Rob.] Sharpe, Minister of Tilshead	50
,, — Smith, ,, Beudly	50
,, Chris. Joel ,,	20

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Also an annuity of 80*l.* on Stapleford Rectory, sequestered from George Tattershall, jun., recusant and delinquent, is paid to Hum. Wall, minister there.

With note of reply 15 Sept. Enquire what augmentations are payable out of any sequestered rectories in your county, and if there be any surplus, take care that it is collected for the use of the Commonwealth. [*G* 171, *p.* 469; *also* 30, *p.* 466.]

Sept. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Edw.] Carter, [Jos.] Barbor, and [Thos.] Arnold, late County Commissioners for Bedford. Our auditors say that in your accounts of the profits of sequestered estates from Michaelmas 1653, you make the Commonwealth owe you 49*s.*, but they find you to owe 202*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.*, which you are forthwith to pay, or to appear in 10 days to satisfy us thereon. [*G* 30, *p.* 3.]

Sept. 8. Winchester. Thos. Muspratt, County Commissioner for Hants, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send you, as ordered, a list of all bonds taken for the use of the Commonwealth by the late county committee or myself; 3 of them are for Hen. Foyle of Abbott's Ann, and I have an order of 30 June 1654 for discharge of his sequestration. Are the arrears to be discharged?

There is a bond of Thos. Baker of the Firstfruits' Office, and other money due from him to the State, charged on him in the account of John Woodman, late sequestrator here, but as Baker refuses to pay, I have put the bond in suit. He also refuses, though often required, to give in his accounts as solicitor for sequestration for the estate of the late bishopric of Winchester. [*G* 167, *p.* 615.]

Annexing,

1. *List of* 11 *bonds taken by the late County Committee for Hants for payment of rents of sequestered estates.* [*G* 167, *pp.* 617, 619.]

Sept. 9. Kew. Charles, Lord Carr [or Kerr], to Mr. Bayley. I find from yours that Mr. Bellingham's agent [Mr. Gardner] has wrongfully complained of me to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for I was so zealous to keep my word with them that I immediately left town to find him, but could not meet with him, and was just sending my servant into Berkshire for him when he came to my house. I showed him Mr. Bellingham's letter, offered him 40*s.*, and gave him 10*s.* for being civil to the tenants, as he pretended he was. He took the 10*s.* on my private account, but refused the 40*s.*, looking on it as public wages, and said it was much too little, as the State allowed him 10*s.* a day, and he had been many days away and would be many more, and he had taken companions, who must also have 10*s.* a day. I told him I must be regulated by the Committee for Compounding before I paid him. Let them not receive false information from a greedy fellow. I will give what they think fit, but they would not wish me to pay the idle expenses of men who have been visiting their daughters and friends.

With note of reply, 12 Sept., that the 40*s.* offered and the 10*s.* given are sufficient payment to Mr. Gardner for charges in executing the order for distraining rent due from his lordship to the State, as tenant to Sir Edw. Mansfield's estate. [*G* 73, *p.* 217; *also* 27, *p.* 118.]

Sept. 10. Col. H. Danvers and Thos. Gent, County Commissioners for Stafford, to Mr. Bayley. The Commissioners for Sequestrations require a strict account of all moneys in arrear since 25 March last. There is but little except what is in the tenants' hands [Query what is in the tenants' hands, and the auditor to charge it], or what is detained for our poundage and salary, for which we desired allowance on passing our accounts.

The Commissioners seemed to stick about it; we therefore beg you to favour us, not doubting but on second thoughts they will think the allowance equitable, as the moneys were brought in through our care. We constrained many to compound by our vigilance in setting their estates, which they had enjoyed at ½ the value, yet we lose in our annual salary, and it would be hard to suffer by increasing the revenue. [It is not allowed to be charged, but we will allow 1*s.* in the pound for all moneys brought in on composition out of estates managed by them, and for the moneys brought in by their care.]

We beg you will seek and lay before them precedents in the case. If we have not this allowance we shall be great losers, though we have improved the

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estates to double value, which many have failed to do. The bracketed passages are marginal notes of reply. [*G* 145, *p.* 563.] *Annexing,*

1. *Note by Col. H. Danvers of sums paid in during their time by* 10 *compounders named, total,* 7,394*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*, *for which they request the poundage of* 365*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* *Asks appointment of a time to speak with Bayley thereon.* [*G* 145, *p.* 561.]

Sept. 13. Worcester. Walter Giles to Capt. Wm. Collins, Charing Cross. I have received a commission from the Commissioners for Sequestrations to act with you as commissioner for this county, and I will serve to my uttermost; but as the ordinance does not empower a single person to give an oath, pray request that Rich. Moore may assist us therein, and have a clerk's allowance; otherwise he is unwilling to meddle.

There are many depositions against delinquents lying in the office, which should be sent up before they come to trial, and many causes not yet certified. Mr. Blount of Sillington is dead, so I did not send the summons to his house. [*G* 87, *p.* 287.]

Sept. 15. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that the registrar draw up and present on Friday a list of those whose cases have been drawn up for Parliament's decision, as Sir Hammond L'Estrange and others, that proceedings may be had thereon, whereof the parties concerned are to take notice. [*G* 13, *p.* 52.]

Sept. 15. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Commissioners for Stafford. You write that you have made up your accounts and have little in arrear except what is in the tenants' hands, and your own poundage. This we shall allow you for all estates managed by you, or brought in by your care, but not for moneys paid in for estates discovered by the delinquents themselves, and not managed through you. [*G* 27, *p.* 129.]

Sept. 15. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester. As to the augmentations named in the P.S. to yours of 31 July, saying that all the ministers in your county, except Mr. Burghall, have orders of approbation, we hope you have ours of 20 July, ordering all orders for augmentations to be produced to our auditor, or he will charge them on your accounts. In ours of 21 June, we told you to file up all orders and letters carefully. We give orders in course for allowance of orders brought to us from the Committee for Approbation of Public Preachers. [*G* 30, *p.* 97.]

Sept. 15. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Commissioners for Durham. We thank you for your care in passing your accounts. Tell us what money you have in hand, and we will take order for its return. The power of the late Commissioners for Propagating the Gospel being determined, the augmentations in tithes granted by them to the ministers of Darlington and Durham are to return to the State till others are authorized to receive them, according to the ordinance of the Protector and Council of 29 August last, whereby, in case of the death or resignation of a person ejected or sequestered, the Commissioners for Approbation of Preachers are authorized to grant nominations within a limited time, in default of which, the presentation for that time devolves on the Protector. Give us a speedy account of your proceedings herein. We shall compensate you for your trouble in the management of rectories, and doubt not of your care. [*G* 30, *p.* 67.]

Sept. 15. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Commissioner for Norfolk. In answer to yours of 4 Sept., you are to pay the money into the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasury till further order from us.

Noted, money sent 21 Sept. [*G* 30, *p.* 296.]

Sept. 15. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Geo. Fenwick, Commissioner for Northumberland]. As to the rectories disposed of by the late Committee for the Propagation of the Gospel, their power is ended, and all grants settled by them must return to the State, and be received by you till other ministers are appointed to receive them, according to the ordinance of 29 Aug. last, requiring their allowance in writing by the Committee for Approbation of Public

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Preachers, when they are to be admitted to their benefices or lectures, without further presentation, by an instrument in writing, as in other cases of presentation. In default of appointment within the time limited, the presentation for that time devolves on the Protector.

Return a speedy account of your proceedings in such cases; and for your management of rectories, we will allow you the compensation named in our letter of 21 July last. You say the ministers and schoolmasters refuse to produce their grants from the late Committee for the Propagation of the Gospel. You are to compel them, that they may be produced to our auditor as vouchers. See that ministers do not enjoy their augmentations in kind, unless they lease the tithes from you and answer for the overplus, as you are to account with the auditor for the profits, without deducting 1*s.* in the pound for collecting the rents. [*G* 30, *p.* 310.]

Sept. 15. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Archer, County Commissioner for Westmoreland and Cumberland. You say there are no augmentations from estates under your management, but the ministers enjoy the tithes as settled on themselves. By what authority were augmentations granted in kind? Where Papists have taken ⅔ of their estates from the Commonwealth, and will not give bond for payment of rent, if a sufficient distress cannot be had, you are to let the estates to others at the highest rates you can get. [*G* 30, *p.* 464.]

Sept. 16. Blandford. James Dewy, County Sequestrator for Dorset, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I did attend you according to the ordinance to perfect my accounts, and waited 3 weeks, when the auditor said it could not be done for a month longer. Mr. Winslow then ordered me to return, and I should be sent for to the audit. There are little arrears of Ladyday rent. I will wait on you 3 weeks after Michaelmas with my accounts. I gave Mr. Browne, your auditor, an alphabetical list of sequestered persons at Ladyday. [*G* 152, *p.* 585.]

Sept. 18. **34.** List of recusants' estates sequestered in co. Cambridge, with their valuation, viz.:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Edw. Archloe, of Tadlow	23	0	0
[George] Bentley, Shudy Camps	69	12	4
John Cooke, Miltou	27	0	0
[Bridget] Fryer, Harlton	41	6	8
Hen. Finnimore, March	6	0	0
Marg. Harris, widow, Milton	28	0	0
Sir Fras. Mannock, Eltisley	13	6	8
Charles Parris, Linton, Hildersham, and Duxford	311	8	0
John Peters, Meldrith and Shepreth	59	1	2
Millicent Pratt, Whittlesey	13	6	8
[John] Seale, out of Sir Ant. Cage's estate at Burroughgreen	9	0	0

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Sept 19. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, in the case of Mary, widow of Rob. Sankey, referred to them by order of Protector and Council of 2 Sept., that she apply to the late commissioners for county Stafford, under whom her husband served as solicitor, to search their books, and certify whose estates were sequestered by him, and what was paid him; and whether any other agent was employed, and what was his allowance. [*G* 27, *p.* 126.]

Sept. 22. Commissioners for Sequestration to Thos. Baker. The Protector in Council has referred it to us to take the accounts of Mary, widow of Rob. Sankey, from his last account for public revenue and tenths in county Stafford. Send us a copy of your charges on his account for the tenths in the county. [*G* 27, *p.* 126.]

Sept. 22. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Thos.] Falconberg. To like effect. [*G* 27, *p.* 126.]

Sept 21. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Salop. Your commission having expired, you are to deliver to Jos. Prowde, whom we have chosen commissioner, all the sequestration books and papers in your custody. [*G* 30, *p.* 384.]

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Sept. 22. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Jos. Prowde of Shrewsbury. There has been great neglect in the management of sequestration affairs in county Salop, for want of some person to prosecute. Trusting in your fidelity, we appoint you sub-commissioner to act on the ordinance of 10 Feb. and our instructions; demand the books and records of the late committee, and in case of refusal, give them our letter. Levy all rents, arrears, and profits due since Ladyday last; return the money into the Goldsmiths' Hall treasury, and send speedy accounts. [*G* 30, *p.* 384.]

Sept. 22. Salop. Jos. Prowde, County Commissioner for Salop, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Thanks for your appointing me sole commissioner, I will use all diligence. The late commissioners are both absent, and their agents also, but I will try to get the books and proceed, and will give you a faithful account. [*G* 166, *p.* 161. *The date given to this letter is a mistake, it should probably be 1st October.*]

Sept. 22. Preston. County Commissioners for Lancaster to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. By yours of 16 May 1654, you require us to certify what we find touching the sequestration of certain rectories and tithes claimed by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, and why they should not enjoy them, with arrears since 6 Jan. 1650. By the enclosed, you will see what is claimed by Mr. Farmer, receiver-general for the trustees, what has been received and paid by the commissioners here, and when the tithes, &c., were discharged from sequestration. [*G* 160, *p.* 97.] *Enclosing,*

I. *Account alluded to from* 1650 *to* 1653. [*G* 160, *pp.* 94, 95.]

Sept. 26. Petition of John Davies, of Newtown, co. Montgomery, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for payment of arrears of his salary, amounting to 11*l.* 16*s.*, as master of the Free School at Newtown, to which he was recommended by the Commissioners for the Propagation of the Gospel; the agent for the county detains the amount, alleging that the Act is out of date. [*G* 79, *p.* 675.]

Sept. 26. Reference thereon to the county committee. [*G* 27, *p.* 123.]

Sept. 26. Petition of John Maidstone, Abraham Barrington, and John Mann, late Commissioners for Essex, to the Protector. Complain that the Commissioners for Sequestrations at Haberdashers' Hall demur to passing some articles of their account, alleging that though their reasons seem just, yet in regard to the lapse of time, and some clauses in alteration of their authority, their power is deficient, and they cannot give relief except His Highness grant his order to them to do as to them shall seem just, &c. With reference thereon to the Commissioners for Sequestrations to pass their account; or if they find just cause to except against any portions, they are to certify. [*G* 27, *p.* 338.] *Annexing,*

I. *Order by the Commissioners for Sequestrations,* 12 *Jan.* 1655, *to Reading, to certify exceptions.* [*G* 27, *p.* 250.]

II. *John Reading's certificate thereon,* 1 *March* 1655. [*G* 27, *p.* 338.]

Sept. 26. John Peck and Thos. Crachley, Commissioners for North Wales to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have been in co. Montgomery and cleared it of the payment of the general compositions, and enclose Mr. Walley's acquittances. We have also made several journeys about the arrears due in co. Flint, but cannot discover them for want of accounts from the old county commissioners; if you will send us an order, we will summon all the collectors and receivers that we think liable for them, examine them upon oath, and impose a fine upon such of them as refuse to account. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; also G* 165, *p.* 31.]

Sept. 26. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Rich. Moore. We find it needful, on account of Wm. Collins' great employment in Parliament, to add a person to Walter Giles for examination of witnesses. We therefore request you to assist him therein. [*G* 30, *p.* 476.]

Sept. 26. **35**. Petition of Col. Geo. Twisleton, Governor of Denbigh Castle, to the Protector. There is a difference between me and the Army Committee about my accounts; they bring me in debtor 700*l.*, whereas the State owes me 1,300*l.*, besides my demands as governor. They ordered me to pay in the 700*l.*, and

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in default, certified the Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners, who have sequestered my estate, not allowing my disbursements, though judging my case equitable. I beg an order to them to allow my disbursements, debts, and demands, and to pay what is due to me above the 700*l.* Also an order to them to suspend proceedings against me. With reference thereon to the Army Committee, to examine the garrison accounts, report on the allowances and disbursements, and meanwhile stay prosecution for the assessment money received by him. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

35. 1. *Accounts of Col. Twisleton for allowances and disbursements for the garrison till its disbanding,* 30 *Oct.* 1651 *; also for his pay as governor, at* 4*s. a day, from* 15 *Jan.* 1648 *to* 2 *July* 1649, *which the Army Committee refuses to allow, as well as any pay since the disbanding. Total of the account,* 1,471*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 27. **36.** Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations for stay of proceedings, in Twisleton's case, on the Protector's order referring the case to the Army Committee. [*See* 15 *Jan.* 1655 ; *also G* 27, *p.* 125.]

[Sept. 28.] Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations in Cheesman's case, that it be not heard at present, but considered when Cheesman is better prepared, and that the commissioners will not trouble the Berkshire Commissioners further in the business. [*G* 74, *p.* 262.]

Sept. 29. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mr. Pickering, Commissioner for co. Cambridge. We do not find in our records any such composition for arrears as you name, made by John Russell and others. Tell us what they are, and when and where compounded for. Now that your public employment as Mayor of Cambridge is over, we expect the perfecting of your accounts. [*G* 30, *p.* 81.]

Sept. 29. Duffield. **37.** Thos. Newton [Commissioner for co. Derby], to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 22 Aug. I send an alphabetical list of contracts for estates of Papists and delinquents, as let for one year from 25 March last, which was done according to your order, posting them up in several places, and taking offers in writing by box. Also what augmentations have come to my hands; but divers ministers say their orders are left with friends in London. Also a note given me by the late commissioners of arrears due, and how they have been paid. I will wait on you myself this month to clear any scruple. I send Thos. Cooke's depositions, which I could not do before, as he has been "forth of our parts." [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

37. 1. *Note of the letting of* 5 *estates and discharge of two; of* 3 *ministers who ask augmentations ; of arrears due by the late commissioners,* 355*l.* 1*s.*, *and of the payment of* 335*l. thereof.* [3 *pages.*]

Sept. **38.** Discharges upon the Act of Sale, being a tabular list of 64 purchases of delinquents' lands, giving the names of purchasers, the lands, county, name of the delinquent, and date of purchase, from July to Sept. 1654. With references to the pages in Vol. *G* 18 (*formerly marked Sa., pp.* 960–982), where the discharges are entered. [4 *large sheets, damaged.*]

Oct 3. Petition of Dan. Lloyd, of Wrexham, co. Denbigh, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Being treasurer of the county commissioners in these parts, I returned great sums by bills of exchange to And. Edwards, goldsmith of London, to be paid in by him, and 50*l.* to John Merrick, attorney of Common Pleas, who gave me a bill of exchange, which was not accepted. I am therefore unable to pay in my arrears to the present commissioners, and beg that Merrick may be compelled to immediate payment. [*G* 98, *p.* 109.]

Oct. 3. Order thereon that Merrick pay the 50*l.* in 10 days, or appear and show cause why it should not be levied on his estate. [*G* 27, *p.* 128.]

Oct. 3. Northwich. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Thanks for answers to my letters. As to yours of 21 July about rectories and augmentations, I certified you that there was no part of any rectory under sequestration save what was allowed Mr. Burghall, minister at Aston, from Wrenbury tithes, all others being discharged by the

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Committee for Plundered Ministers, your predecessors, or yourselves. I told you that Burghall and all others who had augmentations had been to London to be tried, and as he has got the order of the Committee for Approbation of Ministers, I have told him to procure your order for his allowance. I have nothing to do with any other augmentations, neither receiving nor paying them, as they were long since discharged. I therefore cannot account for them. If you mean me to re-sequester them unless the ministers produce your order of allowance, it will be difficult work, as they are dangerous people to meddle with. They have got their profits, which cannot possibly be got out of their hands. If I have to act on them by compulsion, I shall have their clamour, and the odium of all their friends and adherents.

With shorthand notes of reply. You are to take the charge of sequestered rectories, and give account thereof, paying the augmentations and taking the ministers' receipts; where the rectory exceeds the augmentation, you are to receive the over-plus, giving the minister an acquittance, and each augmentationer may be tenant to the State. For your so managing, you are to have 1*s.* in the pound, and thus give account of all sequestered estates, all being under your management. Persons who have not produced our order of allowance are to have only their just due, but most persons have these orders entered with our auditors. You are not to re-sequester rectories or cease the augmentations. [*G* 145, *p.* 571; *also* 30, *p.* 97.]

Oct. 6. Order in the Committee for Sequestrations, on request of Edw. Jennings, Thos. Bateman, and John Rusden, late county committee for Berks in 1650 and 1651, that 28*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*, balance in their hands on 29 Sept. 1651, be allowed them for incident charges, and for several journeys to London in passing their accounts. [*G* 30, *pp.* 15, 16.]

Oct. 6. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the London Commissioners. You are to forbear any further payment into our treasury for goods lately sold as the Duke of Buckingham's, we hearing that the Protector lays claim to them. [*G* 27, *p.* 128.]

Oct. 6. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Jos. Prowd, Commissioner for co. Salop. Much injury may arise by your not having the books and records, there being 12 months' rents, besides arrears, to gather in. We have therefore ordered our auditor to send you a list of the arrears due at Michaelmas 1653, and a rental of what is let in your county. Get the records themselves, but let this be your order to receive what has become due since Michaelmas 1653. [*G* 30, *p.* 384.]

Oct. 7. T. Bayly to Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for Chester. My masters are sensible of your care, and have answered you about augmentations, &c. Particulars of cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 97.]

Oct. 9. Ditchley. John Cary, County Commissioner for Oxon, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I am anxious in setting estates to improve the rents of those which on survey I found under-let. I have made improvements in the following ⅔ of estates.

	Late Rent. £		Present Rent. £
Lady [Eliz.] Lenthall -	70	-	130
Sir John Yate - -	130	-	180
[Wm.] Reynolds - -	31	-	40
[Fras.] Hildesley -	24	-	25
George Napper - -	31	-	40
George Greenwood -	80	-	86

I have treated for others but cannot agree; 2 belong to colleges, and will not let unless I will allow the rents payable to the colleges, the tenants fearing trouble. [*G* 165, *p.* 265.]

Oct. 10. Thos. Evans, County Commissioner for co. Monmouth to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have let on good security as many rectories as were not disposed of by the Propagation of the Gospel Committee, or had no other obstruction; but there is a general complaint that the parishioners are back-

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ward to pay the tithes to the engagers. Strict orders should be sent down, or the engagers will be much prejudiced; they are calling on me daily for redress.

With note of reply, 20 Oct., that means will be taken to compel any parishioners refusing to pay tithes. [*G* 145, *p.* 449; *also* 30, *p.* 271.]

Oct. 10. Salop. Jos. Prowd, County Commissioner for Salop, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The rent rolls you have sent me enable me to receive what is due in this county, and you shall have my accounts speedily. I will persist in seeking the books and papers of the late county committee, but cannot promise to obtain them. [*G* 166, *p.* 168.]

Oct. 13. Request of Thos. Fowle, solicitor to the Commissioners for Compounding and Committee for Advance of Money, from Michaelmas 1650 to 1654, for allowance of more than 50*l.* spent by him for searches and copies of orders with the clerk of Parliament, in the Pipe Office, the Rolls, Remembrancer, Enrolment, Prerogative and other offices, in boat hire and other travelling charges; also in digesting and transcribing for press lists of recusants, and many other incident charges. With order for payment to him of 50*l.* in full of the above. [*G* 27, *p.* 134.]

Oct. 17. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Oxon. We confirm the contracts named in yours of 9 Oct. [*see p.* 708 *supra.*] Touching college rents, they are not to be paid till the masters and wardens prosecute their claim before us, and the tenants are not to trouble themselves therein. Directions in cases. [*G* 30, *p.* 358.]

Oct. 17. Winchester. Thos. Muspratt, County Commissioner for Hants, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Am I concerned in the ordinance for all receivers of public money to pay it into the Exchequer? Send me directions, as I shall soon be in London with the money.

With note of reply, 27 Oct., to pay it into Goldsmiths' Hall. [*G* 167, *p.* 605.]

Oct. 20. Order in the Committee for Sequestrations that the County Committee for Kent levy on the estate of Alex. Roberts, late treasurer there, about 1,000*l.* arrears of sequestration money, which he has neglected to pay in, and also a fine of 100*l.* for his neglect. [*G* 30, *p.* 193.]

Oct. 20. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the commissioners of 36 counties in England, and those of North and South Wales. You have failed in your answer to the particulars mentioned in ours of 22 Aug. Considering the state of our business, it is necessary that we have, by the very next return, an exact account of

The names of sequestered persons and cause of sequestration.
Particulars of their lands and estates, and of the letting of them.
The rental, and any augmentations or reprizes granted therefrom.
The names of persons in arrear and the amounts.
We send you a method on which to prepare your return.

P.S. to Leicester and 8 other counties.—Since writing the above, we have received your answer to ours of 22 Aug., but desire you to return it exactly according to our method. [*G* 31, *p.* 799.]

Oct. 21. Westminster. Hum. Mackworth, sen. and jun., P. Yonge, B. Corbett, John Aston, Thos. Mytton, and Rich. Smith, all M.Ps for co. Salop, to [the Commissioners for Sequestrations]. We commend to you John Buttery of Shrewsbury as a subcommissioner for the county, knowing him to be so faithful and trustworthy that no exception can be taken against him. [*G* 173, *p.* 415.]

Oct. 24. Hereford. Silas Taylor to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I cannot send an answer as speedy and exact as I wish to yours of 20 Oct., for want of most of the papers of the late county committee, which Capt. Mason peremptorily denies to give me upon your orders, saying he will deliver them to the Council of State. Notes of cases. [*G* 145, *p.* 425.]

Oct. 25. Salop. Jos. Prowd to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I cannot reply to yours, because I have been unable to get the books and papers of the old committee. Col. Crowne says he will not refuse them, but he and his fellow-commissioners must first take a list of them. I could therefore only act on the list sent me by your auditor. The late agents have long since received the Lady-day rents and arrears, and there is much money in several men's hands, received and not accounted for. One promises to pay if I will not discredit them.

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If I could have the accounts I should find much fraud. To avoid the test, they have got some Parliament men to recommend for this place one Buttery, who will serve their turn. What course am I to take to obtain the records, that I may make the returns required? Many of those in your list are discharged; the only delinquent in the county undischarged is Lord Craven, and his estate unsold is chiefly in tithes assigned to ministers, who are earnest for their money, but I cannot get particulars from the agents. The rest of what is here is Papists' estates. [*G* 173, *p.* 417.]

Oct. 26. Offer by Thos. Hunt of Shrewsbury and Ben. Prowd, draper of London, to be security to the Commissioners for Sequestrations for Jos. Prowd's accounting for moneys to be received by him in co. Salop. If they are refused, others shall be tendered who will be approved. [*G* 173, *p.* 413.]

Oct. 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mr. Cater, Barbor, and Arnold, late County Committee for Bedford. We have received no answer to ours [*see p.* 700 *supra*] requiring you to pay in 200*l.*, and we find that in your accounts you do not enter the Michaelmas rents of 1653. We beg you not to delay payment, or we shall have the very unpleasant work of enforcing it. [*G* 30, *p.* 3.]

Oct. 31. Petition of Thos. Williams, Llanllwchaiarn, co. Montgomery, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Was recommended by the Committee for Propagating the Gospel in Wales to keep a free school in Newtown, and had an order signed by 12 of them for his salary, but he is in arrears 27*l.* 10*s.* detained by Edw. Vaughan, the agent, for lack of an order to pay it, the Act for Propagating the Gospel being out of date. Begs payment, having a wife and 4 small children. [*G* 131, *p.* 526.]

Oct. 31. Order thereon, granting him all arrears due from 24 Dec. 1649 to the expiration of the said Act. [*G* 27, *p.* 148.]

Nov. 2. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Wm. Wightman. Having appointed Gabriel Odingsells sole sequestrator for co. Notts, we request you to join him in the examination of witnesses, for which we give you full power. [*G* 30, *p.* 327.]

Nov. 3. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that the late County Committee for Norfolk be allowed 1*s.* in the pound on 458*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* paid as augmentations to ministers, provided enough has been received out of the impropriations to pay it. Also 1*s.* in the pound for 2,107*l.* 5*s.* 5½*d.*, paid by order of the late and present Committees for Compounding, &c.; also 100*l.* instead of 248*l.* 8*s.* requested for incident charges, and 40*l.* for a doorkeeper during the 4 years of their employment, ending 29 Sept. 1653. [*G* 30, *p.* 296.]

Nov. 3. Warrington. **39.** County Commissioners for Lancaster to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have, as you required us, seized the estate of James Hardman, late agent for Lonsdale Hundred, for 720*l.* arrears on his account, and taken his security for it, but beg directions as to its disposal. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

1. *Inventory of the estate of James Hardman of Lancaster.* 13 *July* 1654. [2⅔ *pages.*]

Nov. 10. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that on 20 Nov. they will confirm all fines not already confirmed; all parties concerned to show cause before then why their fines should not be confirmed, or prepare to pay in the residue within 6 weeks after. [*G* 13, *p.* 52.]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Derby. You are with all speed to perfect your accounts for the ½ year ended 29 Sept. 1653, which upon view, we find to be very imperfect. [*G* 30, *p.* 31.]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Serle and Rich. Clapp, late Commissioners for co. Devon. Your accounts delivered in are very imperfect, and several queries not answered. You have 1,000*l.* in hand, which you are forthwith to pay in. [*G* 30, *p.* 41.]

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Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to James Pearse. You are to make up your accounts, and pay in moneys received as commissioner for cos. Devon and Cornwall, and send our letters to the late commissioners. [*G* 30, *p.* 41.]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Commissioners for Cornwall. Your accounts were very imperfect and without vouchers, and you have not perfected them as ordered. You are therefore to come up forthwith and perfect them, to avoid further trouble. [*G* 30, *p.* 114.]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to James Dewy, co. Dorset. Thanks for your speedy return of arrears, as ordered 20 Oct. last. You are to levy those you now return, with ¼ of the arrears as a fine, according to the ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654; but as the widow of Chris. Weare is an executrix, we give her a month to pay in her arrears, in default of which they are to be levied. Your accounts are backward. You are to perfect them speedily, or we must use the power given us. [*G* 30, *p.* 49.]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Commissioners for Durham. Your accounts are very imperfect. We desire them to be perfected forthwith, and the money due to the State speedily paid in. [*G* 30, *p.* 67.]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Essex. You have produced no vouchers to your accounts, so that we cannot tell what money you have in hand. Also they are very imperfect; you name 110*l.* unpaid, but there must be more. Pray perfect the accounts and pay in what is due without giving further trouble. [*G* 30, *p.* 142.]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Gloucester. Your accounts are imperfect and no vouchers, so that it appears not what money remains in your hands. You are to come up and perfect them, and produce your vouchers, that the money due may be speedily paid. [*G* 30, *p.* 156.]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mr. Rich. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers want us to send them the conveyances and other evidences about settling appropriations, tithes, &c., on compositions. Bring us the key of the press where they are, with all those in your custody, that we may satisfy the trustees. [*G* 27, *p.* 159.]

Nov. 11. Kendal. John Archer, County Commissioner for Westmoreland and Cumberland, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send particulars of the estates in Westmoreland as near the model I received last week as I can. I have had no account from the Cumberland Committee why any delinquent was sequestered, nor of the rents and reprizes on the estates, but only notes of the estates under sequestration and the arrears due therefrom. [*G* 171, *p.* 167.]

[Nov. 14.] Petition of Capt. Phil. Thorpe to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Being agent to the Commissioners for co. Lincoln, was aspersed a year ago by Mr. Disney, treasurer, who surcharged his accounts, but has examined no witnesses, and obstructed the bringing the case to a final hearing, thus withholding the money which he untruly pretends to be in petitioner's hands, and has put him to 50*l.* charges in 5 or 6 journeys to London, and detains 15*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.* due to him for service. Having fully answered all the pretended surcharge, begs speedy conclusion to the business, and payment of the remainder of his salary, with costs and charges. [*G* 122, *p.* 127.]

Nov. 14. Order thereon that Mr. Disney have a copy of the petition, and attend on Friday for hearing of the case. [*G* 27, *p.* 161.]

Nov. 14. Petition of Capt. Thos. Garrett, one of the County Committee for Norfolk, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for allowance of 1*s.* in the pound on 2,281*l.* 18*s.* paid into the Treasury from his discovery in 1650 of the estate of Jer. Beck, and 220*l.* 16*s.* from that of Hamond Lestrange, delinquents. [*G* 88, *pp.* 880, 883.]

Nov. 14. Order thereon that the auditor state the matter of fact, when further order will be given. [*G* 27, *p.* 159; 88, *p.* 881.] *Annexing,*

1. *Auditor's certificate, 17 Nov., verifying the statement of receipts from the estates, but on* 318*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, *Garrett has already received his poundage.* [*G* 88, *p.* 878.]

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Nov. 15. Account of arrears returned by John Cary, Commissioner for Oxon, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, as due to the State, viz., from

	£	s.	d.
John Mountford - - - - -	40	0	0
Benedict Hall - - - - -	120	0	0
Nich. Clarke, of Ascot - - - -	77	0	8
,, ,, fine, for not paying in the arrears of his accounts - - - -	5	0	0

With note, 9 Feb. 1655, that they are severally to be fined ⅓ of the arrears, and that Cary is to levy the arrears with the fines. [*G* 108, *p.* 399; *also* 30, *p.* 359.]

Nov. 16. Petition of David Evans of New Radnor to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for an order for payment of his salary. Was recommended by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Wales to keep a free school in New Radnor, and had an order for his salary, but is 20*l.* in arrear, and the County Commissioners will not pay him without order, because the Act for Propagation is out of date. Begs payment. [*G* 84, *p.* 491.]

Nov. 16. Order thereon granting the payment, if there be 20*l.* of arrears received before the expiration of the Act. [*G* 27, *p.* 165.]

Nov. 17. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on request of Capt. Thos. Garrett, who has appeared to make up the sequestration accounts of Norfolk for several years past,—that 1*s.* in the pound be allowed him on the 2,281*l.* 18*s.* received from the estate of Jeremy Beck. [*G* 27, *p.* 163.]

Nov. 17. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. Directions in cases. We have perused the cases you report to us which you have discharged as under 40*s.* a year, and require particulars as to some, as Step. Cornow, who claims a cottage in Tarnacre, sequestered from James Parkinson. George Fanshaw claims a house, &c., leased by Thos. Singleton to Ann Taylor, who died 4 years since. If this be the Singleton who is in the third Act for Sale, we have no power to discharge the estate till the claim is allowed by the Committee for Removing Obstructions, though we can grant arrears due before the Act, but it vests the estates in the trustees, though we manage them till they are sold. You do not give their value, but only what they are let at; the value may be much more.

Our intention was to free poor persons from charge and trouble in making out their claims before us, and not to discharge large estates by parcels; therefore we disapprove your proceedings, and must be satisfied in every particular. Be careful of discharging estates which ought to continue under sequestration. [*G* 30, *p.* 217.]

Nov. 21. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, approving the accounts of the late Committee for co. Bedford, and discharging them from further attendance. [*G* 27, *p.* 167.]

Order that 58*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, charged by the late County Committee for Bedford for incident charges for 4 years ending Sept. 1653, beside their allowance of 1*s.* in the pound, be allowed on their accounts. [*G* 30, *p.* 3.]

Nov. 21. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Hen. Darley. You tell our Yorkshire Commissioners that you had sent up to London by a friend about payment of the money due for goods of Lord Savile, but we have not seen your friend. We give you notice that if the money be not paid in 21 days, we have given order for it to be levied on your estate, which we hope you will prevent. [*G* 27, *p.* 166.]

Nov. 23. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Ward, co. Monmouth. We appoint you our Commissioner for the county, to act under the directions of the Protector of 10 Feb, 1654, with allowance of 12*d.* in the pound on moneys brought in, you bearing all charges. You are to receive and return to us the papers, leases, &c., of the late committee, and send an account of your proceedings. [*G* 30, *p.* 272.]

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Nov. 23. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Mrs. [Judith] Evans, widow of [Thos.] Evans, late Treasurer for Sequestrations, county Monmouth. We are tender of giving you the least disquiet, having lost your husband, but we must require you forthwith to pay in 1,806*l.* 2*s.* which he had in hand on 29 Sept. 1653, the date of his last account, and also to give in accounts of his receipts since he acted as sole commissioner, of arrears due, and allowances made by him, producing vouchers, &c. [*G* 30, *p.* 272.]

Nov. 24. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, allowing the account of Capt. Thos. Garrett for himself and the late Commissioners for Norfolk and Norwich, and discharging them from further attendance. [*G* 27, *p.* 173.]

Nov. 24. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Capt. Taylor, Commissioner for co. Hereford. Your last returns are somewhat after the method sent, but fail to specify the rent-charges and annuities on several estates. These we beg you to supply.

You say you cannot get in the arrears for want of books and papers detained from you, and do not say by whom. We thought Mr. Hancock had delivered you all brought by Capt. Mason to Haberdashers' Hall. His account has been ready 3 months, and you might have surcharged it. We now enclose it to you.

Our auditor says that your accounts are not perfected as joint-commissioner with Mason, nor have you given in accounts, or paid any money as sole commissioner, and that you have 219*l.* 5*s.* in hand. We beg you to perfect the account and pay in arrears, or we must put forth our powers to enforce you. [*G* 30, *p.* 179.]

Nov. 24. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Commissioners for co. Lancaster. In answer to yours of 3 Nov. about seizure of the estate of Jas. Hardman, late sequestration agent for Lonsdale Hundred, we direct you to sell the goods towards his arrears of 720*l.*, unless he bring you our discharge on payment within 28 days. [*G* 27, *p.* 174.]

Nov. 24. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Commissioners for counties Montgomery, Denbigh, and Flint, North Wales. It is ordered that Dan. Lloyd, late Commissioner for Sequestrations, co. Montgomery, and Ben. Rodenhurst, their clerk, deliver full accounts to the present commissioners of persons and estates sequestered before the Act for Propagation of the Gospel in Wales, with all arrears, receipts from rectories, &c., and counterparts of leases, and that Lloyd pay all arrears into the Treasury, and you are to require speedy conformity. [*G* 30, *p.* 344.]

Nov. 24. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the same. We have given you our order to Dan. Lloyd and Ben. Rodenhurst, and empower you to summon all persons in arrears for general composition moneys received in county Flint, examine them on oath, and levy and pay in the money. You are not to pay augmentations except to ministers who bring in our allowance, given in course upon their orders of approbation. You are not to allow the $\frac{1}{5}$ to sequestered ministers' wives and children without our order, we having only power to continue fifths formerly granted, not to allow them. [*G* 30, *p.* 344.]

Nov. 24. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Jos. Prowd, Commissioner for co. Salop. Directions in cases. As to the indirect proceedings of the late county committee, we have directed our auditor to peruse your letter, and give you what light he can from the accounts in his custody. [*G* 30, *p.* 385.]

Nov. 24. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Base, County Commissioner for Suffolk. We have ordered our auditor to send you a true copy of [Wm.] Hanby's account. Receive the arrears in the tenants' hands, and return them speedily. [*G* 30, *p.* 436.]

Nov. 24. Certificate by Aud. Thos. Browne, that Capt. Thos. Garrett, one of the late County Commissioners for Norfolk, has exhibited his accounts of the profits of sequestered estates for 4 years ending 29 Sept. 1653, total, 29,185*l.* 1*s.* 3½*d.*; of which he has received 19,340*l.* 18*s.* 4½*d.*, besides 7,035*l.* 7*s.* deducted for taxes, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, repairs, &c., and 2,809*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.* is in arrear; he has paid 14,934*l.* 2*s.* 10½*d.* at Goldsmiths' Hall, and 4,406*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* in augmentations to ministers, salaries, and other charges, and this account is correct. [*G* 88, *p.* 875.]

Nov. 25. **40.** Receipt by Thos. Knightley of 11*s.* fees on certificates entered since 11 Nov. 1654, in composition cases. [1 *page.*]

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Nov. 29. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that Dawbeny Williams be their solicitor, with the same salary as Mr. Fowle, who has left his place. [*G* 27, *p.* 181.]

Nov. 29. Abstracts of numerous bonds delivered up [by the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers] to the Treasury Commissioners, being security for payments of fines, allowance of rents, and performance of other orders of the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 82, *pp.* 713–756.]

Nov. 29. Abstracts of 11 later bonds delivered to the auditor by Mr. Bayly, registrar, according to the directions of the commissioners for managing estates under sequestration. [*G* 82, *pp.* 757–759.]

Nov. 30. Order of the Committee for Removing Obstructions that—as they are empowered to sequester for non-payment of the purchase money due for Crown lands, Bishops, Deans, and Chapters' lands, and to compel payment, and as several of those so sequestered have since paid in their arrears, or are ready to pay them,—the sequestrators discharge the estates, on production of certificates of payment of arrears, and of fees due to the said sequestrators, the committee's messenger, &c. [*G* 29, *p.* 70.]

Nov. Abstract by Jas. Dewy, Commissioner for Sequestrations for co. Dorset, of the county committee's accounts, 25 May 1652, and 14 Nov. 1654, of receipts and payments, 1650 to 25 Dec. 1653, receipts 12,257*l.* 6*s.* 0½*d.*; payments on annuities, augmentations to ministers, salaries, and expenses, 10,098*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*; to Goldsmiths' Hall, 12,088*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* Also 2,651*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* has been paid in to Goldsmiths' Hall as fines by 14 persons named in the county. [*G* 80, *pp.* 281–283.]

Nov.? Kendal. John Archer to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of a case. When I sent up my accounts, I requested that you would appoint a substitute for me to receive the rents. I now request that—unless (without new authority of Parliament) I may be excused from meddling with tithes disposed of by Act of Parliament, and may have allowance for an agent, who shall have power to distress on non-payment of rent,—you would appoint another commissioner for these counties. Meantime the rents and arrears remain in the tenants' hands. [*G* 173, *p.* 407.]

Dec. 1. Petition of Margaret, widow and executrix of Chris. Weare, late one of the Commissioners for co. Dorset, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for allowance of his salary in equal portion with the other commissioners during his time of service, and for an order to the auditor to state the account, and certify if anything be due to or by her, beyond 80*l.*, which on 29 Sept. 1653, Capt. Jas. Dewy, one of the commissioners, returned in his account as in her hands. [*G* 139, *p.* 88.]

Dec. 1. Order thereon referring the case to the auditor, and meantime the order of 10 Nov. for levying the arrears is suspended.

Order allowing the commissioners of co. Cambridge sundry charges for discoveries, expenses of courts, survey of woods, &c., as well as their poundage; total 585*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* [*G* 27, *p.* 192.]

Dec. 1. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Lord Chief Justice [Hen.] Rolle. We hear that since Lord Capel's composition, you have purchased Thornfalcon, co. Somerset, which being formerly under sequestration, our commissioners kept courts there, and granted copyhold estates, but that you question their power so to do. They had full power by the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, and have thereby raised more than 3,000*l.* to the State. We hope you will not be a precedent to others to oppose, but rather encourage them. We have desired Mr. Brereton, one of our counsel, and Col. Gorges, one of the county commissioners, to attend you thereon. [*G* 27, *p.* 184.]

Dec. 7. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that in future no report shall be heard by special order, till the 4 reports for the day be dispatched. [*G* 13, *p.* 52.]

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Dec. 8. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations suspending for 6 weeks more the order for levying arrears on the estate of Margaret, widow of Chris. Weare, late commissioner for co. Dorset, Capt. Jas. Dewy having the books in Dorsetshire, so that he cannot surcharge her account. [*G* 27, *p.* 204; *also* 139, *p.* 88.]

Order granting the late Commissioners for co. Dorset the allowances they ask on their accounts for 4¼ years for salary and incident charges named, except 20*l.* for expenses in surveying recusants' estates, which is respited till further order. [*G* 27, *p.* 204.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Cornwall. Two months since, your agent brought up your accounts, but not methodical, and no vouchers; so his journey was fruitless, and we were very much unsatisfied, our late auditor, Mr. Sherwin, having given you full instructions how to model them. Our auditors have perused them and given further instructions, and you must send them up in 3 weeks, with the vouchers and balance, or we must be compelled to put forth our power, which will be very unpleasing to us.

P.S. Mr. Pearse, our present commissioner, writes that he cannot answer our orders of 10 Oct. to give an account of the present state of sequestrations, augmentations, arrears, &c., because he has not the books. You must therefore deliver them to him, that the service be not obstructed. [*G* 30, *p.* 115.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Hunts. We hear from our auditor that you have not yet perfected your accounts, and that 249*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* is due, beside other moneys which cannot be ascertained till you have produced vouchers and balanced your accounts. You are to appear in 14 days and do this, paying in the moneys. This we must enforce in case of neglect. [*G* 30, *p.* 184.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the present Commissioners of Middlesex, London, and Herts. You are forthwith to make up your accounts, bringing them fairly written, and pay in your receipts, and deliver our letter to the late county committee. [*G* 30, *p.* 261.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Middlesex and Westminster. We wonder that you, being so near, should be so backward in your accounts, when others more remote have brought in theirs. We should fail of our trust if we suffered further neglect, therefore we beg you to settle them and pay in your balance in 14 days. There are large sums yet owing, and we should be sorry to have to compel you to pay. [*G* 30, *p.* 261.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for London. To like effect. [*G* 30, *p.* 261.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Commisssioners for Monmouth. You acknowledge in your accounts for 4 years, made up to 29 Sept. 1653, and shown 15 Aug. 1654, that you have 1,806*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* in hand, none of which has been paid, your last payment being 540*l.* on 7 June last. We want your vouchers and the perfecting of your accounts, and payment of the moneys. If you neglect this, we must put forth our utmost powers to compel you. [*G* 30, *p.* 272.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Peter Whalley, Commissioner for co. Northampton. You are to make up your accounts and complete them with our auditors without giving further trouble, to pay in your balance, and to deliver our letter to the late county committee. [*G* 30, *p.* 282.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Northampton. On your accounts, ending 29 Sept. 1653, there remains due to the State 525*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.* Peter Whalley, the present commissioner, has since paid in 500*l.*, but whether as joint commissioner with you, or as sole, we cannot tell. We require you therefore to perfect your accounts and pay in the balance, or we must use our power to compel you. [*G* 30, *p.* 282.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Nich.] Salter, Commissioner for Norfolk. You are to make up your accounts and bring them to our auditor, without giving yourselves or us further trouble, and pay in your receipts. [*G* 30, *p.* 296.]

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Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Surrey. To like effect. Also ordering the delivery of a letter to the late county committee. [*G* 30, *p.* 442.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Surrey. You have exhibited accounts for 4 years, 1649 to 1653, but not sworn to them, nor produced vouchers; you are to appear, perfect your accounts, and pay in your moneys, or we must enforce you. [*G* 30, *p.* 442.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Northumberland. To like effect. They are to bring up their vouchers, and if they neglect, power will be used to compel them. [*G* 30, *p.* 311.]

Dec. 8. Letters to like effect to the following:—
Gabriel Odingsells, present commissioner, and the late County Committee for Notts. [*G* 30, *p.* 327.]
John Cary, present commissioner, and the late County Committee for co. Oxford. [*G* 30, *p.* 358.]
Late and present Commissioners for co. Stafford. [*G* 30, *p.* 430.]
John Base, present commissioner, and the late County Committee for Suffolk. [*G* 30, *p.* 436.]
Late County Committee for Sussex. [*G* 30, *p.* 449.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Rutland. Our auditors say that since you were appointed on 7 Feb. 1650, you have given in no accounts nor rentals, except a paper signed John Clark, acknowledging receipt of 289*l.* 6*s.* We much resent this great neglect, and unless you bring up and perfect your accounts, and pay in the balance in 21 days, we must compel you. [*G* 30, *p.* 372.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Col. Wm. Crowne, late Commissioner for co. Salop. Our auditor informs us that you have sent in 2 accounts, one for 2 years ending 29 Sept. 1651, subscribed, but not sworn to, the other for 2 years ending 29 Sept. 1653, subscribed and sworn to, but that you have produced no vouchers, nor perfected the accounts. Also you crave some allowances that we refused, and others that we had no power to grant. We request you to end these accounts and pay in your balance. [*G* 30, *p.* 385.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Muspratt, County Commissioner for Hants. You are to make up your accounts and pay in your balance since you were appointed sole commissioner, and deliver our letter to the late commissioners. [*G* 30, *p.* 406.]

Dec. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Hants. You have exhibited 4 years' accounts, ending 29 Sept. 1653, but not sworn to, nor vouchers produced. By them 43*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* seems due, but we believe that on perfecting your accounts, a far greater sum will appear to remain in your hands. You must bring your vouchers and depose to your accounts, or we seriously tell you that we must exercise our power to compel you. [*G* 30, *p.* 407.]

Dec. 13. Salop. Jos. Prowd to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I am deeply obliged by your vindicating me from unjust persecution, long acting against me. I never injured any of those gentlemen; they can only object to my faithfulness in discharging my trust, and in seeking to obtain the books and records to enable me to carry on the business, but they cannot convict me. The Committee of Safety for this county, who were formerly Parliament men, will certify you on my behalf. Col. Mackworth would certify for me, only that his relations are engaged in this business. [*G* 173, *p.* 411.]

Dec. 15. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, confirming an order of the late Committee for co. Denbigh, that Edw. Davis of Eglwysegle be steward of the courts-leet, baron, &c., of Vala-Crucis Manor, belonging to Lady [Marg.] Wootton, recusant. [*G* 12, *p.* 623; 79, *p.* 667.] *Annexing,*

1. *Order of the county committee alluded to.* 9 *Oct.* 1646. [*G* 79, *p.* 674.]

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Dec. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Rob. Massey and Edw. Aspinwall, Commissioners for co. Lancaster. We enclose you an order of the Treasury Commissioners of 11 Dec., to which we desire your obedience. With list of 13 counties in England, and all in Wales, to which it was sent. *Annexing,*

Treasury Commissioners' order to the County Commissioners. You are to pay into the Exchequer at Westminster such moneys as you have in hand or shall henceforth receive, and to return particulars into the Treasury Chamber, near the late Star Chamber, Westminster, according to the form lately sent by the Commissioners for Sequestrations, with any surveys taken, and the counterparts of any leases granted. 11 *Dec.* 1654. [*G* 31, *p.* 799.]

Dec. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Edw. Chamberlain, Commissioner for co. Warwick. To the same effect, omitting the clause for return of particulars.

With note of 21 other counties to whom this letter was sent. [*G* 31, *p.* 800.]

Dec. 22. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, making void that of 10 Nov. for levying the arrears due by Chris. Weare on the estate of his widow Margaret, the said arrears being accounted for.

Order that the conveyances of rectories on compositions be delivered to [George] Farrington, solicitor to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, they having signed the book of settlements, and signed and sealed the indenture drawn up by Mr. Rich, Mr. Farrington promising that a schedule of the conveyances shall be drawn up and signed by the trustees if desired. [*G* 27, *pp.* 219, 222.]

Order allowing Edw. Chamberlain, late Commissioner and treasurer for co. Warwick and Coventry, on his accounts for 4½ years ending 25 March 1654, 180*l.* for incident charges, and 60*l.* for agency, there being but one agent, and the revenue very considerable. [*G* 30, *p.* 455.]

Dec. 23. Carmarthen. Jen. Dawkins and Mor. Thomas, County Commissioners, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send you, as required, an account of sequestered persons and estates. Yours of 22 Aug. we never got; but as to accounts, we have sent them in regularly, and now send those up to last Michaelmas. We desire to be eased of our employment, affairs of importance requiring our attendance.

With note, 5 Jan. 1655, that Mr. Williams is to nominate other commissioners, but these are to account before they are discharged. [*G* 173, *p.* 401.] *Enclosing,*

1. *Particulars of the sequestered estates of Robt. Brett, Nich. Lewis, and Hugh Lloyd, delinquents. Also of expenses; Wm. Vosse, their clerk,* 2*s.* 6*d. a day; John Davy, sequestrator,* 4*s.; the commissioners,* 12*d. per pound.* [*G* 173, *p.* 399.]

Dec. 26. Registrar's certificate that the County Commissioners for Dorset demand 12*d.* in the 1*l.* of the fines paid in at Goldsmiths' Hall on the composition of 14 persons (named).

With note of the respective fines, &c. [*G* 33, *p.* 389.]

Dec. 28. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations allowing the account of Wm. Pickering, late one of the Commissioners for Sequestrations of county Cambridge, for 4 years ended 29 Sept. 1653, and discharging him from further attendance. [*G* 27, *p.* 226.]

Dec. 28. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Earl of Rutland. The Middlesex Commissioners complain of non-payment of 120*l.* a year due from you for Wallingford House, though often demanded and a whole year due. We give you notice, and beg present payment, being very unwilling to use any extremity to obtain it. [*G* 27, *p.* 226.]

Dec. 29. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that the auditor allow to the Commissioners of co. Dorset 12*d.* in the pound on all compositions judged to have been prosecuted by them, and the money paid in by their industry. [*G* 27, *p.* 222.]

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[Dec.] Certificate of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on the order of 2 Sept., for taking the accounts of Mary, widow of Rob. Sankey, for revenue and tenths in county Stafford, on return from the sundry auditors, and their statement of the accounts as detailed,—that 645*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* remains due to her. Her husband, having served as solicitor of sequestrations, county Stafford, from 12 June 1643 to 25 Jan. 1650, his salary was 1,200*l.*, of which he only received 200*l.*, so that 1,000*l.* was due, from which deductions of 355*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* are made on his sundry accounts. [*G* 144, *pp.* 239, 240.] *Annexing,*

I. *Certificate of Barth. Beale, auditor of public revenue, that there is* 149*l.* 8*s.* 10¾*d. in her hands.* 12 *Nov.* 1656. [*G* 144, *p.* 251.]

II. *Certificate by Rich. Sadler, auditor of public revenue, that Rob Sankey had in hand* 52*l.* 16*s.* 7¾*d.* 11 *Nov.* 1656. [*G* 144, *p.* 259.]

III. *Certificate by Rob. Pratt, auditor to the Trustees for Sale of Crown lands, that Mrs. Sankey is indebted* 144*l.* 14*s.* 3½*d.* 11 *Nov.* 1656. [*G* 144, *p.* 257.]

IV.—VI. *Depositions on the accounts of Mary Sankey, of herself, Geo. Lea of Little Hassall, co. Chester, and John Birch and Thos. Smyth of the Middle Temple, London.* 11 *and* 26 *Nov., and* 4 *Dec.* 1656. [*G* 144, *pp.* 249, 253, 255.]

Dec.? Certificate of the Commissioners for Sequestrations presenting the above papers. [*G* 144, *pp.* 241–244.]

1654? Notes of proceedings, 3 July and 17 Oct. 1650, calendared above [*see pp.* 265, 335], relative to the Marquis of Winchester's house let to the Spanish ambassador; also the following:—

5 Aug. 1650. The Commissioners for Sequestrations of London certify that they have informed the ambassador that the Committee for Compounding and the Trustees for Ireland return him debtor of 600*l.* to the Marquis' sequestered estate, to which he replied that he had nothing to do with the Marquis and Trustees for Ireland, and could not in conscience and regard for his master's honour, treat with any committee whatsoever but the Council of State.

3 Sept. 1650. Winslow and Berners were ordered to attend the President of the Council of State with this message.

Note that the County Commissioners for London, Middlesex, and Herts, certified 28 April last that the late county commissioners let it to the ambassador at 300*l.* a year [in 1644], and at that rate, for the time he held it [being 10 years], 3,000*l.* is due to the State. [*G* 119, *pp.* 201, 202.]

Abstracts of 79 bonds remaining for money to be paid into the Goldsmiths' Hall treasury, to answer rents, or to perform covenants.

With notes relating to the return or discharge of several of them. [*G* 82, *pp.* 619, 640.]

41. Rough notes relating to composition cases in South Wales, and in counties Hants, Stafford, Suffolk, Sussex, Surrey, Warwick, Westmoreland, Wilts, Worcester, and York. [3 *pages.*]

42. List of 37 persons, whose initials are from J. to W. in the third Act of Sale, with the amounts [received from their estates?], 1652–54. [2 *sheets.*]

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Jan. 2. Haberdashers' Hall. Certificate by the Commissioners for Sequestrations that Edw. Chamberlain of Princethorpe, co. Warwick, was one of the Commissioners and treasurer of that county and Coventry, till 14 March 1654, since which time he has been sole commissioner and treasurer, and faithfully discharged his trust. [*G* 34, *p.* 105.]

Jan. 2. Chris. Cheesman to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Grant me an order to [Sam.] Bellingham of Reading, now County Commissioner for Berks, to show what he found as matter of bribery against me, and what account he gave thereof to the late Committee for Compounding, before the Berkshire Commissioners were turned out of their places. [*G* 74, *p.* 292.]

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Jan. 3? [Jos. Prowd] County Commissioner for [Salop] to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Notes of a case. The Treasury Commissioners order me to pay in my receipts and give particulars to them, but I cannot get from the late county committee any papers to enable me to make up the accounts, nor the surveys and counterparts of leases. With these I could increase the profits, but the late county committee discourage and persecute me, though I have never injured them unless by prosecuting my trust. The scandal they allege is untrue. Pray hear our quarrel. [*G* 173, *p.* 405.]

Jan. 5. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester. As to yours of 28 Nov. touching rectories and glebe lands sequestered from John Robinson and others, you have nothing to do with them, Mr. Hulme and the rest ought to receive the profits. Where augmentations are granted to more than the value of the rectory, you are to receive all the profits, deduct 1*s.* in the pound salary, and then pay the rest in proportion.

As to the arrears of Col. Gilbert Gerard and others, we do not think fit to set fines according to the ordinance of 10 Feb. last for arrears growing due last Michaelmas and Ladyday, but you are to prepare a list of all due before then, and levy them by distress, with a fine of $\frac{1}{5}$; you are to signify what cases deserve mitigation. Treat for the letting of estates for next year. Particulars of cases.

P.S. We have heard from your late fellow commissioners about the 80*l.* paid to you as treasurer, and have directed our auditor to peruse the accounts, and will give further order. [*G* 30, *p*, 97.]

Jan. 5. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Jas.] Pearse, commissioner for Cornwall. We have received your account of arrears due from recusants for their estates, amounting to 243*l.* a year. The late county committee say the [contracts] were not confirmed by us, and therefore the persons sequestered enjoyed and were accountable for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the profits. They are Thos. and Wm. Arundel, John Trevellian, Ursula Sayer, Rich. Victor, and Wm. Penrose. If any will not pay, return their names and we will fine them according to our powers by the ordinance of 10 Feb. last, and authorize you to levy the fines and arrears.

If the former steward of sequestered estates neglects to act, send up the name of a fit person to be appointed in his stead, and if he holds courts where little or no profit comes, we will allow him 20*s.* each court. Send up the names of those who were in arrears before Ladyday, and we will fine them and give allowance for each distress, but none are to be fined for arrears since Ladyday. [*G* 30, *p.* 115.]

Jan. 5. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Edw. Chamberlain, the Star, Coventry. The Commissioners for co. Warwick request 12*d.* in the pound on the compositions of Sir Thos. Holt and Sir Hercules Underhill, who they say were prosecuted by them before any discovery. On enquiry, it appears that they did prosecute Holt before the discovery of Capt. Girdler, who ought not to have had $\frac{1}{5}$ of the fine as discoverer. He is therefore to show cause why he should not pay it back, and meantime the commissioners are to have the 1*s.* in the pound. [*G* 27, *p.* 240.]

Jan. 5. Certificate by Thos. Browne, auditor, that the late County Committee for Northampton exhibited accounts of the sequestered estates for 4 years, ending 29 Sept. 1653, acknowledging clear receipts of 13,836*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* which they paid in, deducting salaries and other allowances, and that they are not chargeable with any other receipts. [*G* 108, *p.* 93.]

Jan. 5. Accounts alluded to, giving particulars of receipts from the several estates. [*G* 108, *pp.* 95, 96.]

Jan. 9. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations,—on the Excise Act of 17 March 1654, requiring sequestration for non-payment of arrears of Excise;—that Thos. Peirce be sequestered by the Commissioners for London for not paying 507*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* as ordered 26 Oct. last, until it be fully paid with damages. [*G* 27, *p.* 246.]

Jan. 9. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Giles Hancock, Commissioner for co. Gloucester. On motion made to us, we desire you to examine witnesses, appointing a day, at Gloucester or Newnham, upon an order of the Commis-

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sioners for Removing Obstructions of 9 June 1654, in the case before them of Giles Warcup, John Edwards, &c., touching Aylburton Manor, co. Gloucester. The parties promise to pay you necessary charges. [*G* 27, *p.* 242.]

Jan. 12. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester. [Hen.] Cockson and [Wm.] Barrett, your late fellow commissioners, have written us about your salary as treasurer for sequestrations. On making up your accounts we shall order you satisfaction, being very ready to recompense your industry. [*G* 30, *p.* 98.]

Jan. 12. Statement by Aud. Thos. Browne, that the late County Committee for Stafford in their accounts for 1650 and 1651 claim allowance for 1,300*l.* paid on the following orders :—

Aug. 7, 1651. Council of State to the Militia Commissioners for co. Stafford, urging them to diligence to preserve their country, and prevent the march of the enemy, and promising reimbursement of their charges. [*See Gen. Cal.* 1651, *p.* 307.]

Nov. 18, 1651. A reply to the said letter, naming that the Militia Commissioners had to borrow 1,318*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* for the said service.

1651. A letter from Major-Gen. T. Harrison to the Commissioners for Compounding, mentioning that the said 1,300*l.* had been borrowed of the county committee, and disposed of by his direction for the service of the State. [*G* 120, *p.* 437.] *Annexing,*

Similar statement by the Committee for Sequestrations, 19 *Jan.* 1654. [*G* 120, *p.* 439.]

Jan. 15. **43.** Report by the Army Committee on Col. Twistleton's accounts [*see pp.* 703, 704 *supra*], that most of the sums are disbursements without orders produced, or have been allowed in his accounts already, and only the second item [89*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*] is really due to him. That he detained 700*l.* lodged with him for security by [Watkin Kiffen] receiver of assessments in co. Denbigh, on the approach of the Scots' army, and has kept it ever since, in spite of several orders to pay, and therefore his sequestration was ordered 16 Aug. last. [*Copy,* 1½ *pages; see General Calendar,* 16 *and* 31 *May* 1655.]

Jan. 19. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Neh. Collins and Nath. Quash, at Taunton, &c. We appointed Col. John Gorges sole commissioner in co. Somerset, but owing to his employment in Parliament, he needs help; we therefore appoint you to join with him, having had experience of your fidelity. [*G* 12, *p.* 627.]

Jan. 19. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Sewell. Hearing of your good affection, we appoint you county commissioner for Cumberland and Westmoreland, with the usual orders and allowances. Receive all arrears of sequestered estates; take care that none remain unlet for a year, and give us an account of your acceptance and your proceedings. [*G* 12, *p.* 627.]

Jan. 19. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Oxford. As to your query about the lands of John Powell and Winifred Powell, widow, your rule in all such cases is to be that if they were under sequestration on or before 10 Feb. 1654, and not lawfully discharged,—although through negligence of officers, the rents had not been received for some time,—they are under sequestration, and therefore under our management, and you are to receive the rents, notwithstanding any claim unless allowed by us. But if they were not sequestered 10 Feb., you have no power so much as to seize them for delinquency or recusancy, because we are only authorized to manage the estates then under sequestration. [*G* 30, *p.* 359.]

Jan. 20. Salop. Jos. Prowd, County Commissioner for Salop, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Notes of a case. It is not true that I demanded 12*d.* in the pound of [Edw.] Lawrence, minister of Baschurch, and he will tell you so, but my enemies have left no means unattempted to bring me under your displeasure. I hope soon to give an account of my last year's charge, and how your affairs stand here. [*G* 173, *p.* 403.]

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Jan. 26. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that—as all deeds and evidences concerning augmentations for ministers and places have been turned over by indenture of 21 Dec. last to the committee appointed 2 Sept. 1654 for better maintenance of preaching ministers and uniting of parishes—Mr. Rich, who has had the keeping of them, have a discharge therefrom, and be recommended to the trustees for some allowance for his pains, which, although he should have it, this committee has no power to grant. [*G* 27, *p.* 271.]

Jan. 26. Petition of Nich. Salter, sub-commissioner for Norfolk, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for the salary formerly allowed to an agent to defray his charges and disbursements to assistants. Has neither agent nor clerk allowed, and the estates are not demised for clear rentals, as in other counties, but the tenants are to have defalcations for repairs, which causes much trouble in viewing sea breaches, &c., so that he is obliged to employ assistants, and the charge comes to more than his salary will defray, the former commissioners having 2 agents and a clerk allowed.

With note that this cannot be allowed, but the commissioners will allow what they can as incident charges. [*G* 115, *p.* 442.]

Jan. 26. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Col. Wm. Crowne, late commissioner for co. Salop. Mr. Prowd says he cannot obtain from you the sequestration books and records, and thus much prejudice will arise. Let them be delivered within 14 days, or we shall be put to unpleasing means for their recovery. [*G* 30, *p.* 385.]

Feb. 9. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that 10*l.* be allowed to Mr. Cary, Commissioner for Oxford, in his accounts ended 29 Sept last, for salary on 200*l.* paid into the treasury of Goldsmiths' Hall by [Capt. Edw.] Perkins, one of the trustees for Benedict Hall's estates for 3 half year's arrears, the money being paid through Cary's industry. [*G* 30, *p.* 359.]

Order on the accounts of the late County Committee for Oxford that they be allowed 128*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* for salary on 2,564*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* paid to Capt. Hen. Smith and others by orders, beside the 340*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.* allowed on 6,814*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* paid by them into Goldsmiths' Hall; but the 118*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* craved for incident charges and surveying Papists' estates, though reasonable, is to be respited, the Commissioners having no power therein. [*G* 30, *p.* 360.]

Feb. 12. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Committee for Securing the Peace in co. Middlesex and city of Westminster. As desired by yours of 6th inst., we have searched, and have not found that Lord Coleraine, Sir Thos. Allen, Lady Kingsmill, and Fras. Coventry, Esq., or any of them, compounded for delinquency. [*G* 29, *p.* 80.]

Feb. 14. John Cary to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The ⅔ of the tithes of Cassington and Worton, co. Oxon, sequestered for recusancy of Mary Arden, widow, were formerly let for 30*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* above the rent due to Christchurch College, Oxon, but I could let them at more if the tenant might pay in the ⅔ of the college rent, with troubling him to attend you thereon.

With note of reply, 15 Feb., that he is to let it to the best advantage. [*G* 63, *p.* 495; *also* 30, *p.* 359.]

Feb. 14. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, approving the accounts tendered by John Cary, County Commissioner for Oxon, for the year ending 29 Sept. 1654, and discharging him from further trouble and attendance about them. [*G* 30, *p.* 360.]

Like approval of the accounts presented by him on behalf of the late County Committee for Oxon, from 29 Sept. 1649 to 29 Sept. 1653, and like discharge. [*G* 30, *p.* 360.]

Feb. ? Order that the balance from Capt. Mason's account of 11 Feb. 1651, viz., 70*l.* 11*s.* 2½*d.*, with 343*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* expenses which he charges, but which are not allowed, be levied on his estate in co. Hereford, and 200*l.* more fine for his bringing in imperfect accounts. With query whether he ought not to pay interest on the former sums. [*G* 102, *p.* 95.]

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Feb. 15. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Capt. Silas Taylor, Commissioner for co. Hereford. Our auditors report that Capt. Ben. Mason has acknowledged 70*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* as due on his account, but begs allowance of 343*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* for himself as treasurer, and allowances for 3 journeys to London, making, with the 70*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*, 413*l.* 16*s.* 10½*d.* in all; the account is very imperfect, and no receipts produced, so that we do not know how much further he is debtor. We therefore require you to levy the whole 413*l.* 16*s.* 10½*d.* on his estate, with a fine of 200*l.*

With later note that the money was paid according to this order. [*G* 27, *p.* 296.]

Feb. 17. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester. Particulars of cases. As to the letting of sequestered estates, you say it will be double trouble to proceed according to our former directions, but you mistake. We only wish you to let to the best advantage, and certify the contracts, on which we will approve them, without putting you to further trouble, being assured of your care. You cannot discharge yourself from any estates without our directions. [*G* 30, *p.* 98.]

Feb. 23. Order that, as the late County Committee for Derby, in their 4 years' accounts ending Sept. 1653, crave allowance,—beside their salary of 862*l.* 15*s.* for 17,255*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* paid into the Treasury,—of 342*l.* 19*s.* 11½*d.*, being 1*s.* in the pound on 1,992*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* paid as ministers' augmentations, &c.,—that 99*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* thereof—being poundage on 998*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*, paid by order of the Committee for Compounding, and 49*l.* 8*s.* for moneys paid for augmentations—be allowed; but 163*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* demanded for incident charges, and 31*l.* 2*s.* 8½*d.* for expenses in surveying recusants' estates be respited on their accounts, as the Commissioners have no power to allow them. [*G* 30, *p.* 31.]

Feb. 23. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. You are to let to the best advantage the tithes of Cockeram, sequestered from [Rich.] Calvert for recusancy. Directions in cases. You are to dispose of the estate of James Hardman, and levy the 350*l.* debt due to him, so that what is due to the Commonwealth may be paid, and give an account of your proceedings. [*G* 30, *p.* 218.]

Feb. 24. Salop. Jos. Prowd to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Col. Crowne has delivered me the books, papers, and writings of the late county committee. [*G* 173, *p.* 409.]

Feb. 24. Deposition of Thos. Hulkes, that he was employed by the late County Committee of Warwick in April 1650 to prove the delinquency of Sir Thos. Holt, Bart., had 5*s.* for his pains, and then prosecuted him before them, and that Capt. Rob. Girdler desired to join him in the prosecution, promising Hulkes a share in the profits. [*G* 89, *p.* 935.]

Feb. 27. Whitehall. Lisle Long [Master of Requests,] to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. His Highness wishes to speak with you to-morrow about a petition he has received from Capt. Mason. [*G* 102, *p.* 75.]

Feb. 28. Accounts of Capt. Ben. Mason, late Commissioner of Sequestrations for co. Somerset, of receipts to 11 Feb. 1651, total 1,260*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*; and from 24 July 1652 to 24 July 1653, 2,310*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.*; but he has paid no rent for Horsington Farm, which he has held since 25 March 1651. He craves 6*s.* 8*d.* a day salary for keeping courts from 24 Feb. 1652 to 14 March 1654, 247*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* With notes by Dan. Hancock and Thos. Browne, auditors, of sundry defects in the accounts. [*G* 102, *pp.* 77–80.]

March 2. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Monmouth. You name arrears of 229*l.* 4*s.* as due from Edw. Roberts; levy it by distress on his estates, with 50*l.* fine, set on him by the ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654 for distraining for arrears, and levy all other arrears due. You must file our order in the case of Rich. Baker. [*G* 30, *p.* 272.]

March 2. Petition of Capt. Ben. Mason of Pixley, co. Hereford, to the Protector. Has been engaged in his service. In 1642, at his own expense of 800*l.*, raised a troop of horse for Parliament, for which, though promised, he received no satisfaction.

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Being in 1649 nominated by the Commissioners for Sequestrations for enquiring after moneys in the hands of some of the Commissioners [for co. Somerset], particularly of Col. John Pyne, petitioner had a charge preferred against him of many articles, and hundreds of sheets of paper. His defence cost him 300*l.*, but he was fully acquitted, and it was declared that he deserved 500*l.* damages, which, but for want of power to enforce payment, he would have had.

Being treasurer, and having largely increased the revenue, he craved allowance of 300*l.*, and was under respite when the Protector made some alteration by his ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654, directing the Commissioners for Sequestrations to call for accounts and arrears. Accordingly they required payment of 300*l.*, and as he could not make it without great prejudice, they have returned him debtor to the Exchequer, and ordered seizure of his estate till the said 300*l.* and 200*l.* fine be paid. Begs allowance of 300*l.* and stay of proceedings. Referred by the Protector to Colonels Sydenham and Montague, and to General Desborough, to consider and report; meanwhile all proceedings are suspended provided petitioner prosecute this reference with effect.

With order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations thereon, 14 March, that Silas Taylor, Commissioner for co. Hereford, have a copy of this petition and reference, and forbear execution of the order of 15 Feb. 1655, till further notice. [*G* 27, *p*, 335.]

March 3. York. Ald. Thos. Dickinson to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I requested you before to write to [Ralph] Rymer and [Thos.] Bourchier to pay Ald. Geldart and myself the salary due to us 25 March, we having taken much pains in the service, and you promised to write them, but Mr. Rymer says that no letter has come; when it does come, he will observe it. [*G* 173, *p*. 681.]

March 3. York. Ald. Thos. Dickinson to Thos. Bayley. Pray procure an answer to this letter. Some desire to receive pay for other men's labours, but Mr. Rymer is very willing to pay us. [*G* 173, *p*. 683.]

March 15. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Evans, near the Pump, Chancery Lane. You are to be here to-morrow at 10 a.m., and bring your lease of the tithes of Llanstephen. [*G* 27, *p*. 336.]

March 16. Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Account of treaties for 46 sequestered estates from Candlemas 1655 to 1656, the offers being almost all lower than the previous rentals, and for some estates no offers at all. Has done his best according to the time he had to do it in, and taken care to prevent waste. Noted as confirmed. [*G* 149, *pp*. 311–315.]

March 20. Order by the Commissioners for Sequestrations that Thos. Robinson, on his request, be allowed 171*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* for incident charges for 5 years ending Ladyday next, and 30*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* salary at 1*s.* in the pound for 409*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* paid on several accounts, and for 200*l.* paid into Goldsmiths' Hall; but the 15*l.* requested for surveying recusants' estates is to be respited, as the Commissioners have no power to allow it. [*G* 30, *p*. 98.]

March 21. Order by the Commissioners for Sequestrations approving the contracts exhibited by Robinson so far as they are according to instructions, and he is to let all estates yet unlet, any claims depending for the same notwithstanding. Also to allow any charges thereon under 40*s.* a year on due proof, to parties neither Papists nor delinquents, without troubling them to prove their claims before this committee. [*G* 30, *p*. 99.]

March 21. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [the Council of State]. The Commissioners of co. Stafford crave allowance in their accounts of 1,300*l.* by them paid by direction of the Council of State and Major-Gen. Harrison, for the militia, but this we ordered to be placed in *super* till they had your allowance, and on the request of Col. Danvers, you order us to certify.

Account of transactions thereon as given *p*. 717 *supra*. [*G* 27, *p*. 343.]

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March 22. Haberdashers' Hall. **44.** Commissioners for Sequestrations to Waring and Herring, late treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall. Dancer Hancock, our auditor, says that the bonds given you for securing fines and rents still remain in your hands. We require you to deliver them all to him, that such as are not performed may be put in suit, and a list signed by him will be your discharge. [1 *page; also G* 29, *p.* 100.]

March 22. **45.** Draft of the above. [¾ *page.*]

March 22. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations for the above delivery, that the bonds may be transferred into the Exchequer. The names and abodes of the parties with their conditions are to be given in a list, of which a copy signed by the late treasurers is to be given to the auditor, one signed by him to the late treasurers, and he is to give copies to the registrar and solicitor. [*G* 27, *p.* 344.]

March 22. **46, 47.** Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Commissioners of 37 counties in England, and 6 in South Wales. We send you a list of persons whose fines for delinquency have not been paid. Summon them to show cause within 28 days, which if not done, we shall take it for granted that they have no cause to show, and proceed accordingly. We send the list of those who are not of your county, as well as of those who are, as they may have estates in your county, though living elsewhere. Enquire about this, that you may observe further orders from us. Also enquire into the proceedings of the steward who keeps courts in your county, that account may be given on oath of the profits of granting estates. [1 *page, printed; also G* 31, *p.* 801.] *Enclosing,*

47. I. *List alluded to, arranged alphabetically, giving fines, amount paid, and balance due.* [*Printed,* 4 *pages.*]

March 22. Wm. Pickering to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have given in accounts of the profits of sequestrations, county Cambridge, for 4 years ended 29 Sept. 1653, and charge myself and fellow commissioners with receipt of 5,105*l.* 1*s.* 2¾*d.* Our payments were 5,006*l.* 6*s.* 9½*d.*, leaving a balance of 98*l.* 14*s.* 5¼*d.*, of which 75*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* was in the hands of Major Waylett, and 23*l.* 6*s.* 3¼*d.* in mine. I offered my share, but as the accounts could not be passed unless the whole were paid in, I paid his also, and now he refuses to repay me. I beg your assistance. [*G* 112, *p.* 777.] *Annexing,*

I. *Receipt by Aud. Thos. Browne of the said sum of* 5,105*l.* 1*s.* 2¾*d., from the late County Commissioners for Cambridge.* 28 *Dec.* 1654. [*G* 112, *p.* 779.]

II. *Like account in greater detail.* 5 *Jan.* 1655. [*G* 112, *p.* 781.]

March 23. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on the Excise ordinance of 17 March 1654—for the London Commissioners to sequester the estates of Rich. Orum, Rob. Llewelyn, and Rich. Bennett, for default of payment of 929*l.* into the Excise, as ordered 13 Nov. 1654. [*G* 27, *p.* 345.]

March 23. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Ralph Rymer], Commissioner for co. York. Ald. Dickinson applies to us for allowances to himself and Ald. [John] Geldart, for service in the ½ year ending 25 March 1655. You having the whole profits of that ½ year, though you only began to act alone a day before the ½ year's profits grew due, we desire you to pay them a due proportion without further trouble, or you will force us to give stricter orders than we would willingly do. [*G* 30, *p.* 490.]

March 24. **48.** Receipt by Dancer Hancock from Rich. Waring and Mich. Herring, late treasurers of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, of 204 bonds with particulars of their purport.

With note that he has not received 13 more that are crossed out. [4 *pages.*]

March 24. Drury House. Drury House Trustees to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The estate of Thos. Clifton being exposed to sale for the use of the navy, a house with lands in Kirkham was returned as his, but being in lease to Geo. Crooke, recusant, was sequestered for Crooke's recusancy, therefore the county commissioners [of Lancaster] will not discharge it, because they were only ordered to do so if it were the estate of Thos. Clifton. Beg additional directions to them. [*G* 75, *p.* 217.]

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March 30. Certificate by Registrar T. Bayly that he does not find that Mr. Winslow acted as a commissioner for managing estates under sequestration after 19 Dec. 1654; that he finds Fowle, the solicitor, left his place 17 Oct. 1654, and that Dawbeney Williams was chosen solicitor in his place, and acts therein. [*G* 33, *p.* 428.]

April 3. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on request of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, that the rectories, tithes, &c., claimed by them may be given into their disposal, especially those named in a certificate from co. York, of 11 Nov. 1654—that a particular of those claimed be sent in and examined by the registrar, with the surveys remaining with the said trustees; and if they agree, the committee will give such orders as may be most agreeable to their trust, and may most free the trustees from trouble and expense. [*G* 27, *p.* 348.]

April 3. Newport. John Ward, Commissioner for Sequestrations for co. Monmouth, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have, as ordered, levied by distress, and am driven to be bond for some to pay on 4 May. Details of arrears due by Edw. Roberts of Abergavenny and others. Request that Mrs. Evans may be made to deliver the books of the late committee, which she retains, though often demanded. [*G* 173, *p.* 687.]

April 3. Note of fines and arrears due, and of a letter to Mrs. [Judith] Evans, to deliver up the bonds and books forthwith, keeping a schedule for herself. [*G* 173, *p.* 685. *The letter to Mrs. Evans, dated* 6 *April, is in G* 30, *p.* 273.]

April 4. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that Thos. Dickenson, alderman of York, be one of the commissioners for that city or county. [*G* 12, *p.* 632.]

April 4. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Dickenson. We send you your commission, and desire you to sit with Mr. Bourchier to examine Rymer and other witnesses on the case between Jeremy Elwes and Laurence Maidwell. [*G* 12, *p.* 632.]

April. 5. Order allowing the late Commissioners for Sequestrations, co. Montgomery, 5*l.* 10*s.*, being 12*d.* a pound on 110*l.* paid to Eliz. Robe, and 84*l.* 4*s.* for incidental expenses during 4 years, beside their commission on 1,500*l.* paid in. [*G* 30, *p.* 345.]

April 6. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Sam. Bellingham, Commissioner for Berks. We cannot answer yours of 24 March till we know whether the arrears specified grew due before or since the ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654. Give us an account of these and all others arrears you can discover. [*G* 30, *p.* 16.]

April 9. Blandford. Jas. Dewy to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases, co. Dorset. I asked how I was to compel Thos. Sampson, to whom Lady Brooke has let Sherborne Rectory, to pay the rent, the ministers much complaining for want of their augmentations; as it consists of tithes and corn, no distress can be taken; and if I re-enter, I should void the grant, and there would not be so much bid again, it being let very high.

I have seized the estates of several persons active in the late rebellion, and beg directions how to proceed. [*G* 173, *p.* 693.]

April 12. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that Dawbeney Williams, the solicitor, enquire of Mr. Noel, registrar to the Committee for Removing Obstructions, and Mr. Billinghurst, registrar to the Irish Trustees, for reprises made to purchasers of estates sold, which ought still to continue under sequestration, that the profits may be received to the use of the State. They are to permit him to take notes out of the books thereon. [*G* 27, *p.* 366.]

April 13. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Berks. The auditors say that your accounts for 2 years, to 29 Sept. 1653, are exhibited and signed, but not sworn to nor perfected. We desire you to perfect them in 3 weeks, that you may be saved further trouble. [*G* 30, *p.* 16.]

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April 13. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Bucks. Our auditors say that you have exhibited, but not perfected, your accounts for the 4 years ending Sept. 1653, and that you have 424*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* in hand. This you are to pay in 10 days, or we shall give orders that will be troublesome to you. [*G* 30, *p.* 20.]

April 13. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Sam.] Bedford, Commissioner for co. Bucks. We send you a letter to your predecessors, and we desire you to give them notice thereof, and to give us an account of the exact day of the notice [being given], that we may proceed according to their answer. [*G* 30, *p.* 20.]

April 13. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the late County Committee for Cornwall. Your account for 4 years to 29 Sept. 1653 is signed but not sworn to, nor vouchers produced. You charge [John] Jago, your late fellow-commissioner, with 106*l.* 16*s.* 1½*d.*, and therewith seem to balance your account. We have ordered Major Pearse how to proceed as to that sum, and within 20 days you are to perfect your accounts. [*G* 30, *p.* 116.]

April 13. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Major Pearse. We desire you to send the above to your predecessors, and give us an account what day you deliver it, that we may proceed accordingly. [*G* 30, *p.* 116.]

April 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Searle, Rich. Clapp, and Nich. Tripe, late County Commissioners for Devon. Our auditors say that your accounts are not sworn to nor perfected, and that you have brought in none for the ½ year ended 25 March 1650. You are to appear here peremptorily to settle the accounts and pay in your moneys before 25 May, or we shall levy them on your estates, with a fine for detaining them, according to the ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654. Pray prevent this by speedy compliance. [*G* 30, *p.* 42.]

May 1. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, on the Excise ordinance of 17 March 1655, that the estate of Wm. Toone, brewer, be sequestered by the London Commissioners for non-payment of 12*l.*, and 6*l.* into the Excise, as ordered 28 Dec. 1654, and 11 Jan. 1655. [*G* 27, *p.* 375.] *Annexing,*

1. *Certificate by George Foxcroft, treasurer, of non-payment,* 31 *Jan.* 1655, *and request by the Excise Committee to the Commissioners for Sequestrations thereon for its payment.* 1 *Feb.* 1655. [*G* 145, *pp.* 277, 279.]

May 4. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Committee for cos. Montgomery, Flint, and Denbigh. You are to require from Dan. Lloyd all his receipts from sequestered estates or rectories since the expiration of the Act for Propagating the Gospel in Wales, and if he refuse, certify what moneys he has in hand, that we may fine him. He and Rodenhurst are to peruse our directions of 24 Nov., and the latter to give a perfect account of rectories sequestered when he was clerk to the late committee. [*G* 30, *p.* 345.]

May 4. Haberdashers' Hall. T. Bayly to John Archer, County Commissioner for Westmoreland and Cumberland, Kendal. I should have written before on your request to desist from acting as commissioner, but my masters had a promise which has been neglected, to see the place provided. Your continuance was much desired by some, but since you are resolved against it, you are to nominate a fit person, who shall have a commission and instructions, and with your furtherance, receive what is due. You are to perfect your accounts, and pay in your balance. [*G* 30, *p.* 464.]

May 4. Note of the state of the accounts of the late Commissioners for Sequestrations of the counties of England, arranged alphabetically, from Bedford to Lancaster, giving the names of the commissioners. [*G* 144, *pp.* 487–492.]

May 5. York. Ald. John Geldart and T. Dickinson, County Commissioners for York, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We gave your letter to the now commissioners, and Ralph Rymer is very ready to conform, but Thos. Bourchier opposes, and says that the words "due proportion" mean as much as they shall

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give us. We do not think you left them judges of the proportion, and Mr. Rymer will tell you that they had very little to do with the business, especially the man who now opposes. An order for our proportion of the allowance due 25 March 1654, with arrears, would end the difference. [*G* 70, *p.* 200.]

[May 8.] Petition of the inhabitants of the ward of Great Ilford, parish of Barking, co. Essex, to the Protector. The Committee for Plundered Ministers allowed maintenance for their minister out of the tithes of Ilford Hospital, sequestered for delinquency of Rich. Fanshaw, for the edifying of more than 130 families in the ward 4 or 5 miles distant from the parish church. The inhabitants, by their large contributions, have erected a chapel, but John Reading, counsellor to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, procured an order for discharge of the sequestration, and seized the maintenance to his own use. Beg their souls' bread, and protection for the due worship of God, and reference of the case to Lord St. John, or some other trusty person. With reference thereon to the Commissioners for Sequestrations.

May 8. Reference thereon by the said commissioners to Brereton, to peruse and report. [*G* 27, *p.* 380.]

May 11. York. Thos. Bourchier to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. In answer to yours to Mr. Rymer and myself, about the 2 aldermen, I never was backward to observe your orders. Mr. Winslow, on 6 Nov. 1654, intimated from you that you were unwilling to meddle amongst us. I found that ½ was expected, which has been offered to Ald. Geldart. I told him it was plain that I was to have some advantage, and that as they were only 2 or 3 months in commission before me, and the Commissioners for Sequestrations meant me to be equal with them, I thought I ought to share with them, and this would end the dispute. I told him that if he could ascertain that Mr. Winslow's letter meant anything else, I would comply; he never hinted the making any allowance of that 70*l.* a man they shared before my commission. I sent my letter to him before subscribing it, but he replied that either all or none was due to him. [*G* 70, *p.* 197.]

May 15. Haberdashers' Hall. **49.** Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Commissioners for England and South Wales. We authorize you to continue for one year your jurisdiction over sequestered estates, receiving the rents, notwithstanding any appointment of receivers by the Treasury Commissioners. [½ *page; also G* 31, *p.* 802.]

May 15. Henry Darley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You order me to pay 251*l.* for goods of Lord Savile, sold to me by the Westminster Committee. Before I was sent by Parliament into Scotland, hearing that his goods were valued very low, with purpose to dispose of them to his own advantage, I bought them from the Westminster Committee for 100*l.* Going to Scotland for 2 years, I found, on my return, that the then Earl of Kent had the house and goods by an order of the House of Lords. Before the matter was adjusted, Lord Savile came to town from Oxford, and compounded, and I restored him the goods, and after 3 years, he repaid me the money without interest. I wrote to Savile, and he has exerted himself to get me discharged; as the business is now before you, I am confident that he will clear me. [*G* 143, *p.* 215.]

May 17. Petition of Agricola Waylett to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for allowance of his equal share with his fellow-commissioners, Pickering and Letchworth, till March 1654, in the salary of 12*d.* in the pound, though he was suspended 5 March 1652, on a charge made against him by a person unknown, which has never been prosecuted. [*G* 127, *p.* 401.]

May 17. Order thereon accordingly, unless Capt. Pickering, now the sole commissioner, show cause to the contrary in 10 days after notice. [*G* 27, *p.* 390.]

May 18. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Jer. Tolhurst and Paul Wymond. We appoint you commissioners for cos. Cumberland and Westmoreland. You are to receive the books and papers from John Archer, late commissioner, with the usual instructions. [*G* 12, *p.* 634.]

May 25. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [John Ward]. You are to peruse and give us your opinion on the enclosed letter (missing) from Judith Evans. [*G* 30, *p.* 273.]

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May 25. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Col. Gorges, co. Commissioner for Somerset]. We hear that little account has been given of the valuable estate of John Winchcombe, long under sequestration. Enquire into its disposal, that the State may not be wronged. [*G* 30, *p.* 396.]

May 25. Drury House. Treason Trustees to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. There will be several discoveries made on lands saleable by the 3rd Act. As the discoverer is at the cost of surveying, we have in our sales provided for that expense by way of pre-emption. If the delinquent, after discovery and survey, compounds, without any respect to the discoverers, it will dishearten them from the like service. We therefore wish you to see that the discoverer is allowed a recompense, and that the delinquent is not treated like those who have not concealed their estates.

We also commend a discovery by Wm. Morgan of Keven y lech, of lands, co. Monmouth, late the estate of Thos. Jones, Papist delinquent, who has compounded for part of his estate, and will compound for the rest without regard to the discoverer. [*G* 81, *p.* 743.]

June 1. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [S. Bellingham, Commissioner for Berks.] On yours of 10 May, you are to levy the arrears due from those named, with fines of 20*l.* from Fras. Perkins, 30*l.* from Sir Hen. Moore, and 10*l.* from Wm. Hunt, according to the ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654. [*G* 30, *p.* 16.]

June 1. Commissioners for Sequestrations to [Thomas Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester]. You write about a toll or custom for goods from sea which came through Watergate Street, formerly paid to the Earl of Derby. Enquire into it and report to us, and if it is due to the Commonwealth, we shall take order that the informer shall be tenant, with due respect for his information. [*G* 30, *p.* 98.]

June 8. Order in the Committee for Sequestrations, that as Thos. Robinson, Commissioner for co. Chester, has accounted with the auditor for his receipts for the year ending 2 Feb. 1655, and paid in the balance, the account be approved, and he discharged from any further attendance or trouble. Also like order for his accounts for 4 years ending 2 Feb. 1654. [*G* 30, *p.* 98.]

June 12. Petition of Thos. Fox, late agent for sequestrations, co. Salop, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for an order to Mr. Prowd to allow him his pay. At request of Col. Crowne and some of the ministers who much needed their augmentations, during the 6 months between the discharge of the late commissioners and appointment of the present commissioner, Jos. Prowd, he received the tithes, paid them, and paid in the balance, except 32*l.* 2*s.*, which is not his full due at 4*s.* a day for 6 months, during which he spent most of his time riding and working in the service, but Mr. Prowd refuses to allow it. [*G* 85, *p.* 397.]

June 12. Reference thereon to Mr. Prowd, to certify what he knows on the case. [*G* 27, *p.* 416.]

June 19. Petition of Hen. Darley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, to the same effect as his letter of 15 May [*see p.* 724 *supra.*] Begs a summons to Lord Savile to show cause why he should not pay the remainder due for the goods, all or most of which he has still in his hands. [*G* 143, *p.* 213.]

June 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Hen. Darley. We have received your petition, but we find you really owe the money and your allegations do not in the least excuse you from paying the 251*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, which we hope you will pay into the Exchequer, or we must levy the penalty. [*G* 27, *p.* 418.]

June 19. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Bourchier and Ralph Rymer, [Commissioners for co. York]. Touching the salary in difference between you and your fellow-commissioners, Mr. Geldart and Ald. Dickenson, we think they should have 4½ per-centage for last half year, this being ¾ of the half, and we desire you to be satisfied, and claim no further allowance for the 3 months named in your letter. This we propound to settle all further differences. [*G* 27, *p.* 419; 70, *p.* 193.]

June 22. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that—as the Treasury Commissioners on 6 June ordered us to deliver to the Exchequer Auditors copies of

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all accounts of county commissioners passed for the year ending Michaelmas 1654, if discharged, and the originals if not discharged, with their rentals, and all our surveys—the auditors and registrar are to make out and deliver the said papers with all convenient speed, taking receipts for all, and noting the number of sheets in each survey, that they may be delivered back, as promised, when they are required. [*G* 27, *p.* 430.]

June 22. Account by Nich. Salter of his labours and charges in surveying recusants' estates, examining tenants' accounts, viewing farms for repairs, journeys in passing his accounts, and payment of 2,936*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* into the Treasury, and request for satisfaction. [*G* 115, *p.* 441.]

June [22]. Order thereon allowing him 40*l.* for the surveys, and 40*l.* for incident charges to Michaelmas 1654. [*G* 27, *p.* 434.]

Order that as Thos. Butterwick, late agent to the County Committee for Sussex, refuses to pay in to the county committee 50*l.* received from the tenants of Lord Montague's sequestered estate, he be fined on the ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654, unless he pay it in 14 days; the county committee to certify when the 50*l.* grew due, and was received by him. [*G* 30, *p.* 449.]

June 22. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Major Pearse, Commissioner for Cornwall. You are once more to require Thos. Arundel and the persons named in yours of 12 May to pay in their arrears by 12 July, and send a perfect account of what was due from them 25 March 1654, that we may fine them. Also give us an account of arrears due since then, and we will take orders for obtaining them. Those who pretend incumbrances are not to hinder proceedings without producing special allowance thereof. [*G* 30, *p.* 115.]

June 22. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. If the reserved rents due to the Lord of tenements held by leases under delinquents and Papists which have expired were received to the use of the State, you are to look upon them as under sequestration, and let them to the best advantage. [*G* 30, *p.* 218.]

June 22. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Commissioners for cos. Montgomery, Flint, and Denbigh. We send you an order about your fellow-commissioner, [Rich.] Price. Roger Edgworth must also account and pay in his profits. [*G* 30, *p.* 345.] *Annexing,*

1. *Order repeated that Dan. Lloyd bring in accounts and pay in moneys forthwith, on penalty of further proceedings; that Rodenhurst pursue his directions, and that Roger Edgworth, who acted under the Committee for Propagating the Gospel, give accounts and pay in his arrears.* [*G* 30, *p.* 345.]

June 22. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Sussex. We enclose you orders to Rob. Say and Thos. Butterwick, and direct you within 14 days after notice to levy by distress from Hen. Stalman 500*l.* and a fine of 150*l.*, unless meantime he pay in that sum, or as much as fully appears to you to be owing to the State. [*G* 30, *p.* 449.]

June 27. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations,—on request of Mr. Collins, Commissioner for co. Worcester, for allowance for divers great charges and trouble in discovering estates of Papists and delinquents, and in examining witnesses, and the accounts of the late commissioners, for the year ending 25 March last,—allowing him 40*l.* for incident charges. [*G* 27, *p.* 435.]

June 28. Petition of Sam. Bedford, Commissioner for cos. Bucks and Bedford, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, for allowance of his 1*s.* in the pound on 800*l.* arrears due by Sir John Packington, whose estate he managed, but this sum was assigned by order of the Protector and Council to Eliz. Guise, widow, co. Worcester, and her children, in lieu of an estate given them by Parliament. Also for allowance for charges, having been at great expense in managing the estates.

With note that he should be allowed 40*l.* for the debt and 30*l.* incident charges. [*G* 139, *p.* 461.] *Annexing,*

1. *Certificate by Aud. Thos. Browne to Packington's debt,* 10 *Nov.* 1655. [*G* 139, *p.* 463.]

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June 28. Order thereon allowing Bedford the 30*l.* incident charges, but not naming the debt. [*G* 27, *p.* 436.]

June 29. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations on behalf of Jas. Pearse, Commissioner for cos. Devon and Cornwall,—for allowances for great incident charges in travelling and discovering estates, he having no clerk or agent,—granting him 40*l.* for incident charges. [*G* 27, *p.* 437.]

July 3. Commissioners for Sequestrations to John Peck and Thos. Crachley, Commissioners for three counties of North Wales. Dan. Lloyd will give a full account of all he knows about sequestered estates, but he declines, and we excuse his giving it for rectories sequestered for scandal, and in the management of the Propagators of the Gospel; of other rectories he will tell you what moneys are in arrears, and in whose hands they are. You are to send us a list of those in arrear, and if they do not pay in 10 days, we shall fine them, and order you to levy both fines and arrears. [*G* 29, *p.* 6.]

July 4. Recommendation by Rice Williams of Wm. Blethin, for the stewardship of sequestered estates in co. Monmouth. [*G* 145, *p.* 228.]

July 4. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations for Blethin to be steward for keeping courts in co. Monmouth. [*G* 12, *p.* 641.]

July 13. Order in the Committee for Sequestrations, that as Jos. Beverley has neglected to pay in the 104*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* due on his account, and ordered to be paid 11 Aug. 1654, he either pay it within 14 days, or it be levied on his estate, according to the ordinance of 10 Feb. 1654. [*G* 29, *p.* 22.]

July 18. Petition of Thomas Buttery, late agent for co. Sussex, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. When in service had to take several journeys to London in the depth of winter, and was discharged very suddenly, though he has served well. Has 50*l.* in hand, received in desperate arrears of ⅔ of Viscount Montague's estate, and got in at great expense. Begs an allowance therefrom for his sickness and great charges. [*G* 143, *p.* 219.]

July 18. Order thereon that if the county commissioners know that he has served well in surveying recusants' estates, &c., they give him a reasonable allowance out of the 50*l.*, and this committee will get it allowed by the Treasury Commissioners. [*G* 29, *p.* 30.]

July 24. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations,—on information that Edw. Davies, steward of the court baron in Vala-Crucis Manor, co. Denbigh, belonging to Lady Wootton, recusant, has not given in accounts for some years,—that he account at once for his receipts with the county commissioner, who is in future to be present at the keeping of all courts; and that he appear on 4 Sept. to show cause why he should not be dismissed for not giving in accounts. In default of his appearance, another steward to be appointed. [*G* 29, *p.* 34.]

July 26. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that the registrar and auditors prepare, against the next meeting, exact lists of Papists and delinquents now under sequestration, with their abodes, and dates of sequestration, taking care that none be omitted, and none as formerly inserted through mistake. [*G* 29, *p.* 43.]

July 26. Haberdashers' Hall. **50.** Commissioners for Sequestrations to the county commissioners. You are to return in 3 weeks an exact list of the Papists and delinquents now under sequestration, with the date of sequestration and abode, omitting none, and inserting none by mistake. [*Printed, ⅔ page; also G* 31, *p.* 803.]

July 26. Drury House. Treason Trustees to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We hear of two fines due to the State from the tenants of Betham Manor, Westmoreland, by custom, on the deaths of William and James, late Earls of Derby, lords of the manor. These will come to a large sum, and we recommend you to authorize your officers to levy them, taking information of Capt. Blunt Sadler, who has promised to assist in their recovery. [*G* 81, *p.* 739.]

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July 27. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on appearance of John Maidstone, Abr. Barrington, and John Mann, late commissioners for Essex, desiring discharge of their accounts from 1650 to 1653, when they acted jointly, which are passed by the auditors, and craving certain allowances,—granting them 40*l.* out of 60*l.* craved for survey of recusants' estates, being made in the winter at great charge; 134*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* for their poundage on augmentations to ministers, for which they made no defalcation; and 328*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* craved by Barrington as ⅛ of the composition of Lady Anne Herris of Writtle, of which he was sole discoverer. [*G* 29, *p.* 48.]

Order that the auditor allow them 160*l.* for incident charges for the 4 years, their salary of 12*d.* in the pound, for money paid by order, and 9*d.* in the pound for the compositions of Sir Dennor Strutt, John Lynn, and John Searle, actors in the late insurrection, and the pay of 2 agents for the 4 years. [*G* 29, *p.* 48.]

Aug. 7. Northampton. **51.** Peter Whalley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send you the lists for cos. Northampton and Rutland, required in yours of 26 July. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

51. I. *List of* 10 *recusants and* 1 *recusant-delinquent, co. Northampton, with abode and date of sequestration, and of* 2 *recusants, co. Rutland, but without dates, which the late committee refuse to give.* [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 8. Maidstone. County Commissioners for Kent to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. In obedience to your orders of 22 March last for summoning delinquents whose fines were unpaid, we served notices on Dame Cecilia Swan for John Clarke, Wm. Colepepper of Bedbury, and Rich. Bestbeach.

We cannot hear of Edm. Chapman of East Greenwich, Thos. Fisher who purchased from George Loane, recusant, Thos. Lapp, and John White, of Eltham.

Philip Frowd of Gillingham, and Walter Hatcher of Tunbridge have long left those places.

Sir Fras. Leigh's estate was discharged by the county committee on his death 4 Feb. 1645, and John St. Leger's, of Lenham, 22 April 1646, as not worth 200*l.*, according to instructions from the Committee for Compounding. [*G* 188, *p.* 173.]

Aug. 10. Dichley, co. Oxon. **52.** John Cary to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send the list you require, made up to the best of my knowledge, with help of the late committee's duplicates. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

I. *List of* 20 *Papists and delinquents, co. Oxon, with abode, date of sequestration, and some notes; including* 4 *of whom no profit has been taken on account of their poverty.* [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 14. Hereford. **53.** Capt. Silas Taylor to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 26 July 1655, I send you a list of Papists and delinquents under sequestration, but cannot give the dates, as we received them sequestered from the late committee, except John Addis, who was sequestered since March 1653. [⅓ *page.*] *Annexing,*

53. I. *List of* 32 *Papists and delinquents now under sequestration in co. Hereford.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 14. Stafford. **54.** John Peirce and John Ley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We return the list required by yours of 26 July. [⅓ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

54. I. *List of* 36 *Papists and delinquents, co. Stafford, with abode and date of sequestration.* [2½ *pages.*]

Aug. 17. Brecon. **55.** County Commissioners to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We annex, as ordered, a list of 5 Papists and delinquents under sequestration in this county, with date and place of abode. With list at the foot. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 18. Leicester. **56.** John Horton to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On your order of 26 July, I send a list of Papists and delinquents sequestered, but cannot tell the date of sequestration except that it was before 1649, and they have been sequestered ever since. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

56. I. *List of* 9 *delinquents and recusants still sequestered, with their abodes; Rob. Brudenell was discharged* 28 *May* 1651. [¼ *sheet.*]

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Aug. 18. Kendal. **57.** John Archer to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send the lists required by yours of 26 July, but at present cannot give the dates of sequestration of those in Cumberland. I hope to do it soon. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

57. I. *List of* 13 *Papists and* 8 *delinquents in co. Cumberland, with their abodes.* [1 *page.*]

57. II. *Like list of* 32 *Papists and* 9 *delinquents, co. Westmoreland, with dates of sequestration.* [2⅔ *pages.*]

Aug. 19. Northwich. **58.** Thos. Robinson to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send you the list required, in the exactest manner I can find in any returns of former committees, but several have been lately discharged by your order, and several detailed are of small value. I return Mrs. [Mary] Plunkett's estate; it was to be discharged on security, but she has tendered none. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

58. I. *Alphabetical list of* 50 *Papists and delinquents in the county and City of Chester, with abode and date of sequestration.* 19 *Aug.* 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. 20. **59.** Sam. Bellingham to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send the list you require, but the exact date of sequestration of some is uncertain. [⅓ *page.*] *Annexing,*

59. I. *Alphabetical list of* 28 *Papists and delinquents, co. Berks, with abode and date of sequestration.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 20. **60.** List by Geo. Fenwick, commissioner, of Papists and delinquents in Northumberland, with addresses and dates of sequestration. [*Book of* 6 *written and* 18 *blank pages.*]

Aug. 22. Duffield. **61.** Thos. Newton to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send you a list of Papists and delinquents sequestered, but cannot give date and abode; ¾ of the rents of Little Longton, sequestered from Rowland Eyre, and formerly let by the commissioners, are now let by Mr. Hunt, receiver of Dean and Chapters rents. Also Mr. Reason of Chesterfield has taken upon him to let Calver tithe, producing a lease from the trustees for 6 years, for maintenance of Edw. Pryme, minister. Both of these I had let three months ago to others, so my proceeding is much obstructed. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

61. I. *List of* 8 *Papists and delinquents sequestered in co. Derby.* 22 *Aug.* 1655. [½ *page.*]

Aug. 23. Norwich. **62.** Nich. Salter to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have endeavoured out of the records of the late committee to send you such a list as you require. [⅓ *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

62. I. *Alphabetical list of* 26 *Papists and delinquents in co. Norfolk; with abode and date of sequestration.* [1½ *sheets.*]

62. II. *List of* 28 *sequestered persons, in tabular form, giving the names, rental, taxes defalked, repairs defalked, annuities, fifths, thirds, and other reprizes, clear rent, and whether they hold the rent; clear rental,* 1,342*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* [1⅔ *sheets.*]

Aug. 24. White Lion, Nottingham. **63.** Gab. Odingsells to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send the list required by yours of 26 July, as appears by the sequestration book now in the hands of John Hough of Nottingham. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

63. I. *List of* 7 *Papists and delinquents, co. Notts, with date of sequestration, abode, and some notes.* [½ *page.*]

Aug. 27. Cirencester. **64.** Giles Hancock to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send you, as far as I can be informed by the books of the late committee, a list of persons under sequestration, with date and abode. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

64. I. *List of* 28 *sequestered persons in co. Gloucester, with address and date of sequestration to most of them.* [1 *column.*]

Aug. 27. Cambridge. **65.** Wm. Pickering to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send the list required by yours of 26 July. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

65. I. *List of* 7 *recusants and* 1 *delinquent sequestered in co. Cambridge, with date and abode.* [1 *page.*]

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Aug. 28. Coventry. **66.** Edw. Chamberlain to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send the required list for co. Warwick and the City of Coventry. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

66. I. *Alphabetical list of* 49 *Papists and delinquents, with abode and date of sequestration.* [2½ *pages.*]

Aug. 29. Durham. **67.** County Commissioners for Durham to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 26 July, we send you our list of Papists and delinquents. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

67. I. *Alphabetical list of* 62 *Papists and* 9 *delinquents in co. Durham, with the addresses of most, and the date of sequestration.* [2 *sheets.*]

Aug. 30. List by Thos. Muspratt, Commissioner for Hants, of sequestered persons there, with the dates of sequestration, viz:—
In Basingstoke Division, 2.
Kingsclere Division, 4.
Andover Division, 5.
Alton Division, 7.
Portsdown Division, 13.
New Forest Division, 22.
Fawley Division, 19.
[*G* 167, *pp.* 369–372.]

Aug. ? **68.** List of 15 sequestered Papists and delinquents in co. Rutland. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. ? **69.** List of 29 delinquents in or having estates in co. Hereford. [4 *pages.*]

Aug. ? **70.** List of 74 Papists and delinquents in co. Hereford, with the annual value of their estates. [2⅛ *pages.*]

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1655.
Sept. 4. Newport. **1.** John Ward to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 26 July, I send you a true copy of the rental that Mrs. Evans delivered me, which is all I can do. I have since discovered Elinor Waters of Llanfeering, widow, Thos. Jones of Llantrissent, and Marg. Morgan of Caerleon, whom I have sequestered. Case of Henry, Lord Herbert. I will wait on you as soon as I can convey my charge up safely. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

1. I. *Table of the rentals of* 49 *Papists, co. Monmouth, giving the tenants, person from whom the estate is sequestered, and rental contributions deducted.* [6 *pages.*]

Sept. 7. Lincoln. **2.** Alphabetical list by John Disney and W. Harvey, of 33 Papists and delinquents, co. Lincoln, with abode and date of sequestration. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 7. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that Wm. Shaftoe be one of the Commissioners for Northumberland. [*G* 29, *p.* 60.]

Sept. 8. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Wm. Shaftoe. We appoint you a commissioner to act with Mr. Fenwick in examining Albert Hodgson and others in a case between us and Sir Wm. Fenwick, Bart., and Wm. Fenwick. [*G* 29, *p.* 60.]

Sept. 12. Worcester College. **3.** Wm. Collins and Walter Gyles to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send the list required by yours of 26 July. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

3. I. *Alphabetical list of* 45 *sequestered Papists and delinquents, co. Worcester, with abode and date of sequestration.* 12 *Sept.* 1655. [2½ *pages.*]

Sept. 14. Westminster. **4.** Treasury Commissioners to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We wish the particulars in the enclosed paper to be prepared with all possible dispatch for the public service; advise thereon with Mr. Brereton, and transmit the particulars to us signed, as they are dispatched. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

4. I. *Note of the lists to be prepared by the Commissioners for Sequestrations:—*
1. *Names of all persons still under sequestration for delinquency or recusancy, with the dates of sequestration.*
2. *Those still sequestered for non-payment of some part of their fines.*
3. *Fines still remaining due, with the interest owing thereon.*

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4. *Savings on which no composition has been made.*
5. *Bonds and securities given in at Goldsmiths' Hall.*
6. *Debts sequestered for delinquency or recusancy, and not yet paid.*
7. *Leases allowed on sequestered estates.*
8. *Mortgages and other charges on the said estates.*
9. *Cases before the Commissioners for Compounding or Committee for Advance of Money not decided on* 31 *Jan.* 1654.
10. *Claims in prosecution on which no judgment is given.*
11. *Informations on which they doubt their power to proceed, and a list of such cases as are worth prosecution.* [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 19. Trustees for Sale of Estates forfeit for treason to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, Thos. Bayley, their secretary, or others their officers. On a Treasury order of 28 Aug. last, we request you to collect and deliver us, on the 26th instant, an account of all who have compounded on the Act for Sale, the lands compounded for, the part of the fines paid in, &c. [*G* 81, *p.* 747.] *Annexing,*

1. *Order by the Treasury Commissioners, that the surveyor-general of estates forfeited for treason deliver within a month, to the trustees for their sale, an account of all surveys returned upon each Act, under the name of the delinquent.*

That the registrar for sale return an account of the lands contracted for, buyers and price, and the value of what is uncontracted for.

That the accountant return the sums paid and still unpaid.

That the counsel for the said trustees, and the secretary to the Commissioners for Removing Obstructions, give an account of the claims allowed on each estate uncontracted for, and of what title His Highness and the Commonwealth have in such estate.

That the trustees' solicitor search the books of the late Committee for Compounding and present Commissioners for Sequestrations, and deliver the trustees an account of all who have compounded on the Act of Sale, and for what lands.

That the treasurers give an account of moneys doubled on the security of each Act, and that from their several accounts the trustees compose a perfect and entire state of the business, and attend with it within 6 weeks. If they find anything more necessary for perfecting their accounts, it is to be done by the respective officers. Also the trustees and treasurers are to consult as to the best way of compelling payment of the second ½ of purchase moneys yet unpaid, and offer their opinion. 28 *Aug.* 1655. [*G* 81, *pp.* 749, 750.]

[Sept. 21.] **5.** Order in Council appointing the county commissioners to levy a tax of 10 per cent. on real estate, and of $\frac{1}{16}$ on personalty on all who have been sequestered or are delinquents, in order to pay the lately raised militia forces.

With instructions to the commissioners, &c., &c. [2⅔ *pages, M.S. Endorsed by Sec. Nicholas; Cromwell's orders for securing the peace in England.*

Sept. 25. **6.** Note of 22 counties from which lists, perfect or imperfect, have been returned [on the order of 26 July 1655]. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 27. List by Aud. Dancer Hancock of 65 bonds entered into for payments to Mich. Herring and Rich. Waring, Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers, giving in tabular form the place, person sequestered, name and address of securities, date of bond, sum, and date when payable. [*G* 82, *p.* 645–659.]

Oct. 3. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that Mr. Bayley, the registrar, sign letters to such counties as have not returned letters in answer to that of 26 July, reinforcing the order. With note that they were sent 4 Oct. to 23 counties named. [*G* 31, *p.* 804.]

Oct. 3. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the commissioners of the aforesaid counties. Not having received any return to our order of 26 July, we again desire you to observe our directions, and return us an exact list as therein ordered. [*G* 31, *p.* 804.]

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Oct. 8. York. **7.** Ralph Rymer to Mr. Bayly. A list was drawn up as ordered long ago, but it has miscarried. When the clerk who has our books comes to town, he shall draw up another. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 11. **8.** Return by the Commissioners for Middlesex, London, &c., on the order of 26 July, of the estates of 20 Papists and delinquents under sequestration in Middlesex, and 14 in London. With date of sequestration and abodes. [3 *sheets.*]

Oct. 12. **9.** Thos. Crachley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 3 Oct., I return all the names under sequestration in cos. Montgomery, Flint, and Denbigh, as returned to me, but cannot give the dates, as I only came into employment in 1654, and the books are in the hands of the former commissioners. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

9. I. *List of* 3 *sequestered recusants, co. Denbigh,* 15 *co. Flint, Lady Wootton, co. Denbigh, with list of her numerous tenants who are no recusants, and* 5 *recusants, co. Montgomery; with their abodes and some notes, but no dates. Also note of a lease granted to James Williams.* [*Book of* 8½ *written and* 13½ *blank pages.*]

Oct. 12. **10.** List sent by John Base to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, of 44 Papists and delinquents, co. Suffolk, with date of sequestration, abodes, and notes. [6 *pages.*]

Oct. 15. Blandford. **11.** James Dewy to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have gone as far as I can in answering yours of 3 Oct., but the late committee, when Wareham was taken, left or lost their books; in those that remain, there is no note of the places where the sequestered estates lie, many being out of the county, so I have to leave many blanks. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

11. I. *Alphabetical list of* 45 *recusants and* 2 *delinquents sequestered in the county, chiefly before* 24 *March* 1650, *with addresses.* 16 *Aug.* 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

Oct 17. Salop. **12.** Jos. Prowd to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send the list you require, but can only give the time of sequestration of Lord Craven in 1650, and Thos. Owen, Nov. 1654. [¼ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

12. I. *List of* 16 *Papists and* 3 *delinquents under sequestration* 6 *Aug.* 1655, *as returned by the late Committee of co. Salop, with abodes, but no dates, except that most were sequestered in* 1645 *and* 1646. [2 *sheets.*]

Oct. 18. Sarum. **13.** Bennett Swayne to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You strictly ordered me 15 May last, to dispose of all sequestered estates in this county for one year, to receive all rents and arrears, and to act according to my commission and instructions, any receivers to be appointed by the Treasury Commissioners notwithstanding. This I have done, but on 28 Aug. I received a prohibition from the Treasury Commissioners, appointing Mr. Butler receiver of rents, and ordering me to forbear intermeddling further with them. This put me to a stand, hearing nothing from you.

I have carefully perfected the list required by yours of 1 Oct. I want directions as to how I now stand, and whether I am to act further in my employment, being engaged by my former order, unless I receive one to the contrary. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

13. I. *List of* 17 *Papists and delinquents, sequestered in co. Wilts, with abode and date of sequestration. With note that the Earl of Shrewsbury's estate was discharged, but has been lately seized as the estate of the Countess of Shrewsbury, recusant.* 6 *Aug.* 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

Oct. 18. Henlow. **14.** Sam. Bedford to Mr. Bayly, secretary to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I sent you a return long ago, but it has not been delivered, and therefore I have sent to my agent and now enclose it. I should have sent sooner had I known you had not received the other letter, but I had a supersedeas, and knew not what to do. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

14. I. *List of* 18 *Papists and delinquents, cos. Bucks and Bedford, with abode and date of sequestration, and notes relating to some.* [2 *pages.*]

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Oct. 20. Leicester. **15.** John Horton to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 3 Oct. I certify that I sent up the list ordered 26 July, and the post, who never yet failed, says he delivered it to one of the clerks at Haberdashers' Hall. I hope you will find it.

P.S.—I lately received an order from the Treasury Commissioners stating that His Highness, by letters patent, has constituted Peter Whalley of Northampton receiver of all rents in co. Leicester and other counties, so I forbear further to intermeddle. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 20. York. **16.** Ralph Rymer to Mr. Bayly. The list has been copied and sent. I hope it will succeed better than the former, and come to your hands soon. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 20. York. **17.** Ralph Rymer and Thos. Bourchier to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On your order of 26 July, we send you as full a list as by any means we can obtain. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

17. I. *Alphabetical list of* 135 *Papists and delinquents in Yorkshire, York, and Kingston-on-Hull, with abode and date of sequestration.* [6½ *pages.*]

Oct. 22. Exeter. **18.** James Pearse to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 26 July, I give you a list [inserted] of 23 delinquents and recusants, co. Devon, and 3 co. Cornwall, with address and date of sequestration. There are estates whose leases have not been confirmed by you, and therefore no receipts from them. I have often complained of not receiving from the late commissioners the light to enable me to go on with the work, so that I am weary of it, and if you want more satisfaction, you must require it from my predecessors. Also, finding that the treasurers of the Exchequer have appointed Major Saunders receiver, I want further directions as to what I am to do. [2¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

18. I. *Order by the Treasury Commissioners that as His Highness has made Thos. Saunders receiver of revenues for cos. Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall, the Sequestration Commissioners forbear to intermeddle with sequestered estates, or receive the rents. Signed, Thos. Widdrington, W. Sydenham. Oct.* 9, 1655. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 24. **19.** List by Ben. Goodwin, on the order of 3 Oct., of 10 sequestered Papists and delinquents, co. Surrey, with abode and date of sequestration. [½ *sheet.*]

Oct. 26. **20.** County Commissioners for Kent to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 26 July and 3 Oct. 1655, we send you a list, as perfect as we can make it, of persons under sequestration. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

20. I. *List of* 12 *Papists and delinquents in Kent, with dates, but no places of abode. With marginal notes requiring particulars to be filled in.* [1½ *pages. See* 7 *March* 1656.]

Oct. 26. Abstracts by Auditor Hancock of 11 bonds received this day from Mr. Bayly, and notes of particulars taken therefrom. [*G* 82, *p.* 663.]

[Oct. 26.] Like abstracts of 15 similar bonds, for sums which were to be paid after reducement of divers garrisons. [*G* 82, *pp.* 661, 662.]

Oct. 30. Radnor. **21.** John Yardley and Wm. Stephens to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. To yours of 26 July, enclosed in Mr. Bayly's of 22 Oct., we reply that we have no delinquents under sequestration in this county, but send you a list of recusants, also of our leases of Papists' estates and the terms. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

21. I. *List of* 4 *recusants, co. Radnor, sequestered in* 1646, *with their abodes.* [*Scrap.*]

21. II. *List of* 7 *leases of delinquents' estates made in the said county,* 1651 *to* 1654. [1 *page.*]

Oct. ? **22.** Notes of orders in the order books *G* 27 and *G* 29, (old marks *Va* and *Ta,*) from 6 April 1654 to 4 Sept. 1655, relating to the estates of 30 sequestered persons. [1 *sheet.*]

Oct. ? **23.** Notes of claims made upon 12 sequestered estates. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. ? **24.** Notes of orders in Parliament relative to the continuance of the Commissioners for Sequestrations to Sept. 1655, when the Treasury Commissioners ordered them to adjourn themselves, sending in a list of sequestered persons and fines. [½ *page.*]

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1655.
Nov. 1. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that the registrar prepare forthwith a list of all claims now depending before them, wherein judgment has not been given. [*G* 29, *p.* 74.]

Nov. 12. Sec. John Thurloe to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Commissary Gen. Whalley and others, who have instructions about the Cavalier party in cos. Lincoln, Derby, Notts, and Leicester, want a list of persons compounding, sequestered, or under review. Pray desire your clerks to prepare such lists, expressing the amount of composition and value of the estates. This is of great consequence, and requires all possible speed. I expect it will be wanted for all the counties in England. 12 Nov. 1655. [*G* 172, *p.* 621.]

Nov. 20. Whitehall. Order in Council that the Commissioners for Sequestrations prepare lists of the persons in each county who have compounded, with particulars of their estates, and send it with speed to the Council, or Sec. Thurloe. With note by the clerk that he had delivered lists for cos. Notts, Derby, Lincoln, and Leicester, to Sec. Thurloe, who said they would not do, and bade him proceed no further. [*G* 172, *p.* 617; 195, *p.* 417; *I* 76, *p.* 387.]

Nov. 22. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the trustees at Drury House. We received yours of 26 July, whereby we understand there are two fines due to the Commonwealth from the tenants of the manor of Betham, Westmoreland, by custom upon the deaths of William, late Earl of Derby, and James, late Earl of Derby, lords of the said manor. You desire us to authorize our officers there, or some one else, to levy the said fines, taking the further information of Capt. Blunt Sadler, who purchased the manor, and has promised to do what he can for the recovery of the fines. At present we cannot write as desired, as we have now no commissioner in that county. [*G* 29, *p.* 75.]

Nov. 27. Request by J. Beachmore to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, to grant Henry Fitzwilliams of co. Devon some allowance for keeping courts four years, and for surveying recusants' estates in that county, whereby a good revenue has come into the Treasury. [*G* 86, *p.* 994.]

Nov. 30. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Major-Gen. Whalley. Sec. Thurloe says you want a list of the compounders and sequestered persons in cos. Lincoln, Derby, Notts, and Leicester, with their rentals and compositions. We have put the business in train, but it must be a work of time. The composition papers are near 4,000, mostly very large, and many compounders write themselves of one county when their estates lie in another. Also many will not be comprehended, because before the Act of 25 Jan. 1650, constituting the Haberdashers' Hall Committee, many were discharged by the county committees, the Commissioners for Sequestrations, and the Barons of Exchequer; others by the late Committee for Compounding as not worth 200*l.*; some on the Act of Pardon, and some in Kent, Essex, Surrey, and Sussex, and in the northern counties, by special Acts of Parliament.

Also the particulars given in by delinquents are not a certain guide, for estates have since come to many by descent, marriage, &c., and others have concealed or under-valued their estates. Therefore do not rely too much on our information. [*G* 12, *p.* 643; 172, *p.* 619.]

1655? Abstracts of 11 bonds delivered to the auditors by Mr. Bayly, registrar, according to the directions of the Commissioners for Sequestrations. [*G* 82, *pp.* 757–759.]

25. List of 46 cases on which auditors' reports have been drawn up. [1 *page.*]

26, 27. Notes by Fras. Royley, relative to the commissioners and agents of counties and their arrears. [2 *papers.*]

28. Note of 5 certificates returned from Drury House, on which no discharges have been granted. [½ *page.*]

29. Cancelled notes of the discharges of sequestration granted 1651 to 1655 in several counties named. [*Book of* 12 *pages, much damaged.*]

30. Note of query whether a solicitor and receiver of sequestrations in co. [Northumberland] from 1642 to 1649,—who received 12,224*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* before his

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suspension in 1649, beside a large sum as ⅔ of recusants' estates from 1642 to 1655, having been a commissioner from 1649 to 14 March 1654,—should be the only person charged, or others that have acted with him and are still living. He did not give in his accounts as ordered, 8 Dec. 1654. [1 *page.*]

31. Book of transcripts of letters in 1654 and 1655, relating to the perfecting of the accounts of the county committees, all calendared under their respective dates. At page 31 is a list of the counties still in arrears, and the amount of their arrears. On pages 33–39 is an alphabetical list of the County Commissioners and their officers. On page 41 a list of the Camden House Committee and their officers. On page 47, notes relative to transactions of "the late pretended Parliament" about contracts for Spanish money and cochineal, the parties named being—Farvax,—Legay, and—Delandola [? Ignatius Landahola]. [*Book of* 48 *pages, of which* 7 *are blank.*]

32. Draft of the several lists of committees and officers in the above book. [8 *pages.*]

32A. List of delinquents and recusants, initial letter A, Abbey to Acton, with abodes and condition. [1½ *pages.*]

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Jan. 8. Chris. Cheesman to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Though the Protector, 12 April 1654, ordered you to give me relief, you have not done it, but I have suffered for witnessing to the truth. I accused the county commissioners before the supreme authority, the late Parliament, but could obtain neither justice nor mercy, such were the corruptions of those days. Then I appealed to the Protector, who referred me to you. Do not charge yourselves with the unrighteous dealings of your predecessors, but examine my cause. If I have offended, let me be made a public example; but if found faithful, let mercy and righteousness meet together for my relief. [*G* 74, *p.* 259.]

Jan. 22. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Commissioners for Securing the Peace of Shropshire. You ask particulars of Sir John Corbett, and all other compounders in your county. No Col. John Corbett is found, only John Corbett of Middlesex. It would be a work of much time and difficulty to copy the compounders for the county, as the papers are not filed by county nor alphabetically, but all orders for discharge were to be filed and remain with the county commissioners as their warrant, so that you will find them in the county sequestration papers.

We have told Sec. Thurloe how uncertain our particulars are, on account of later estates falling in, discharges, &c. We would have sent you the list of your compounders, but you can easily know them, and many compound for estates in Shropshire, and write themselves of another county. Col. Crowne and Mr. Langford will discover them, and you have power to cause each delinquent at his peril to produce his particular. [*G* 12, *p.* 645.]

Jan. 30. **33.** Order by the Treasury Commissioners, that Rich. Waring, grocer, and Mich. Herring, merchant of London, late treasurers for moneys to be raised for the Scots and on compositions with delinquents, execute a deed or deeds assigning to the Protector all the bonds remaining in the hands of the Haberdashers' Hall Committee, for payments to them on composition or otherwise. Signed, B. Whitelock, T. Widdrington. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 26. Haberdashers' Hall. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the commissioners named of 24 counties named. It is necessary in His Highness' service, and for fulfilment of our trust, that the blanks in the enclosed papers be filled up. If you cannot find the precise day of sequestration, give the month and the year, and whether before 1650 or not. [*G* 31, *p.* 806.]

Feb. 26. James Winde, clerk to the Commissioners for co. Bucks, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The commissioners appointed by the Protector to secure the peace of the county met to-day, but were at a loss for want of a book sent you by the late county committee, recording the names of sequestered persons. Pray deliver it to the bearer, Major John Browne, as they cannot proceed without it. [*G* 147, *p.* 127.]

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Feb. 28. Cirencester. **34.** Giles Hancock to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send you a return to what you desire. I cannot find the time of sequestration, but have given the year when their lands were let by the former committee. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

34. I. *Notes of* 3 *recusants in co. Gloucester, Mary Messenger of Upton St. Leonard, George Street of Lydney, and Thos. Sternhold of Awre, with dates of the letting of* ⅔ *of their estates.* [½ *page.*]

Feb. 29. Durham. **35.** Cuthbert Hawdon, clerk to the late co. Committee for Durham, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I return particulars, as perfect as I can, on your orders of 26 Feb. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

35. I. *List of names, addresses, and dates of sequestration of* 5 *recusants and* 1 *delinquent, cos. Durham, Northumberland, and York.* [1 *page.*]

Feb. 29. Northampton. **36.** Peter Whalley to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have searched in the committee's books of this county to perfect your paper, but for those of co. Rutland I have never been able, with all my diligence, to get a direction or any papers from the late committee. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

36. I. *Notes of three persons, co. Northampton, with queries of date of sequestration answered, and two, co. Rutland, not answered.* [¾ *page.*]

March 1. **37.** Thos. Newton to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On receipt of yours of 26 Feb., though the Major-General [Whalley] had taken the books out of my hands, yet I got liberty to search them, and have filled up the blanks in your queries as far as I can. The 4 last in your list were sequestered, I believe, before 1650. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

37. I. *List of* 6 *persons sequestered in co. Derby. With marginal queries as to date of sequestration, &c., filled up only as to the* 2 *first.* [⅔ *page.*]

March 1. Exeter. **38.** James Pearse to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 26 Feb. I return the enclosed, with the blanks filled in, which you might have found from my return of 22 Oct. last. It is as exact an account as I can give from the books and papers I received from the late committee. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

38. I. *Note of* 2 *recusants, Edw. Pointz of Arlington and Eliz. Wray of St. Ives, and* 2 *delinquents, Alex. Belford of Plympton and George Collings of Helston, sequestered in cos. Devon and Cornwall.* [½ *page.*]

March 1. Great Marlow. Major John Browne to Thos. Bayly. Being appointed a Commissioner for co. Bucks, the Commissioners for Sequestrations desired me to get a true copy of the persons sequestered in the county, and return it by Thursday, when we meet at Aylesbury. I intended to come to town, but am prevented. The Major-General [Fleetwood] is coming purposely to proceed by what your book informs him, and what we can find in the county, which is but little. [*G* 147, *p.* 129.]

March 3. York. **39.** Ralph Rymer to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Replies to queries on 7 cases of sequestered estates. I cannot give an exact account of the dates of sequestration in 1647 and 1648, because the then commissioners took the accounts themselves, and the money was paid to me in gross. The general orders for sequestration were issued in Sept. and Oct. 1644, so that I presume those for whom there is no other date were sequestered about then. [1⅓ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

39. I. *List, with queries partially filled up, of the* 7 *cases named in the letter.* [1 *page.*]

March 3. Norwich. **40.** Nic. Salter to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. In answer to your enquiries as to [Agnes] Paston, I have searched all the books, and find that Wm. Paston of Appleton was sequestered for recusancy 4 Nov. 1643, and died May 1652, and the sequestration is continued for recusancy of his widow. [½ *page.*]

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March 4. Westminster. Order by the Protector to Josias Berners and the other Sequestration Commissioners, to certify the names of all persons whose estates are now under sequestration, the time of sequestration, and all things touching the same, to be delivered into Chancery under their seals. [*G* 29, *p.* 81.]

March 4. Cambridge. **41.** Wm. Pickering to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have filled up the blanks as well as I can, but cannot do it punctually, all being sequestered before I had anything to do with the business. Auditor Broad [Brown], who has received the accounts and leases by order from the Treasury Committee, can give you a better account. [½ *page.*]

March 4. Winchester. **42.** Thos. Muspratt to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have filled up the blanks in the paper you sent as well as I could, but cannot give the month and day of sequestration, because the sequestrators only give the year.

With note of the estates of 4 delinquents. [⅜ *page.*] *Annexing,*

42. I. *List of* 13 *delinquents, co. Hants, with marginal notes of enquiry, chiefly filled in.* [1 *page.*]

March 4. Coventry. **43.** Edw. Chamberlain to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Details in reply to queries about Edw. Harnage, of Norbury, co. Salop, sequestered for recusancy 8 June 1653, who held the prebend, &c., of Ryton-on-Dunsmore, co. Warwick. I cannot find the date of sequestration of Wm. Petre of Essex, or Sir John Smith, whose present address is Crabbet, Worth Parish, Sussex. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

43. I. *Note of queries replied to on the above* 3 *cases.* [½ *page.*]

March 4. Wrexham. **44.** John Peck to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. In the absence of Mr. Crachley, now in London, I send all the information I can from the books about cos. Denbigh and Flint, but the books are still in the hands of the former commissioners. As to co. Montgomery, I have never seen the books nor had any accounts from the commissioners, but I will send your queries to them, and return them to you as soon as I can. For those relating to Denbigh and Flint, I refer to the accounts already given.

With note to write to him for the Christian name of Mrs. Draycott. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

44. I. *List of* 23 *sequestered persons in the* 3 *counties, with queries answered for those in cos. Denbigh and Flint, but not for those in co. Montgomery.* [2 *pages.*]

March 5. Salop. **45.** Jos. Prowd to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have searched all my papers to fill up the blanks required, and have put down the nearest time of sequestration I can gain from the accounts of the late agents, but they have not delivered me their books of judgment, orders of discharge, &c., so that I know not who is clear and who not; by my industry, I have already found between 500*l.* and 1,000*l.* a year concealments. I beg your assistance for payment of 800*l.* due to me for service. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

45. I. *List of* 19 *persons sequestered, co. Salop, with queries as to the date of sequestration, filled up with the year only.* [1¾ *pages.*]

March 6. Aylesbury. James Winde, clerk to the County Commissioners for Bucks, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We renew our last week's request for the names of the sequestered persons here; Mr. Bayly refuses it unless Mr. Bedford writes for it, and we know not where Mr. Bedford is.

Endorsed with receipt, 12 March, by Major John Browne from Bayly, of 4 books of sequestrations for the use of Sir Charles Fleetwood, lord-deputy of Ireland and major-general of co. Bucks, which books are to be returned before 1 May. [*G* 147, *pp.* 131, 132.]

March 7. **46.** Declaration by Rich. Waring and Mich. Herring that they have assigned to the Protector the several writings obligatory in a schedule affixed (missing), by which the persons named are bound to pay moneys to them for the use of the State, and thereby relinquishing all right of action or suit therein.

With note that they assigned 12 bonds more on 28 Feb. 1657. [1 *sheet, copy, unsigned.*]

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March 7. Newark. **47.** Gab. Odingsells to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I return the paper you sent me perfected. [¼ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

47. I. *Query filled up as to the quality and address of Mary Cartwright, widow, of Ossington, co. Notts, sequestered for recusancy* 26 *March* 1650. [¼ *page.*]

March 7. **48.** John Browne to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have filled up, as ordered by yours of 1 March, such blanks as I could in so short a time in the paper enclosed [*see p.* 733 *supra*]; for the rest, the present receiver can inform you better, as he employed some one to summon all the recusants in the county to take the oath of abjuration. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

48. I. *List of* 27 *Papists and delinquents in Kent, with residences and dates of sequestration of most of them.* [4½ *pages.*]

March 7. **49.** List of 5 Papists and delinquents, co. Surrey, with marginal queries answered by Benj. Goodwin. [¾ *page.*]

March 7. Wm. Tibbs to ———. I have perused the will of Margaret, widow of Ant. Tutchin, mariner of Limehouse, dated 5 April 1649, and find that she left to her daughter and executrix Sarah, wife of Wm. Spencer, mariner of Limehouse, all her plate and personal estate. I have also seen the administration, dated 16 July 1651, granted to Sarah, as widow of Wm. Spencer of Stepney, who died beyond seas. [*G* 165, *p.* 205.] *Annexing,*

I. *Public Faith bill,* 22 *Aug.* 1652, *to Ant. Tutchin, for* 100*l. lent for relief of Ireland, with its assignment by his widow Margaret,* 20 *March* 1647, *to Wm. and Sarah Spencer.* [*G* 165, *p.* 215.]

II.–VII. *Public Faith bills for sums paid by Wm. Spencer for Parliament purposes, viz.:—*

		£	s.	d.
12 *Oct.* 1642.	- - - - - -	20	0	0
26 *Jan.* 1643.	*For silver plate at* 5*s.* 4*d. per oz.* -	55	0	0
6 *Jan.* 1644.	*Towards* 100,000*l. for Scotland* -	3	0	0
1 *April* 1644.	*Towards reducing North Wales* -	2	0	0
18 *Feb.* 1645.	*Towards* 100,000*l. for Scotland* -	3	0	0

[*G* 165, *pp.* 207, 212, 214.]

VIII. *List of the above bills, total* - - - -		185	0	0
Interest at 8 *per cent.* - - - - -		160	10	4
[*G* 165, *p.* 213.]				
	£345	10	4	

March 8. Sarum. **50.** Benett Swayne to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I return your paper with the blanks filled, but Wm. Moore is dead, and the sequestration continued on his widow, a recusant, whose Christian name I cannot find, nor that of the Earl of Shrewsbury, who has always been remote from this country. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

50. I. *Note of queries filled up relating to* 4 *sequestered persons in co. Wilts.* [½ *page.*]

March 10. Chichester. **51.** Step. Humfrey to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I could not answer yours, which only reached me last Friday, in the time limited, but I have inserted the times of sequestration as near as I can find. [⅓ *page*] *Enclosing,*

51. I. *List of* 24 *Papists and delinquents, co. Sussex, with abode and date of sequestration.* [2 *pages.*]

March 10. Brecon. **52.** County Committee for Brecon to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On yours of 1 March, we send the enclosed, with the blanks filled. Also a short account of 2 small tenements which we sequestered as belonging to Edward, Earl of Worcester, but claimed by Lewis Morgan and others. It is unfit for us to argue their title to it. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

52. I. *Notes of* 4 *persons sequestered, with answers to queries, and note of the above-named estates.* [¾ *page.*]

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March 10. Worcester College. **53.** Wm. Collins to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. In reply to the query of 1 March, Lord Molineux's Christian name and address I cannot find, his sequestered estate in this county is at Church Honeyburne. He and Henry, Lord Morley, were sequestered for delinquency and recusancy 15 May 1645, Edw. Wakeman, 10 Feb. 1646. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

53. I. *Notes of queries on the above cases partially filled up.* [⅓ *page.*]

March 10. Newport. **54.** John Ward to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I cannot fill up the blanks in your paper sent 1 March, because [Judith] widow of Thos. Evans of Trelleck, detains the books from me. The rent rolls, counterparts of leases, &c., concerning my late office, I delivered to John Nicholas, governor of Chepstow. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

54. I. *List of* 51 *Papists and delinquents, co. Monmouth, with marginal queries unanswered as to abode, quality, and date of sequestration.* [4 *pages.*]

March 11. Hereford. **55.** Capt. Silas Taylor to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The books by which I could have given the exact account you require in yours of 19 Feb., were ordered from me, with threats by the new commissioners for tenths out of delinquents' estates, and some of my old adversaries utterly refused me a sight of them. But as far as my memory goes, I give an account. Those noted as before 1650 were sequestered, or paid their thirds before the wars. Others I have guessed at the time, which I believe is right. The third name is Lord Craven, but no part of his estate here is unsold. I know not why Benedict Hall, of High Meadow, stands sequestered. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

55. I. *List of* 32 *Papists and delinquents, co. Hereford, with notes of the probable date of sequestration.* [2 *pages.*]

March 11. **56.** John Horton to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I return the list you sent me of persons under sequestration in our county [Leicester], but could not fill all up, because the Commissioners appointed by his Highness for securing the Peace have taken all books and papers concerning recusants; all the persons were returned by the former committee as sequestered in March 1649. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

56. I. *List of* 8 *sequestered persons, co. Leicester, with queries as to date, place of abode, quality, &c., chiefly filled up.* [1 *page.*]

March 14. Northwich. **57.** Thos. Robinson to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. By neglect of the post, I did not receive yours of the 1st till the 11th. I have filled up the paper as well as I am able. As to Mrs. Yardley's tenants, they live far from me, and the receiver-general can best get to know their Christian names and abode. Now I am out of power I might receive but an uncertain answer. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

57. I. *Queries relating to abode, date of sequestration, &c., of* 4 *persons in co. Chester. With note as to Mrs. Yardley's* 2 *gentlewomen in Wales, that they were spinsters when first sequestered, but their Christian names and abode are not known.* [⅔ *page.*]

March 13. Henlow. **58.** Sam. Bedford to Mr. Bayley, secretary to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I cannot fill up the blanks in the paper you send; never having had the books of cos. Bedford or Bucks, I cannot possibly tell when the persons were sequestered. Mr. Barre says he cannot perfect it further, which seems strange to me, as he was agent to the commissioners from the first. I am sorry I cannot do more. You should write to [Hen.] Phillips, and the rest who have the books. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

58. I. *Note of* 16 *Papists and delinquents, cos. Bedford and Bucks, with marginal queries unanswered as to the date of sequestration, &c.* [1¾ *pages.*]

March 25. T. Bayly to [Wm. Pickering, Commissioner for co. Cambridge.] The Commissioners for Sequestrations want the names and abode of — Foster and Isabel Mason of co. Hunts, sometimes said to be sequestered and sometimes discharged, and how it stands, as there are no discharges. [*G* 29, *p.* 82.]

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March 25. Queen's Court. **59.** [Commissioners for Appeals in regulating Excise] to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We think the best mode of carrying on the sequestrations ordered for non-payment of excise, according to the Acts of Parliament and ordinances of the Protector and Council, would be for you to give commissions to such subordinate officers of excise as shall be nominated by the Commissioners for Excise. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

59. I. *Excise officers to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. As requested in this letter, we nominate* 9 *of our subordinate officers, to whom we request you to grant a commission. Excise Office, London,* 2 *April* 1656. [1 *page.*]

59. II. *Draft of the proposed commission.* [1 *sheet, much corrected.*]

59. III. *Form of the commission from the Commissioners for Sequestrations to the persons named, to call in all arrears of moneys due for excise, and in case of neglect, to sequester the estates of the defaulters.* [2 *pages.*]

March 28. Cambridge. Wm. Pickering to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Mr. Foster and Isabel Mason of Colne, Isle of Ely, are sequestered as recusants. Their rent is 1*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* for ⅔ issuing out of lands of George Stevens and Wm. Norris of Colne. [*G* 147, *p.* 369.]

March 29. Haberdashers' Hall. T. Bayly to Capt. Salter. The Commissioners for Sequestrations want to know the Christian name of Widow [Agnes] Paston of Appleton, co. Norfolk. [*G* 29, *p.* 83.]

March 29. Haberdashers' Hall. T. Bayly to John Base. The Commissioners for Sequestrations want the Christian names of 6 persons named in your county [Suffolk]. [*G* 29, *p.* 83.]

March 29. **60.** John Mann to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Going to Chelmsford, I met Major Heynes, who had my old book for sequestrations. I have inserted in your paper of queries the day when each estate was sequestered, the rental, &c. As to recusants, your auditors have but to search where the mansi n house is of which any crave allowance, and they should be esteemed inhabitants there.

I want allowance of our last year's account, delayed in perfecting because of doubt about one article of [Abr.] Barrington's, and then it was thought to have lapsed time, but this was a mistake Excuse my prolix writing, which I think less burdensome than talking with me, because of my imperfect hearing. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

60. I. *Alphabetical list of* 44 *sequestered Papists and delinquents, co. Essex, with date of sequestration and residence of most of them.* [2 *pages.*]

60. II. *Notes relating to* 10 *of the above persons whose addresses are not known.* [1 *page.*]

[March.] **61.** John Disney to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On your order of 1 March, I return your paper.

With note prefixed relating to 9 sequestered persons in co. Lincoln, and the marginal queries as to name, abode, &c., filled in. [1 *page.*]

[March.] **62.** Return by Capt. [John] Lea of co. Stafford of a note of 2 recusants, with the queries filled in. [½ *page.*]

[March.] **63.** Like return for co. Oxford of 7 sequestered persons, with the queries filled in. [1 *page.*]

March ? **64.** Rough notes [by Thos. Bayley] of the names of commissioners of counties and their agents, dates of appointment and discharge, state of their accounts, arrears due, &c. With references to sundry books and papers of the composition series relating to them. [7 *pages.*]

March ? **65, 66.** Like notes relating to the bringing in of the accounts of the county committees. [2 *papers,* 3 *pages each.*]

March ? **67.** Lists of late county commissioners and their officers whose accounts are in arrear, and of others whose accounts are allowed and discharged. [3 *pages.*]

[March.] Returns sent into the Exchequer, on the transfer thither of the treasury of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, drawn up in response to an order of the Treasury Commissioners, 14 Sept. 1655, containing—

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1. Alphabetical list as to county, of sums remaining due on composition, with notes relating to some, that the bonds were delivered into the Treasury 25 March 1654. [*G* 49, *pp.* 1–6.]

2. True copy of doubtful fines returned to the Treasury Commissioners, with the grounds of the doubt; classified into counties. [*G* 49, *pp.* 7–41, *and* 17 *blank leaves.*]

3. Particular of sums formerly certified to be in arrear on fines, which, upon further search, appear to be paid. [*G* 49, *pp.* 60–71, *and* 13 *blank leaves.*]

4. The last list of fines, reviewed Oct. 1655. Notes partly in short hand [*G* 49, *pp.* 84–113; *many blank leaves.*]

List returned into the Exchequer of fines due on compositions. [*G* 49, *pp.* 114–152.]

List of claims allowed on sequestered estates for payment of debts, &c. [153–161.]

List of allowances of claims and discharges of sequestration given in to the Commissioners for Sequestrations from 3 Aug. 1654 to 21 Feb. 1656. [*G* 49, *pp.* 163–201, *some blank pages.*]

List of savings on compositions on which no later composition has been made. [*G* 49, *pp.* 203–233.]

Lists of debts due to delinquents or recusants, and therefore sequestered and not yet paid. [*G* 49, *pp.* 234–244.]

Cases of debts owing to delinquents or recusants brought before the Commissioners for Sequestrations or Committee for Advance of Money, not decided 31 Jan. 1654, but fit for prosecution. [*G* 49, *pp.* 245–252.]

List of claims in prosecution on which no judgment has been given. [*G* 49, *pp.* 253, 254.]

List of informations before the county committees on which they doubt their power to proceed, yet the cases are worth prosecution. [*G* 49, *pp.* 255–270.]

Notes of leases allowed of the estates of delinquents and recusants, for payment of their debts or providing portions for their families, from 26 Sept. 1650 to 27 July 1655. [*G* 49, *pp.* 272–281.]

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Returns by the county committees, on the order of the Treasury Commissioners of 14 Sept. 1655, of the sequestered recusants in the several counties of England and Wales. With the dates of their sequestration, viz.:—

Page.	County.	Recusants.	Page.	County.	Recusants.
1	Bedford	2	124	Notts	4
1	Bucks	15	124	Northumberland	24
3	Berks	28	127	Norfolk	28
5	Cheshire	38	129	Oxon	23
9	Cumberland	13	132	Rutland	2
10	Cambridge	7	132	Suffolk	45
11	Cornwall	7	136	Southampton	74
12	Devon	17	143	Stafford	36
17	Derby	6	147	Salop	17
17	Durham	63	148	Somerset	25
23	Dorset	45	149	Surrey	8
29	Essex	45	151	Sussex	23
33	Gloucester	23	153	Warwick	51
36	Hereford	31	158	Westmoreland	34
40	Herts	1	161	Wilts	18
40	Hunts	5	163	Worcester	18
41	Kent	21	169	York	130
43	Leicester	5	181	Brecon	4
43	Lincoln	23	181	Denbigh	4
46	London	11	182	Flint	15
47	Lancashire	505	183	Radnor	5
117	Middlesex & Westminster	11	184	Glamorgan	3
118	Monmouth	52	185	Montgomery	4
122	Northampton	11	186	Carmarthen	3

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Page.	County.	Delinquents.	Page.	County.	Delinquents.
187	Berks	1	219	Notts	3
188	Bucks	2	219	Northumberland	12
188	Chester	16	220	Norfolk	1
190	Cumberland	8	221	Northampton	1
192	Cornwall	4	221	Oxon	2
192	Cambridge	1	222	Salop	3
193	Derby	4	222	Stafford	4
193	Durham	10	223	Surrey	2
195	Devon	18	223	Suffolk	2
197	Dorset	1	224	Southampton	8
197	Essex	1	225	Somerset	8
198	Gloucester	5	226	Westmoreland	11
199	Hereford	3	227	Wilts	2
199	Kent	4	227	Worcester	13
200	Leicester	3	229	York	24
201	London	5	232	Brecon	1
202	Lincoln	14	233	Flint	1
205	Lancaster	139	233	Carmarthen	1
216	Middlesex	10			

At the end of this book is a good and clear alphabetical index of 162 pages to the names of the recusants and delinquents. [*4to books.*]

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1656. Drafts much damaged of the above lists.

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1656. April 3. **1.** John Base to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Your letter had been much abused before it came to me. I have twice sent a special messenger 40 miles, but can find nothing more. When I was in the service, I could have done the business presently, but now I have to entreat to know their names, and they will not declare them. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

1. I. *List of* 8 *sequestered persons, co. Suffolk, with blanks unfilled as to dates, names, &c.* [1 *page.*]

April 3. T. Bayly to Wm. Pickering, Cambridge. The commissioners are not content with yours of 28 March, but desire you to certify the Christian name of Mr. Foster, who is, you say, of the Isle of Ely, and whether esquire, gentleman, or otherwise; also whether Isabel Mason is widow or spinster. [*G* 29, *p.* 82.]

April 4. Trustees for sale of forfeited estates to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On an order from the Treasury Commissioners of 28 Aug. last, whereby the officers concerned are to observe our directions, that we may present a perfect account of the business committed to us, we requested your officers to collect from the composition books an account of all who have compounded on the Act for Sale, and for what lands, and what part of their fine is paid, but your officers were then too busy to do it. We now beg this search to be made, and the account prepared, the rather that on perusal of the surveys and the treasurers' certificates, we find them imperfect and uncertain as to the lands. Also many have paid in only the first ½, so that without your assistance, our account will be retarded. [*G* 125, *p.* 71.]

April 15. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations appointing Rich. Perry and 8 others sequestrators for the estates of all who are to be sequestered for non-payment of arrears of moneys due on the Ordinance for Excise. [*G* 29, *p.* 85.]

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April 17. Cambridge. **2.** Wm. Pickering to Mr. Bayly. I have not answered earlier, because though I often sent, I could not get the intelligence required. At last I sent my own man, who learns but this: Mr. Foster, gentleman, Christian name unknown, did live at Codham, Suffolk, but has now gone with his 2 sons to France or Spain; Isabel Mason lived also at Codham, but died unmarried.

Write me what is against Savill Wade of Over, whom we have before us as delinquent, only because he is so returned in Isaac Desborow's printed account, that I may "charge him home, for all his great friends."

Your auditor, Browne, can tell you more in this business. [1 *page.*]

April 26. Worcester College. **3.** Wm. Collins to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars required on defective returns in the cases of Step. Buck, who broke his neck April 1654; Adam Lutley of Droitwich, who lives at Bromcraft, Shropshire, and Thos. Woolmer, omitted because he is dead, but the estate is still sequestered. [1 *page.*]

June 6. Drury House. Drury House Trustees to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You discharged the estate of Rich. Hunter, sold by us to Step. Kirk, but the Commissioners for Removing Obstructions, on 13 Feb. last, write us that Geo. Hunter, the delinquent's father, demised the premises by will for payment of debts, and therefore the purchaser should be reprized. We have ordered all the doubled bills he paid in to be returned him, so the premises remain as before the sale. The Commissioners for Sequestrations had better inquire after the profits, the purchaser saying he has received none.

Several copyholds purchased of us by Major Art. Evelyn are also returned to us, as not saleable by the Act. [*G* 93, *p.* 761.] *Annexing,*

1. *Note of the said copyholds in Glamorganshire.* [*G* 93, *p.* 763.]

June 7. Certificate by Registrar Bayly on the desire of Wm. Bosvile, Esq., and Lieut. Nicholas Sanderson, that he finds not any estate remaining under sequestration, on the discovery of any person, whereby to receive satisfaction by any Act, order, or ordinance of Parliament, for any debt due by [? to] the Commonwealth. [*G* 34, *p.* 65.]

June 27. **4.** Deposition by Thos. Jackson, of Kneeton, co. York, that he received a certificate (missing) from Sir Thos. Harrison and Ralph Rymer, and that it has not been opened, or altered. [*Endorsement of a folding sheet addressed to the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall.*]

July 12. York. Late County Committee for York to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We thought we had done our duties faithfully, and hoped discharge and quiet. But now we are ordered to perfect our accounts from 25 Jan. 1650, as they have not been signed and allowed by you. Our accounts are with your auditor, and have often been tendered for your signature which was promised, as no exception was taken to them, except about incident charges, which we submit to you; so we thought they had been dispatched and were kept for us by your auditor. Now we beg that you will sign them, allowing charges proportionable to 5 counties, or else refer them to the Treasury Commissioners, or we shall be reflected on and put to great trouble. [*G* 172, *p.* 547.]

Oct. 10. Worcester House. Order in the committee for Discoveries, in a cause depending between Sam. Garthwaite, plaintiff, on behalf of the Protector, and Phil. Clarke, defendant,—the plaintiff producing a certificate from Haberdashers' Hall of the sequestration of the lands of Thos. Cole, Leighton, co. Bedford,—that Mr. Bayley bring to the commissioners the books wherein the certificate is entered, or it cannot be admitted in evidence. [*G* 76, *p.* 179.]

Oct. 31. Worcester House. Order in the said Committee that the book required 10 Oct., in the case between Garthwaite and Clarke, be again brought, as the defendant's solicitor observed some interlinings in it. [*G* 76, *p.* 181.]

Nov. 7. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations that,—as there is nothing remaining in charge against Mary, widow of Rob. Sankey,—Barth. Beale, auditor of the tenths, Rich. Sadler of the revenue, and Rob. Pratt of the Worcester House Commissioners, certify her account for co. Stafford. [*G* 29, *p.* 98.]

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1656–57. Jan. 2. Haberdashers' Hall. **5.** Certificate by the Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Protector, of the whole state of the accounts of Mary, widow of Rob. Sankey, solicitor for sequestrations in co. Stafford, stating that 452*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.* is charged on the accountant, but 98*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* craved for deductions, and annexing an account (missing), of what is due to the accountant. [*Also G* 29, *p.* 99.]

1657. May 8. Worcester House. Order by the Commissioners for Discoveries,—on an information by Rich. Micheley of the concealment of 2 houses held by Anne Browning, widow, and Rob. Alkington, and sequestered for delinquency of Mat. Pratt, and requesting the assistance of several papers, and records concerning his delinquency,—that Mr. Bayly, late registrar to the Commissioners for Sequestrations, bring in all the papers and records concerning Pratt's sequestration. [*G* 109, *p.* 243.]

May 29. Registrar's certificate that, 8 Feb. 1650, John Halford, Edw. Chamberlain and Wm. Thornton, were constituted Commissioners for Sequestrations for cos. Warwick and Coventry, and that Chamberlain was appointed sole commissioner 14 March 1654.

With note by the registrar that he delivered to Mr. Bockett 12 July 1655, the survey of sequestered estates in Warwickshire, containing 30 sheets. [*G* 34, *p.* 99.]

June 1. Certificate by the Commissioners for Sequestrations to the diligence, fidelity, and general merit of Thos. Bayly, employed by them as registrar. [*G* 29, *p.* 107.]

June 24. Petition of Rich. Evens, sen., of London, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Urian Oakes, tenant to Bridewell and St. Thomas' Hospital of houses in St. Antholine's, London, sold them in 1651 to Rich. Blaney, cutler of London, he to Rich. Bates, and Bates to petitioner, all of which were real sales, without any sinister ends. But now, though Wm. Oakes, farmer of part of the excise of North Wales, is well able to meet his engagements, these houses are sequestered as belonging to Urian Oakes, his surety. Begs discharge, and leave to enjoy what he has so dearly bought and paid for. [*G* 84, *p.* 489.]

June 24. Order of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, referring the petition to Brereton, and ordering the Excise Sequestration Commissioners to permit him to lease the tenements named, and receive the rents, on security to pay them towards the debt of Urian and Wm. Oakes, if so ordered. [*G* 29, *p.* 106.]

June 27. **6.** Note of receipt [by T. Bayly] of 50*l.* from the Exchequer, and of its payment as salary to the Commissioners for Sequestrations and Exchequer officers. [*Scrap.*]

[June.] **7.** Note [by T. Bayly] of persons sequestered by the Commissioners for Sequestrations, on an Act of Parliament of 30 Aug. 1653, for non-payment of excise, none of whom have been discharged; giving the county, names of the debtors and sureties, date of sequestration, and amount of arrears due. [2¼ *pages.*]

[June.] **8, 9.** Notes relating to the above. [2 *papers.*]

Nov. 6. **10.** Inquisition held at Weldon, co. N[orthampton], before J. Mansell, Wm. Boteler, and J. Browne, commissioners appointed by the Court of Exchequer to find out all moneys, lands, &c., in the county, ⅔ of which are under sequestration for recusancy, with their yearly value. With list of 11 persons returned, being the same as those named in the return of March 1656, but the present document gives detailed accounts of their estates. [*Small book of* 17½ *written and* 2½ *blank pages.*]

1658. March? **11.** Notes [by a servant of T. Bayly] of his receipts and disbursements, from 4 July 1657, for himself and his master. [*Small book of* 12 *written and* 6 *blank pages.*]

Sept. 22. **12.** List of numerous orders, ordinances, and Acts of Parliament relating to the accounts of Rich. Waring and Mich. Herring, treasurers for delinquents' compositions, which are wanting. [8 *closely written pages.*]

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Dec. 20. **13.** Order in the Court of Exchequer—on presentation of John Lawson and Rob. Busby as debtors for 17*l.* and 15*l.* for parts of the sequestered estate of Anne Johnson, in Brafferton and Chester parishes, co. Durham, and on plea of Wm. Brasse that the estate was sold to him by the heir and present owner, Michael Johnson, Anne Johnson dying 14 Feb. 1658, and that W. Brasse is a Protestant—that the sequestration be discharged, "and that the hands of the Lord Protector shall be therefrom amoved." [*Parchment*, 1 *sheet.*]

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Aug. 2. **14, 15.** Act of Parliament appointing Sam. Moyer, Rich. Moore, Wm. Molins, Art. Squibb, and John Greensmith, commissioners for sequestering the estates of the farmers of excise, customs, &c., and of the commissioners or collectors of prize goods, and their securities, who shall be certified by the Act for bringing in the arrears of the revenue as debtors to the State, till their debts are paid; and they are to exercise all the powers given to the Commissioners for Sequestrations before 23 April 1653. [2 *pages printed; 2 copies.*]

Aug. 27. **16.** Act empowering the aforesaid five men, with John Brewster and John Brown of the Charter House, to nominate persons in such places as they think fit, to seize and sequester the estates of Randolph Egerton, Rob. Werden, Sir Geo. Booth, Sir Thos. Middleton, and any others who, on pretence of Charles Stuart, or any other pretence, have been in arms against Parliament since 7 May 1659, or who have abetted or concealed the said persons, or have corresponded with or aided Charles Stuart.

All persons owing them money or holding goods, &c., in trust for them and not discovering the same, are to be fined in double the value of the goods or debts, and the fines to be levied by sequestration. The said commissioners to exercise all powers of the Commissioners of Sequestrations. This Act to remain in force till 1 May 1660. [4 *pages, printed.*]

Sept. [3]. Haberdashers' Hall, London. **17.** Instructions to the county committees.

1. You are to sequester the estates, real and personal, of Sir George Booth, Sir Thos. Middleton, Randolph Egerton, and Rob. Werden.

2. To discover any others who, since 7 May 1659, on behalf of Charles Stuart or any other, have been in arms or raised forces against Parliament, or plotted or consented thereto, or concealed the same; or who have adhered to Booth, Middleton, &c., or who have, since 30 Jan. 1649 promoted the pretended title of Charles Stuart to be King, or have corresponded with him, or lent arms, horses, or money to him or his party.

3. On such discoveries, you are to bring charges against the persons, and summon them before you, secure their estates, and stop payment of their rents, and certify to us the value of the estate, names of the tenants, and answers of the delinquent.

4. When any defend themselves, you are to take examinations and cross-examinations on oath, and send them to us.

5. You are to keep perfect registers of all your proceedings, that there may be duplicates when required.

6. You are to divide yourselves, sit in convenient places in the county, and appoint your own agents and officers, qualified as in the Militia Act.

7. You are to see that all grain belonging to delinquents' estates be carefully inned, and secured for the State, as well as that already gathered.

8. You are to sequester all who were taken in actual arms, and are now prisoners of war, and return their names to us. [2½ *pages.*]

[Sept. 3.] **18.** Copy of part of the above. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 3. **19.** Draft of the above for the Committee for co. Chester. [1¼ *pages, much corrected.*]

Sept. 3. **20.** Act empowering the Commissioners for Sequestrations to examine witnesses on oath. [⅓ *page.*]

[Sept. 6.] Commission by the Commissioners for Sequestrations appointing Major Edw. Robinson, Major Jos. Wigan, Capt. Ed. French, Capt. John Case, [John] Sharpless, Capt. Boardman, [James] Johnson, and Wm. Dawges, Commissioners for co. Lancaster. [*Parchment, damaged, several names torn off. Col. Wm. West, Major John Fox, Capt. Nich. Rigby, and George Pigott, are also in the list of commissioners given in Dec.* 1659. *No.* 52, *p.* 772 *infra*; *G* 196, *p.* 29.]

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Sept. 6. Chester. **21.** Lieut.-Col. G. Gerard to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. In the absence of the governor, I opened your packet to him, myself, and others, and found a commission with two Acts of Parliament and instructions for sequestering delinquents in this county and city. As none of the other commissioners are within 12 miles of the town, I will go to the governor, and shall be ready to join him and the rest. Your commission is for the city and county of Chester, but your instructions are for sequestering delinquents' estates in Cheshire, not naming Chester, which is a distinct county. Pray let the commission and instructions run parallel. Also appoint your faithful, suffering servant, Thos. Robinson, as our clerk, and we will appoint the rest of our agents. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 10. Gloucester. **22.** County Commissioners for Gloucester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have received our commission and instructions, but they do not empower us to act in the city and county of Gloucester. The commissioners also live so far apart that they cannot often meet. We beg some additions, and power to act in Gloucester. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 13. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. We send you a supplemental instruction. It is true we only named 4 persons to be sequestered and ordered charges against others, but that does not prevent proceedings against those who acknowledge delinquency within the Act. The engagement being so notorious, they will hardly put themselves to the expense of a trial, but the charge should be made on oath, and they should have liberty to defend themselves. The estates of those who acted by force must be seized; but upon appeal, we will distinguish between them and volunteers.

You can appoint your clerk and agent, and state what you think should be allowed them. The charge of gathering delinquents' crops and tithes must be deducted from the profits of their estates, and the allowance to wives and children will be made when desired.

The personal estate of the four named is to be sold by the candle for ready money, and after due posting up and appraisement in presence of some of the commissioners; but if they themselves will pay the sum appraised, the goods are to be sold to them without posting. [*G* 59, *p.* 5.]

Sept. 13. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Gloucester. We send you a new commission, adding the names you requested on 10 Sept., and a supplemental instruction. Pull the seals off your former commission, and return it to us. [*G* 59, *p.* 72.]

Sept. 13. **23.** Commission by the Commissioners for Sequestrations to Edw. Cludd, Gab. Odingsells, Rob. Kirby, John Story, John Garland, and George [or Gregory] Silvester, to be the Commissioners for the county and town of Nottingham. [*Parchment, signed.*]

Sept. 13. Stafford. **24.** Dan. Watson to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have received your commission, &c., and summoned my fellow commissioners, 2 of whom are in London, to meet here on the 20th, when we shall agree how to execute our powers. [½ *page.*]

[Sept 14.] Commission by the Sequestration Commissioners, appointing Col. John White, Capt. Wm. Disher, Capt. Wm. Gardner, Capt. Bayford, and Dr. Gabriel Barber, Commissioners for co. Herts. [*G* 189, *p.* 581; *parchment.*]

Sept. 15. St. Ives, Cornwall. **25.** W. Ceely to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Finding that you are re-invested in your powers by Act of Parliament, I acquaint you that I was formerly a commissioner for this county, and am ready to observe your directions here and in co. Devon. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 16. Derby. **26.** Maj.-Gen. John Lambert to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I find this county generally disaffected, and lest you should choose unfit persons for your work, I recommend Majors Thos. Wright and James Fulwood, Capts. Rob. Hope, Gabriel Wayne, James Wright, and Wm. Tomlinson, Wm. Newton, mayor of Chesterfield, John Gisborne, alderman of Derby, and 5 others as commissioners, and Sam. Heathcote as clerk. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 17. Gloucester. **27.** County Committee for Gloucester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have yours of the 13th, with the new commission and instructions, which we shall carefully execute. We have begun the work already. We send you back the old commission as directed. [½ *page.*]

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Sept. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. We have added 2 other persons to your committee, send you a new commission, and request return of the former one. [*G* 59, *p.* 6.]

Sept. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. You send the names of persons to be employed as registrar, solicitor, agents, treasurer, and auditor of your county. In former times, though the business was very great, there were only 4 commissioners, one of whom was treasurer. There were 6 agents for awhile, but they were reduced to 2.

You must be as good husbands for the State as you can, but 4 agents should suffice, and 2 after the sequestrations are laid on. No such officers as solicitor and auditor have ever been allowed. We send a new commission, adding the persons you desire, and cancelling one to whom you except. Use all expedition in securing estates. [*G* 59, *p.* 94.]

Sept. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Edw. Cludd, Norwood Park, near Newark. Thanks for yours of 17 Sept., and for your affection to the public good. We have sent you a new commission, correcting the mistake in Mr. Sylvester's name, and adding John Hacker instead of Mr. Storey. Return us the former commission. [*G* 59, *p.* 130.]

Sept. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Richard and Edw. Price, and Edw. Vaughan, Commissioners for co. Montgomery. We commend your diligence. Go on in sequestering estates. Directions in cases. Nothing is to be granted to the wives and children of delinquents, unless you certify that the wife is living, and what children are to be provided for. [*G* 59, *p.* 134.]

Sept. 19. Haberdashers' Hall, London. **28.** Commissioners for Sequestrations to ———. Hearing of your integrity and good affection, we have appointed you a Committee for Sequestrations co. ———, and send you a commission and 2 Acts of Parliament, one by which we are constituted commissioners, the other enabling you to examine on oath. We doubt not of your care, but wish to hear of your receipt of this, and tell us if you require further powers or instructions. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 19. Little Battington. **29.** Major Unton Croke to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send you an order in Parliament exempting from sequestration the lands which were settled on me for service done. They are 2 farms in Little Battington and Wily Bourne parishes, co. Wilts, and belonged to Thos. Mompesson, a principal actor in the rebellion in the West, in 1655. I shall soon be in town and give you particulars of the lands, which are in the Act now before the House. Please to order your sub-commissioners not to meddle with them. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 19. Westminster. **30.** Bussy Mansell to Sam. Moyer. By the care of our small forces in South Wales, it was so kept from insurrection that there will be little work for Sequestration Commissioners. Yet some will be found, for divers delinquents now in hand have estates there, and discoveries may be made of some that went from these parts to the enemy in Chester. I recommend the sub-commissioners named, assuring you of their fitness and integrity. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Sept. 19. **31.** List of proposed sub-commissioners for South Wales :—

Rob. Thomas, Tregros, co. Glamorgan.
Capt. Rich. Browne of Pembroke.
Capt. John Morgan, Llanthetty, co. Brecon.
Charles Lloyd, Llanigon, co. Brecon.
John Powell, Llandefailog, co. Brecon.
Thos. Williams, Llowes, Radnor.
George Warren, Haverfordwest.

[$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. All these men were the commissioners chosen. See list of Dec.* 1659, *No.* 52, *p.* 772 *infra.*]

Sept. [20]. Derby. **32.** County Commissioners for Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We find many here were in the insurrection, but they say that they armed on the encouragement of some of the commissioned officers, who joined Col. White at his coming into this town. Many have been secured by the Militia Commissioners ; they justify themselves, but bring no witnesses. [If they refuse to appear within the time limited, secure their estates.]

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Are we to look upon these as prisoners of war, and secure their estates till your determination? [We cannot look on them as prisoners of war, but secure their estates if they are within the Act of 29 Aug.]

Particulars of a case.

What salary will you allow to the messengers whom we must employ? [1 *page.*]

Sept. 20. Stafford. **33.** Capt. Peter Backhouse to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. This day was appointed for the meeting of the commissioners, but Capts. [Dan.] Watson and [Wm.] Burslem being from home, only Mr. Chetwood and Thos. Bagnall met with me, and they refused to act. I have sent officers to secure the estates of Rand. Egerton and Capt. Beverley, as they are making them away, to defraud the State. Pray hold me harmless. Also add to the commission Lieut.-Col. Gent, Major Rob. Smith, and Lieut. Wm. Clare, persons of known integrity. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 22. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. We have received such information about the persons in the enclosed list that you are to seize and secure their estates, and exhibit a charge against them to this effect:—

That on 9 Aug. 1659, they sat in an assembly held in the "Inner Pentice," Chester, when it was agreed that 3 companies of foot soldiers should be raised. That the monthly assessment should be disposed of by order of the mayor. That a watch should be kept at the Pentice by the mayor, and what was done by him and the justices of peace, in defence of the city, was approved. That they also had some secret conferences with Col. John Booth about opening the city gates to Sir George Booth, and on news of the insurrection at Derby, bonfires were made up and down the city, with "God save the King" in the Close.

You must search the records of the Pentice for proof of this charge. [*G* 59, *p.* 6.]

Sept. 22. Gloucester. **34.** County Commissioners for Gloucester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have secured the estate of [Thos.] Veel of Simonshall, and his brother Nicholas. Our agents have cut and housed their corn; we want leave to sell part of it to defray the charges.

Some of the witnesses whom we sent for to discover delinquents refuse to appear, and say we have no power to compel them, and one refuses to take the oath. We beg further orders, that the Act be not slighted. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 22. **35.** Deposition of John Griffin of Nether Lyppiat, before the County Commissioners for Gloucester. On the 20th instant, Thos. Green, servant of Wm. Warner, clothier of Pakenell, co. Gloucester, said that on 8 Sept. Col. Edw. Massey was at Warner's house, and wrote a letter with onion juice, enclosed it in the bowl of a tobacco pipe, stopped tobacco on it, and sent it to Step. Halford, keeper of Gloucester Castle, by one of Warner's men. The letter bade him use the bearer, and said that Massey doubted not to be with Halford in a few days, and that the Duke of York was with Massey at Warner's house. Warner keeps his house so privately that a servant is hardly admitted to light a tobacco pipe, and after night, they are not admitted into the dwelling-house.

The Saturday before the rising in Gloucester, Warner, his brother Thomas, and Thos. Webb packed up their cloth behind Stroud church to be ready. Col. Massey said the country should be well used, but he desired the heads of six men.

Thatch of Stonehouse, and Hodges of Kingstanley, ministers, said they would engage life and estate with Col. Massey, and Thatch was intelligencer for them.

Dan. Fowler of Stonehouse, was active and riding about, and the most noted man in the county to promote the rising. Also,

Deposition of Thos. Cherrington, servant to Thos. Freame of Lyppiat, that 3 or 4 days before Col. Massey was taken, deponent brought his master's white horse to a ground near [Wm.] Window's house, and it was there the Sunday night Massey was taken, but he knows not whether it was there on the Monday. Also,

Deposition of Rich. Dudbridge of Stroud. On 31 July, was going at night to his father's at Todgmore, but his wife was very angry with him for going forth at such a time, there being then a great speech of a rising in England, and so he

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went not. The same day he saw Wm. Window of Nether Lyppiat with a naked sword, and heard that he said that [Rich.] Britten, minister of Bisley, had a hand in the rising. Also,

Deposition of Wm. Stringer of Stroud. On 31 July, the day that Col. Massey was taken, Wm. Window said there would be a great rising of the country, and Massey would meet them, and Capt. Page would go with them, and asked deponent to join them. Took his father's horse without leave, and rode with Window towards Hampton Road; others joined them, but he left them and returned home before day. Also,

Deposition of Sam. Watkins of Stroud, to like effect. Wm. Freame of Hales, in Nether Lyppiat, was to be captain of a troop in the insurrection, and said he would ask for, and if refused, seize 30 horses, and would secure the Watkinses, they being the only enemies near. Names of others who engaged to join the rising. [4 *pages.*]

Sept. 22. **36.** Deposition of Wm. Window of Stroud. On the last Wednesday in July, before the rising, Rich. Britten, minister of Bisley, sent for him and urged him to go and meet Col. Massey by Bidfield Farm, where there would be 8,000 men, and said he might take a horse anywhere, for his master (meaning Charles Stuart) would bear him out. Britten complained of Mr. Howe for promising first 10,000 men, then only 5,000, and then he could only make 1,000 who were ready, though Howe was in prison. He said the Anabaptists and Quakers would pull down the light of the Gospel and the ministry, if a course were not taken with them.

The Saturday before the rising, had a white horse sent by Thos. Freame, and rode with others to Simonshall expecting to meet Massey; but finding no one, they returned, and heard that he was taken. Names of others who accompanied them with horses and arms. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

36. I. *Depositions of Mary Window, his wife, that she opposed his joining the rising, but Thos. Freame said the land would quickly be subdued, for there were only* 8,000 *men in arms in it. That after Massey was taken, Freame offered her* 100*l. and* 2 *acres of land to clear him.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 23. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Derby. You are to look on the townsmen secured by the Militia Commissioners as delinquents till they acquit themselves, and to seize and secure their estates, and the estates of all you have summoned, and to sequester them if they do not appear to answer in 10 days; also to secure the estates of all against whom you have informations or probable suspicions. Directions in cases. [*G* 59, *p.* 54.]

Sept. 23. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. We are glad to learn your proceedings, and if the persons named do not appear within 10 days after summons to answer the charge, you are to sequester the estates you have secured, returning us inventories and particulars. [*G* 59, *p.* 167.]

Sept. 23. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Hants. As John Bremant, one of your appointed commissioners, is an army captain, and resides here in town, send us your commission, and we will insert the name of his father, Thos. Bremant, who was the person intended; but do not let the work be retarded meantime. [*G* 59, *p.* 185.]

Sept. 23. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Stafford. We have granted you a new commission, appointing the gentleman you requested. Cancel and return the former one. [*G* 59, *p.* 206.]

Sept. 23. Bodmin, Cornwall. **37.** County Commissioners for Cornwall to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have received your commission and instructions, and will execute them to the best of our ability. [⅓ *page.*]

Sept. 23. York. **38.** County Commissioners for York to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We met to-day at York on your commission and instructions. As Michaelmas is at hand, when the rents are due, should we not secure the

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estates of suspected persons before we examine witnesses? as that is a work of time, and meanwhile, they will receive their rents and convey away their personal estates.

As we have no power to bear the charges of witnesses, or to reward them or the informers, men will be unwilling to attend to discover and prove at their own charge. We have a commission to appoint a clerk and agents, but no directions for their salary, which we request.

P.S.—We suppose Mat. Beck to be put in for Mat. Beckwith. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 24. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. The Council of State wish us to order the securing of two trunks of papers in custody of Capt. [John] Groom, governor of Ludlow Castle, taken by him from John Herbert, steward to the late Lord Herbert. Repair to Ludlow, take the trunks into your custody, and make and send us a schedule of any writings relating to Lord Herbert or John Herbert, or to any engaged in the late rebellion, keeping the papers safe. Directions in cases. [*G* 59, *p.* 167.]

Sept. 24. Derby. **39.** Edw. Heming to Sam. Moyer. We have secured the estates of many ministers and persons of small estate. Col. [John] Shalcross was active, but we cannot find any estate. The other commissioners act freely, and we shall soon have much business. You promised me employment if the recusants' business came into your hands, and Sir Hen. Vane promised me the same when I was in London. Particulars of cases. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 24. Leicester. **40.** County Committee for Leicester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We gave notice to the gentlemen named in your commission to meet on Tuesday last, and then to-day, but they not appearing, we cannot act. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 24. Worcester College. **41.** County Committee for Worcester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The persons named in the Act had no estates in this county, nor were any persons of good estates in the last insurrection, except Sir Henry Littleton and his three brothers, as we secured most of our gentry in Worcester before the rising, and so prevented their rebelling.

Several queries arise on your instructions.

1. Are we to sequester ⅔ of all Papists' estates that are not under sequestration?
2. Are we to question those that were in arms in Worcester in 1651, when the Scots were there?
3. If so, are we to proceed against those respited on the former depositions, or take fresh ones?
4. What is to be done with the estates of those that were sequestered, and have been discharged or compounded since 1653?
5. Are those who dispersed Sir George Booth's declarations liable to question?
6. What is to be done about the rents due for estates of Papists and delinquents now under sequestration?
7. What is to be allowed our officers for salary and charges? We beg your directions. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Sept. 24. **42.** County Committee for [Shropshire] to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send you several examinations. Fras. Charlton of Apley, and John Cole of the Isle, have desired examination of witnesses in their defence. We have secured their estates. We cannot send you a perfect list of the prisoners at war, for the governor, Major [Edm.] Waring, and his agents have set all the persons of quality at liberty, and they are gone home. [To send a list of the persons discharged by the governor.] We, thinking them in safe custody, sent for them to be examined and make discoveries of other persons in arms; for want of their testimony our business is much obstructed, and they have used their liberty to convey away their personal estates, so that little is left.

Hill, Major Waring's ensign at Shrewsbury Castle, has sent soldiers, and taken valuable horses from Charlton and other sequestered persons, and sent them to Panckridge fair to sell. [It was before the sequestration, and the horses were in service in the field, but if horses were taken after sequestration, the ensign must be called to account. Major Waring, who is in town, to be

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sent for.] John Llewelyn of Little Drayton, Jos. Prowd, and Henry Lichfield of Shrewsbury, and Capt. John Groom of Ludlow, added as commissioners. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 24. Hertford. **43.** County Committee for Herts to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. Pray give your orders to Capt. Wm. Gardiner, one of us whom we send to you, that we may act safely and vigorously in sequestered estates. Col. [John] White and Dr. [Gabriel] Barber decline to act. We propose John Kinsey, Major Edm. Rolfe, John Hunsdon, and Thos. Plomer, in their places. [Alex. Wild to be a commissioner with the persons above.] [1 *page.*]

Sept. 26. Northampton. **44.** Rob. Massey to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I will endeavour to execute my trust, and doubt not the compliance of the rest of the commissioners nominated. We will have a speedy meeting to execute our powers. Note of a case. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. You seem doubtful on which commission to act; you had better return both, and we will rectify any mistake. Your letter of 24 Sept. is important. We can give no allowance to wives and children, unless they apply to us. Meantime do not sell any sequestered goods, but only secure them. [*G* 59, *p.* 7.]

Sept. 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Hants. We have, at your request, added three other commissioners, and granted a new commission. You are to send the former to be cancelled. Directions in cases. [*G* 59, *p.* 77.]

Sept. 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Rich. Price, Thos. Harley, and Edw. Vaughan, Commissioners for co. Montgomery. Where you find any engaged in the late rebellion who have fled and are absent, you are to seize and secure their estates; and should they live in another county, certify your proceedings to the commissioners there, that they may do likewise.

You are to secure the estates of all prisoners of war, and examine witnesses. Directions in cases. [*G* 59, *p.* 134.]

Sept. 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to And. Ellis, Thos. Ball, Hugh Pritchard, and Gerard Barber, Commissioners for cos. Denbigh and Flint. Use your best means for securing the corn and goods of delinquents. We cannot yet give you power to sell it, or to let the sequestered lands, but hope to do so soon. [*G* 59, *p.* 135.]

Sept. 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Worcester. In reply to your queries, you are to proceed against all that adhered to the late King of Scots at Worcester, as well as those engaged in the late rebellion. The former depositions are valid, and may be proceeded on. Several were adjudged delinquents by the late Committee for Compounding and Committee for Advance of Money, and all their estates should be sequestered.

We cannot answer your queries relating to Papists and delinquents under sequestration, being authorized only to act against those in rebellion. You must proceed against those who dispersed Sir George Booth's declarations. We hope soon to inform you of allowances for your officers and incident charges.

With list of 9 persons adjudged delinquents by the late Committee for Advance of Money. [*G* 59, *pp.* 216, 217.]

Sept. 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for York. You are to proceed to secure the estates of all informed against as suspected of being engaged in the late rebellion, and do your best to find witnesses. We hope shortly to satisfy you about the salaries of your officers. [*G* 59, *p.* 228.]

Sept. 27. **45.** Charge before the County Committee of Chester, against John Ratcliffe, late recorder of Chester. That he and others sat at a meeting in the Inner Pentice, Chester, on 9 Aug. 1659, when it was agreed that foot soldiers should be raised, and officers named, the monthly assessments used for their pay, and a constant watch kept for defence of the city; that they had secret conferences with Col. John Booth; and that on 2 Aug., at 4 a.m., by their consent, Mr. Pleyward, one of the sheriffs, opened the city gates to Sir G. Booth, who was received with shouts of joy, and his declaration publicly proclaimed.

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That on news of the insurrection at Derby, proclamation was made by order of the Pentice, and bonfires lighted, with "God save the King" in the Close; also that Ratcliffe was captain of the city watch in Sir George Booth's rebellion. [½ *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

45. I. *Answer of John Ratcliffe, partly acknowledging and excusing, and partly denying the above charges.* [3 *sheet pages.*]

45. II. *Order at an assembly in the Inner Pentice, Chester,* 9 *Aug.* 1659,—*Gerard Jones, mayor, John Ratcliffe, recorder,* 10 *aldermen,* 2 *sheriffs, and* 15 *others present, and* 12 *aldermen and* 22 *others absent—that, in the present danger of the city,* 3 *foot companies be raised for its defence; that Wm. Wright, Ald. Rich. Bridge, and Edw. Burroughes, be captain, lieutenant, and ensign of one, and John Whitter, Thos. Fernihaugh, and Wm. Street of the other.*

That the money due for the monthly assessment be levied for its defence, and paid by order of the mayor, each member of the assembly to pay in his portion in the afternoon.

That watch be continued at the Pentice, the mayor to appoint the captain.

That the assembly approves what has been done by the mayor and justices.

That John Whitter, ironmonger, is to be commissary for all the city companies. [2 *sheets.*]

45. III. *Order in an assembly at the Pentice Chamber, Chester,* 19 *Aug.* 1659,—*the mayor and recorder,* 12 *aldermen,* 2 *sheriffs, and* 12 *others present—that Major Jolly command the third city company with Jon. Goldson, lieutenant, and choose his own ensign.*

That all who have not appeared at this assembly, and reside in town, have payment levied on them, if they refuse to make it.

That Capt. Wright and Whitter's soldiers assist in levying the assessment, if requested.

That every householder be ready, in person or by procurement, to assist in repairing the city walls, on the appointment of the mayor. [1 *sheet.*]

45. IV. *Order in a like assembly,* 8 *Sept., that in the urgent need of money, every justice of peace lend* 40*s.; the rest of the aldermen and sheriffs,* 20*s.; every sheriff's peer,* 13*s.* 4*d.; and every other common councilman,* 10*s., to be collected by George Baggott, sword-bearer, and repaid from the city treasury.*

Also order on request of Ald. Wright, John Whitter, Wm. Street, Thos. Fernihaugh, Rich. Bridge, and Edw. Burroughes, now prisoners—for care to be taken for their freedom and indemnity, as they undertook their employment in obedience to the city and for its safety—that endeavours shall be used accordingly. [2 *sheets.*]

45. V. *Examinations before the county committee on the charge against John Ratcliffe, recorder.* [14 *sheet pages.*]

45. VI. *Interrogatories by Ratcliffe for examination therein, tending to prove that he and the city had acted in self defence, there being armed forces in and outside it, and the city walls too weak for defence; that the companies raised were volunteers, and did not act against the Parliament forces, and that he acted under order, and had no secret correspondence with Booth.* [2 *sheet pages.*]

45. VII. *Examinations on the above interrogatories.* [10¼ *sheet pages.*]

Sept. 28. Winchester. **46.** Thos. Muspratt to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I send you our commission that you may correct the mistake of putting John for Thomas Bremant. Pray return it speedily, that we may fall upon our work. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 28. Middle Lambrook, Somerset. **47.** Geo. Sampson and Thos. Collins, County Commissioners for co. Somerset, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We should take it as a favour to be excused acting; we should utterly deny it, did we not know you to be persons whom we have cause to honour. We will enquire after the commission and send it you to rectify the mistake about Col. Bovett, and acquaint the other commissioners of your desire. ["The commissioners do desire the gentlemen to proceed in the work."] [⅔ *page.*]

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Sept. 29. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Bedford. We have received yours of 19 Sept. touching your willingness to act; as there are mistakes in some of your names, return us the commission to be rectified, but meanwhile proceed on your instructions. [*G* 59, *p.* 2.]

Sept. 29. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Leicester. By yours of the 24th, you state that you cannot act because your fellow commissioners have not appeared. We send you a new commission, nominating two as a quorum, whereby you will be empowered to act alone, in case the others shall not assist you. Cancel the former commission, and return it to us. [*G* 59, *p.* 89.]

Sept. 29. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. Thinking well of the fidelity of Jos. Prowd, we have added him to you as commissioner. We send you a new commission, and desire a return of the former one. [*G* 59, *p.* 168.]

Sept. 29. John Leech to Phil. Nicholas, one of the County Committee for Monmouth. The Committee for Sequestrations have sent a commission to you and the John Thomas who is employed about the Excise (there being many of that name in your county), and do not doubt of your care. If the work is more than you can do, send the names and addresses of qualified persons, and also your own and Mr. Thomas' addresses. [*G* 59, *p.* 189.]

Sept. 29. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Stafford. In our commission we omitted the name of Capt. Wm. Burslem, who has appeared before us and declared his willingness to act, so we send you another commission with his name added, and request you to cancel and return the two former ones. [*G* 59, *p.* 206.]

Sept. 29. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Wilts. You are not to sequester farms in Little Battington, Steeple Langford, and Wily Bourne, belonging to Thos. Mompesson, who was in the rebellion in the West in 1655, as Parliament intends to settle them on Major Unton Crooke, in reward for service. [*G* 59, *p.* 212.]

Sept. 29. Leicester. **48.** County Commissioners for Leicester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have met to-day, and being a full number, intend to execute the Act. We recommend John Birkhead as our clerk, and And. Horton as our agent, both qualified persons. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 30. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. We hope you know the great wants of the State, and will not contract a greater charge than needful. We are willing you should employ 6 agents for present dispatch, but hope you will soon reduce the number. We will try to get your salaries allowed for registrar, clerks, agents, and messenger, but we cannot allow of any other officer, nor was it desired by the former committee. All charges to be defrayed out of receipts in the county. [*G* 59, *p.* 94.]

Sept. 30. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Rob. Massey, a commissioner for co. Northampton. Do what you can to further the proceedings according to your commission. Directions in a case. [*G* 59, *p.* 126.]

Sept. 30. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Rob. Owen, Hugh Evans, and the other commissioners for cos. Montgomery and Merioneth. Proceed in sequestering the estates of those who are known to be fled, or who do not appear 10 days after summons, and of all others credibly informed against. As to young men who have only estates in expectancy, get their delinquency proved on oath, and give them notice to make their defence, that we may adjudge them. [*G* 59, *p.* 135.]

Sept. 30. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. There is in yours a seeming accusation that the governor of Shrewsbury released all or most of the persons of quality, by which the business is like to suffer; send a list of them, that we may require satisfaction. The horses were taken before sequestration, and were prizes of war. [*G* 59, *p.* 168.]

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[Sept. 30.] Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Somerset. In your commission there is a mistake, Col. Bovett's name being written Buffett; return it to us that we may rectify it, but meantime let not the work be retarded. [*G* 59, *p.* 175.]

Sept. 30. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Geo. Sampson, Thos. Collins, and the other Commissioners for Somerset. We are glad that from your knowledge of us you are willing to undertake this service. It was our confidence in you that led us to nominate you. Settle to the work, and let us hear further. [*G* 59, *p.* 175.]

Sept. 30. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Muspratt, and the rest of the County Committee for Hants. We return your commission with Bremant's name altered. Promote the work with care and diligence. [*G* 59, *p.* 185.]

Sept. 30. Haberdashers' Hall. **49.** Commission by the Commissioners for Sequestrations to Capt. Wm. Pickering, — Tisford, and John Moody of Cambridge, and John Boord of Trinity Hall, to be Commissioners for the city and county of Cambridge. [*Parchment, signed.*]

Sept. ? **50.** Capt. P. Backhouse to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have received your last commission for co. Stafford, and return the former. I have appointed an early day of meeting, and we hope to give you a speedy account. Egerton had made away with his stock, cattle, and household goods, before my servant came, but I have seized the growing corn, and ordered care in getting it in. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 1. Derby. **51.** County Committee of Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send proceedings against Capt. Sam. Doughty, for your approval, thinking the method advantageous, as giving no cause of complaint to the guilty parties. We have spent our whole time in seizing the estates of those who might else have got their rents into their hands, and will soon send an account of them. Your last instructions have enabled us to act as to the townsmen. Command us, if we are deficient in anything; we shall not be deterred from duty by any discouragements. We send you evidence against Col. [Thos.] Sanders.

With note of reply that his estate is to be seized and secured thereon. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Derby. You must be more particular about the rentals of estates, to say whether they are freehold or copyhold, and in what parishes, and on what terms they are leased. Directions in cases. We are glad you are so well resolved in this business, and we will afford you all possible encouragement. [*G* 59, *p.* 54.]

Oct. 3. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Hereford. We hoped to hear of some progress in your business, and desire a speedy course to secure the Michaelmas rents, and diligence that the State may not be defrauded. [*G* 59, *p.* 83.]

Oct. 3. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Leicester. We desire speedy progress, or the State will suffer much damage by the embezzling of personal estates, and loss of rents now due. You name your clerk and agent. Signify what allowance you think should be made them, but use moderation. [*G* 59, *p.* 89.]

Oct. 3. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. We hear you have secured the trunks of Lord Herbert's writings. You should have enquired by what order they were opened, and who were then present. We want a list of all against whom you have any charge. We shall shortly send you instructions about those that refuse to be examined. [*G* 59, *p.* 168.]

Oct. 3. Kingston-on-Thames. **52.** County Commissioners for Surrey to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We will do our utmost to prosecute our commission and instructions. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 3. Nottingham. **53.** County Commissioners for Notts to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The Act gives you authority to execute all powers and instructions given before 20 April 1653 to any Committee for Sequestrations; but by your

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instructions, no power is given us to call in those who may discover the guilty; nor can we examine on oath, or call to our aid the civil and military powers. We beg you to add something of this nature to our former instructions, and send us the Acts and ordinances relating to sequestration.

We have, as ordered, cancelled the former commission and return it to you. What are we to do about the estates of John How of Gloucestershire, and John, Lord Belasyse, who are in custody in London, and of others who have estates here, and live elsewhere?

The absence and illness of our members prevented our giving an earlier account of proceedings. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. Haberdashers' Hall, London. **54.** Instructions for the County Committee of Westmoreland, Cumberland, and Northumberland, the same as calendared, 3 Sept. [*See No.* 17, *p.* 745 *supra.*]

Oct. 4. John Leech, registrar, to John Walker, Wm. Whitbread, and Thos. Gibbs, Commissioners for co. Bedford. The Commissioners for Sequestrations have, on your request, appointed Whitbread in place of [Thos.] Arnold, and send a commission accordingly, and you are to return the former one. [*G* 59, *p.* 1.]

Oct. 4. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. We have received yours with the former commission, and send you a new commission, omitting Hen. Cockson. Pray continue your care and diligence. [*G* 59, *p.* 8.]

Oct. 4. Llansoy, co. Monmouth. **55.** Phil. Nicholas to Thos. Davies, Warwick Court, Warwick Lane. I have received a commission and instructions to me and John Thomas, to sequester delinquents in this county, but I do not know who the John Thomas is. Pray enquire at Haberdashers' Hall, as I cannot act alone.

Noted, "Phil. Nicholas of Llansoy, Thos. Jones of Trevethin, John Morgan of Llangum." [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 5. Derby. **56.** Edw. Heming to John Brown, Commissioner for Sequestrations, at Sir Hen. Vane's, Whitehall. I have found more than suspicion that Col. Sanders and Major Barton were traitors in neglecting their duties at the breaking out of the rebellion at Derby; yet since they came to London, I hear they very much glory, and their agents here are very much rejoiced, at which I wonder, because things here are so manifest. I have sent you depositions against Sanders, and will send more. If Sanders come off, none should suffer, for they all armed on his account. I entreat your special care in this business. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 5. Derby. **57.** Commissioners for Sequestrations for co. Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 5. Marlborough. **58.** Lieut.-Col. J. Rede, Commissioner for co. Wilts, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have asked my fellow-commissioners to act on your commission, and your several letters, but they all refuse. Thos. Freeman pleads incapacity, on account of his trade as a tanner. Edw. Stocks is ill, and will reside this winter in London for his health. Edw. Pierce of Devizes would have acted in sequestering estates at Devizes, but his name was written Price; being a woollen draper, he cannot travel far. Thos. Hunt pleads age and lameness. I will do my best, but others must be empowered. I suggest Wm. Coles of Downton, Wm. Shute, John Randolph, Chris. Merryweather, and John Jesse of Chilmark, but have not been able to ask their consent.

P.S.—Send us those Acts of Parliament mentioned in your commission, bearing date before 20 April 1653, if we may use them.

Noted, Major Unton Croke, John Rede, Wm. Coles, Major Wm. Ludlow, Capt. [James] Heely. Also Commissioners for Bucks, presented by Mr. Holland, James Grover, and Rich. Norwood of Amersham, and Rowland Bracebridge of Aylesbury. [1¾ *pages.*]

Oct. 6. Gloucester. **59.** County Commissioners for Gloucestershire to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have sat several days, and duly summoned several witnesses, but none have appeared. Three came to-day about the delinquency of Wm. Freame of Lyppiat, but they refuse to take their oaths. Unless we can

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punish such contempt of authority, our sittings will be to no purpose. We have seized Freame's estate. Particulars of cases.

Noted that the commissioners are to commit those who refuse. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 6. Durham. **60.** County Commissioners for Durham to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We are willing to serve the State, but we know of none in this county who were in the late rebellion; we want to know who are prisoners of war, that we may enquire if they have estates here. Lord Belasyse has, and we hear that he is prisoner. One of our names is written John Jobland for John Jopling. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 6. Trinity Hall, Cambridge. **61.** John Boord to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Capt. Wm. Pickering refuses to act as Commissioner for Sequestrations, and we can hear of no John Moody. Mr. Tisford is unwilling to act, the rather because his Christian name is not given in the commission, and he would be cold in the service. Shall I nominate any others?

Noted, "Wm. Bryan, Thos. French, aldermen of Cambridge, Dr. Bond [? Boord]." [1 *page.*]

Oct. 6. Winchester. **62.** County Commissioners for Hants to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Having chosen our clerk and agent, we have enquired after those concerned in the late rebellion, and find some were examined before the Council of State, and some discovery may have been made, of which we beg notice. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 7. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Northampton. We hope your affection to the State will prevail with you to do your best to discover those who have been assisting this late rebellion. You need not settle officers till you see some possibility of work, but the fees of those employed to make enquiries must be defalked out of the sequestered estates. [*G* 59, *p.* 126.]

Oct. 7. **63.** James Fulwood to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We are completing several rentals in co. Derby. Col. White rented a coal delph here of the Earl of Rutland, but it requires much outlay. There are many coals on the bank, which winter will prevent the carrying away of. We shall meet at Bakewell and Derby to procure more intelligence of this general and dangerous design. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 8. Worcester College. **64.** County Commissioners for Worcester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have chosen a clerk, agent, and messenger.

Proceedings in cases. Wm. Hunt of Chaddesley Corbett and Rich. Cother have no visible estates. We request directions in further cases. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 10. Kingston. **65.** County Commissioners for Surrey to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 10. Lewes. **66.** County Commissioners for Sussex to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have your commission and instructions, and hoped to meet our fellow commissioners at the sessions last week, but neither being there, we have sent to them, and hope soon to have a meeting. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 10. Hertford. **67.** County Commissioners for Herts to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

67. I. "*A nameless person's information.*" *George Taylor used to meet Major Bash and others often at the house of George Mason, a very great Cavalier through the wars, who is under bail; and ¼ of a year since, a gentleman, said to be Col. Massey, was a week at the house secretly. Taylor was to have been captain of a troop of horse, and offered a horse and arms, and 5l. to a man there to join him. He bought many horses for the service, and he knows of many contributors to it, and many privy to it, as John Skipwith, Capt. Christmas, Marmaduke Rawdon, and others who listed for soldiers, or were helpers with horses or money, as Wm. Brace, Edw. Baynes, Rich. Holding, and Step. Lupton. Taylor and Skipwith are in custody, and can, if they will, discover all the business. If kept asunder, one of them can discover all.* [1 *page.*]

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Oct. 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Bucks. We send you your commission, request you to act according to the instructions already sent, and to cancel and return your former commission. [*G* 59, *p.* 2.]

Oct. 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Commitee for Devon. We desire you to act forthwith on your commission and instructions. Do your utmost to promote the service, and send us as soon as possible a list of those in your county engaged in the late rebellion, or since 30 Jan. 1649, on behalf of Charles Stuart. We will soon let you know what is to be the encouragement for yourselves and officers. [*G* 59, *p.* 51.]

Oct. 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. Yours of 30 Sept. troubles us, for we can come to no result that satisfies you. We cannot name a treasurer, nor was this ever demanded before. We commit the trust to you, and are confident that you will not suffer any damage to the State by neglect of its affairs, nor let the enemy make away with any part of what their malignancy has made forfeit. Take care of such moneys as arise, and a speedy return thereof may avoid the need of naming a treasurer at all. If you decide to lay down your commission, think of some others who may ease you of the burden. [*G* 59. *p.* 95.]

Oct. 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Oxon. We have rectified the mistakes in your commission, and added Elisha Coles, Mat. Martyn, and Rob. Warcup, as you desire. Be diligent in promoting the service. [*G* 59, *p.* 162.]

Oct. 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. We have your list of the prisoners of war now at liberty. Do your best to discover witnesses against them, and examine them according to instructions.

Directions in cases. Preserve the writings and clothes in [John] Herbert's trunks from being embezzled, but do not dispose of them till further order. [*G* 59, *p.* 168.]

Oct. 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Hants. We hear that you have had several meetings, and appointed a clerk and agent. Do your best to discover those engaged in the late rebellion, or since 30 Jan. 1649, on behalf of Charles Stuart, and examine witnesses. You say that several gentlemen have been examined before the Council of State. We have ordered our solicitor to enquire about it, and will inform you what discoveries are made. Confer with Jo. Poore and Capt. Barnes, who can give you good information. [*G* 59, *p.* 185.]

Oct. 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Wilts. You will herewith receive a commission to act according to instructions. Cancel and return the former commission. [*G* 59, *p.* 212.]

Oct. 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Derby. We hear that there is a coal delph in your county which Col. White rented of the Earl of Rutland, and that there are many coals on the bank. Take care to preserve the coal, and we shall soon send you orders how to dispose of it and manage the delph. [*G* 59, *p.* 54.]

Oct. 12. Derby. **68.** Wm. Tomlinson to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The other commissioners are gone into the Peak, to secure some delinquents' estates there, I am left with one clerk to perfect some returns. I perceive the enemy has not yet laid aside his inveterate malice, by inventing and publishing lies, to render me and my partners odious to Parliament, Council, and you. The truth is that we took security of the Earl of Chesterfield for his cattle in Bretby Park, where his personal estate was inventoried and valued at 812*l.*, and then we discharged the agent there. We had ordered the tenants to detain the rents, but on your last order, shall take security for them. The commissioners never thought of setting the estate, or detaining it longer than to get security, and we shall not transgress your orders. [1 *page.*]

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Oct. 13. Shipley. **69.** Cuthbert Rayne to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I am willing to act with Paul Hobson and John Jopling as Comissioners for Durham, though I live some miles from the city. We have met and will do our best in the service. We do not think that John Lowther and Leonard Ayrey, whom you deem liable to sequestration, have any estates here. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 13. Newcastle. **70.** Cuth. Cotesworth to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have taken your commission and instructions, &c., to Rob. Fenwick, one of the commissioners named; when the committee is once settled, the work will be well carried on; 3 will be at home next week, the rest live in Westmoreland and Cumberland, 40 miles off. I will acknowledge all the letters I receive. I cannot hear of any such persons as you name in your last. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 13. Deposition of Wm. Montague, Over, co Gloucester. Never saw Col. Massey. Was stag-hunting in Higham Park before the rising, and heard many, both in Gloucester and elsewhere, say that Massey was at the hunt. Before Michaelmas, went by order of the Lieut.-General to Capt. Hunter's, 11 miles beyond Northampton, and brought a horse for Mr. Walyn, who sold it to [John] Smith of Nibley. [½ *page; with depositions of* 22 *Sept., No.* 36, *supra.*]

Oct. 14. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Hereford. You ask what to do with the corn and cattle seized by your order. No estate is to be disposed of till further orders, and you are not to meddle with any delinquents who were declared such before 1648; they are not yet within our cognizance. [*G* 59, *p.* 84.]

Oct. 14. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. We have received the inventories of the several estates secured. You do well not to notice the claims of any to delinquents' estates, but refer to us the examination of their interest therein. No estate except those named in the Act of 27 Aug. 1659 is to be disposed of without further order. [*G* 59, *p.* 95.]

Oct. 14. York. **71.** County Commissioners for York to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Note of estates secured; we will proceed against others according to your instructions, where we can receive any discoveries for the State. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 14. Pembroke. **72.** Rich. Browne to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have put yours into the hands of some of the commissioners named for Radnorshire. I know not whether I am commissioned; if so, I will gladly serve. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 17. Hertford. **73.** County Commissioners for Herts to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. Our agents are discouraged as things stand, and refuse to proceed by our warrant on your orders in appraising personal estates under seizure, which occasions some puzzle and suspense. Some witnesses summoned refuse to appear. What is to be done? If they are not made exemplary for their contempt, a bad use will be made of it. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the committees in all the counties of England and Wales, Chester, Lancaster, Derby, Salop, North Wales, and Stafford excepted. You are to certify all those whom you suspect to fall under the Act of 27 Aug. 1659, and what business is still before you, that we may give further directions. [*G* 59, *p.* 1.]

Oct. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Devon. Thanks for yours of the 11th and 14th, and for your care and diligence. We cannot at present send you further directions than those contained in our instructions, but let nothing be wanting to perform them. [*G* 59, *p.* 51.]

Oct 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lincoln. You have made progress in your work; continue your care and diligence in executing your instructions. We will try to procure your officers due encouragement as to allowances, and will give you an account thereof. [*G* 59, *p.* 112.]

Oct. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Capt. Rob. Owen, Dolgelly, co. Merioneth. Thanks for your care and diligence. We beg its continuance. Sequester the estates of those persons you name, who have confessed their being concerned in the late rebellion. [*G* 59, *p.* 136.]

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Oct. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. You complain of the unwillingness of persons to be examined about the late insurrection. You are authorized to commit them to safe custody. [*G* 59, *p.* 169.]

Oct. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for [Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland]. We wish you soon to meet and to divide yourselves into your respective counties, for the more expeditious carrying on of the work. [*G* 59, *p.* 223.]

Oct. 19. Derby. **74.** County Commissioners for Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Though anxious to serve our country, our ambition for power shall not haste us to acts not authorized. Though as private persons we may take no notice of calumnies, yet as your servants, we demand a vindication by you of the false aspersion cast upon us by the impudence of my Lord [of Chesterfield]'s counsel, charging us with so great a lie.

Most of us have been in remote parts of Derbyshire about Col. Shalcross' rout, and things are so dark we can give no present account. We find an order of yours which will be hard to fulfil, requiring an account by whom and why deer have been killed in Horsley Park. No warrants have been issued by our orders, and we beg that things alleged may be proved before they are believed. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 20. **75.** Note of petitions and orders in the Committee for Sequestrations for Eliz. Pelham, Dame Ann Everard, Dame Anne Fane, Philadelphia and Judith Carey. Also Oct. 25, Anne Middleton, and Oct. 26, Marthama Wilson. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 21. Worcester College. **76.** County Commissioners for Worcester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. Further directions requested. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 22. Derby. **77.** County Commissioners for Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have sent you the depositions about Col. Sanders, but to-night we have received more material information, and shall draw up a charge and send it. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 22. Porton, Wilts. **78.** Lieut.-Col. J. Rede to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. By yours of the 19th, I fear you have not received mine of the 5th, showing why we have not acted; but no considerable persons here were in the last rebellion. It would not be hard to get a list of those in former insurrections, when you give power to any gentleman here to act. Copy of his letter of 5 Oct. You intimate that Major Unton Croke is joined with me and others as Militia Commissioners, but I have seen no such order. [2⅔ *pages.*]

Oct. 22. Winchester. **79.** Thos. Muspratt, Commissioner for Hants, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases of suspected persons. Hen. South was indicted at Salisbury before the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, and putting himself upon the jury, was found not guilty, and acquitted. A question arises whether a man acquitted by his jury can again be questioned for the same fact. By the common law of England he could not.

These are all the cases we know, for though I believe there were many who intended to be doing, the rebellion breaking out so far from us, few showed themselves, and it is hard to prove that they knew and concealed it. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 24. Trinity Hall, Cambridge. **80, 81.** John Boord to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You enquire how our business progresses; I wonder you have not received my letters showing mistakes in the commission, so that I was left alone, and could not act, the quorum being two. I beg further directions. Aldermen Thos. French and Wm. Bryan would be very serviceable. [1 *page;* 2 *copies.*]

Oct. 24. Dorchester. **82.** County Commissioners for Dorset to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You ask returns on a commission and instructions for sequestration sent to us on the Act of 27 Aug. 1659, but no such papers have been received. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 24. Salop. **83.** County Commissioners for Salop to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of a case. Are we to proceed against other persons engaged in the late insurrection beside the 4 named? We have full information that Mr. Watts was in arms both at Chester and Chirk Castle, and he did not deny it, but refused to take his oath against others. We will send you the depositions as soon as we can. [They were sequestered by order of Parliament, and their estates are to be seized and secured, and proofs sent up against them.] [1 *page.*]

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Oct. 25. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Notts. Mr. Crouch has laid claim to Richard, Lord Byron's goods, and we have referred the case to Council. You are to take care that the State is not defrauded, and also to examine the claim of William Byron to his father's real estate. [*G* 59, *p.* 130.]

Oct. 25. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Muspratt, one of the County Commissioners for Hants. You name 3 persons against whom you have received charges. Examine witnesses, and prove the charge, although some of them have been acquitted by a jury, and send up the papers to us. [*G* 59, *p.* 186.]

Oct. 25. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Lieut.-Col. Rede, one of the County Committee for Wilts. You write on 22 Oct. that several of the gentlemen nominated are not fit to act, and therefore the work is retarded. On receipt of your first letter, we made inquiries about their fitness, and sealed a new commission, appointing you, Majors [Unton] Croke and [Wm.] Ludlow, Thos. Cole, Jas. Heely, and Wm. King, commissioners. We gave the letter and commission to Major Croke, and hoped you would have received it long ere this. Cancel and return the former commission. [*G* 59, *p.* 213.]

Oct. 25. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Derby. About the sending of warrants for the Earl of Chesterfield's deer, it is affirmed that three complaints were made against you; but as Mr. Edgecomb is not in town, the letters cannot be produced. We suspected that somebody might have used your names, and we supposed you would make strict enquiry. Just satisfaction shall be given against any that have laid this aspersion on you. [*G* 59, *p.* 55.]

Oct. 25. Derby. **84.** County Commissioners for Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We return depositions against Parsons Siddon, and Pole. We would gladly send money, but we have only received 27*l.* 5*s.*, and had to spend some about getting in corn and other necessaries, so that we have little left. Edw. Heming, who has gone to London, will tell you how things stand here. Particulars of cases. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 25. Stafford. **85.** County Commissioners for Stafford to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Note of a case. We have secured Mr. Best's real estate, value 600*l.* a year, in the tenants' hands, he alleging charges from Col. Stamford to the full rental. We have given him 14 days to prove this to you, and in that time have ordered him to pay 80*l.*, value of his personal estate. We have other charges which we will send next week. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 26. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. We are glad you will proceed on your commission. Act according to the instructions sent, and you shall soon receive further orders. [*G* 59, *p.* 95.]

Oct. 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. Directions in a case. As to the evidence against persons about whom you have informations, especially the constables of your town, you are to commit them, and all who refuse to be examined, to safe custody till they conform. This is by virtue of an ordinance of Parliament of 19 Aug. 1643, revived by the late Act of 27 Aug. 1659. [*G* 59, *p.* 96.]

[Oct. 27.] Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Northampton. You send a list of the persons whose estates you have seized. We send you former sequestration ordinances to show that you have power to commit to custody those who refuse to give evidence to discover delinquents' estates; this will enable you to go on with the others you name. We constitute two to be a quorum, and will insert this in your commission if you will send it. We have sent to Sir Hen. Vane for the interrogatories to be put to Col. White.

We have granted orders to the persons in your list to receive their rents on security till judgment is given. Summon all who have been in this late engagement to produce the witnesses in their defence in 10 days, that we may direct publication. [*G* 59, *p.* 130.]

Oct. 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. Proceed as far as you can in making up the accounts, for the needs of the State are pressing, and require speedy supplies of money.

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Directions in cases. Secure the estates of those against whom you have sufficient proof, and return the proofs with speed. [*G* 59, *p.* 169.]

Oct. 27. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Cambridge. We send you a new commission, appointing Alderman [Thos.] French and [Wm.] Bryan, and leaving out the others. Meet as soon as possible, and carry out your instructions. [*G* 59, *p.* 48.]

Oct. 29. Huntingdon. **86.** County Commissioners for Hunts to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. On receipt of your commission, Acts, &c., we sent a messenger to Rutland to acquaint John Osborne, and enclose his answer. We can hear of none here liable to sequestration, except Major Babington, who has fen lands in Somersham worth 100*l.* a year. We are strangers to the county; our names are not clearly expressed in the commission, some are old and others unable to act, therefore we beg you to join the business of cos. Hunts and Rutland to cos. Northampton and the Isle of Ely, or to some other.

Noted, "How Babington comes to be sequestered. The Cambridge Commissioners to be written to." [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

86. I. *John Osborne to the Commissioners for Sequestrations for Hunts. I have received your notice of a commission, and request for me to come to Huntingdon, but I am weak and unfit to travel. I have not been in public business since* 1653, *when I was put out of the commission; therefore I am ignorant of these things, and beg to be excused.* [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 29. Salop. **87.** County Commissioners for Salop to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send depositions against many who have large estates. Those who have procured orders from you do not prosecute them; this is done to delay time, for they cannot clear themselves. Particulars of cases. Major Creed can give further testimony against Fras. Kynaston of Otley, and the son of Lady Manwaring, who were in the rising, and have large estates here.

May we dispose of the personal estates, and receive the rents of those who are convicted, that the moneys may be returned? We are at great pains and charge in discovering these persons, and have to use force against some who refuse to be examined. We have cancelled the former commission. We send depositions in defence of Fras. Charlton of Apley and Rowland Hill of Soolton [Soughton?] The other delinquents of large estates are

Richard, son and heir of Major-Gen. Mytton.
Rich. Lister. Edw. Minshall.
Sir Thos. Harris. Edward, Lord Herbert.
Col. Rob. Broughton. Lord Kilmorey.
Thos. Church.

Many young gentlemen were engaged in the insurrection who are not as yet possessed of estates. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 29. Gloucester. **88.** County Commissioners for Gloucester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You will perceive what we are doing by the depositions enclosed. The late alterations interrupted our meetings, or we had answered before. With note of 6 persons to be examined. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 29. York. **89.** Ralph Rymer, one of the County Commissioners for York, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You enquire what work is likely to arise in this county. On the instructions for securing the peace, divers were convicted of the design of surprising York for Charles Stuart in 1654–55, when there were rendezvous on Noman's and Hessay moors. Many denied that they were privy to their horses and men being there; some fled and are now returned; others who were apprehended denied that their masters were privy to it. But whether this evidence can now be had, or whether new evidence will be made out against those not then convicted, I cannot say, though there were many considerable gentlemen deep in that plot.

There were many engaged in or privy to the last plot, but our informations must first come from Cols. Overton and Lilburne, and we should have them and the examinations but for the differences that have fallen out. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 30. Hensingham, near Whitehaven, Cumberland. **90.** John Robertson to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have received the box with your commission, &c, and sent it to Westmoreland, and desired the gentlemen there to appoint a speedy meeting, and have written to the same purport to the Commissioners in Northumberland. Nothing can be

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done here by me, for [Thos.] Craister is not in the county, and Capt. Hudson does not act because his name is not right in the commission. But by joining with Westmoreland, we should find some that were engaged with Charles Stuart at Worcester. I want a speedy meeting, or they, knowing their guilt, and hearing of the commission, will embezzle their goods. If you were to write, it would much hasten the work. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 31. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Denbigh and Flint, at Wrexham. Summon all those whose estates you have seized, and against whom you have two credible witnesses, to produce their own witnesses, if they intend to defend themselves, and to cross-examine yours, that we may direct publication and judgment.

With letter to like effect to the County Committee for Montgomery and Merioneth. [*G* 59, *p.* 137.]

Oct. 31. Trinity Hall. **91.** John Boord to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have cancelled the other commission, and return it you, and send you a letter from Mr. Bryan and myself, Mr. French being out of town. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 31. Cambridge. **92.** Wm. Bryan and John Boord to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We will execute your commission and instructions, Thos. French being out of town, and hope to show our integrity. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 31. Durham. **93.** County Commissioners for Durham to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We find none here who have estates that were concerned in Sir George Booth's insurrection, except Lord Belasyse; John Lowther and Leonard Ayrey's estates are in Westmoreland. We want instructions, for "those strange revolutions doth put a great amazement upon most men." We are confident God will work good by it, and bring down the malignants, who are now very high. "They rant high with Monk's declaration, and this last week, there was a declaration abroad from Charles Stuart, which much heightens them." You will have the news from Scotland; he [Monk] imprisons all that join not with him, and is drawing his forces towards the borders. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 31 ? **94.** Major Unton Croke to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I am ashamed your business is not better dispatched, but these times have so distracted men in their judgment, and employed them on other weighty affairs in the county, that your work has been retarded. Few of your commissioners will do the work, but it shall not hang in suspense if I can get but one to join with me. [1 *page.*]

[Oct.] Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Somerset. We send you a new commission, omitting the names of the gentlemen that scruple to act, and beg you to proceed according to instructions. [*G* 59, *p.* 175.]

Oct. ? **95, 96.** Bills, &c., of disbursements of the Commissioners for Sequestrations from 17 Aug. to 18 Oct. Totals, 52*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* and 4*l.* 9*s.* [*Two scraps.*]

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Nov. 1. Salisbury. **1.** County Commissioners for Wilts (viz., Lieut.-Col. J. Rede, Majors Unton Croke and Wm. Ludlow) to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We are unwilling that the business should miscarry, though we hoped that more fitting persons might have been thought of for it. We have met to-day and entered on the work, and send you a list of those most obvious in the rebellion in 1654–55, and in this late insurrection. What proceedings are we to take, and will you send us new authority and instructions from the power now in being, or are we to proceed on the former? We send our commission of 28 Sept. cancelled. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 2. Kingston. **2.** Commissioners for Surrey to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. [1 *page.*]

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Nov. 2. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. Directions in cases. We well understand the former ordinances and our present Act, and they give you no authority save such as you receive from us; we confirm our order of 13 Oct. about your not disposing of estates, or receiving any rents without our orders.

You ought not to receive any profits of delinquents' estates till judgment be given, unless the parties refuse to give good security. The estates will be secured if you inventory them, set agents to look after them, and forbid the payment of rents.

The salaries of yourselves and officers are provided for in the Act, and better than in former Acts. We trust this may be confirmed. Meantime you are to defray charges from the money you receive, and wait, as we do, on God's providence for the rest. [*G* 59, *p.* 9.]

Nov. 2. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Gloucester. We do not find sufficient proof in the depositions you sent up 29 Oct., but we think if you examine six persons named, the evidence may be made clear. [*G* 59, *p.* 73.]

Nov. 2. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Hereford. We can give you no further instructions about corn and cattle till the parties are adjudged. To expedite this, peruse the enclosed, which will put the parties on a speedy trial, and then you can receive the rents and dispose of the personalty of those who are in default. [*G* 59, *p.* 84.]

Nov. 2. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for York. We advise you to request light from Cols. Overton and Lilburne for discovery of suspected persons, and transmit the proofs to us. [*G* 59, *p.* 229.]

Nov. 2. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. On 25 Oct. you complained of difficulty and obstructions by persons averse to the present interest. We think the orders given in our last [*see* 27 *Oct.*, *p.* 760] will prove effectual; if not, we will take further course against such contempt.

As to those who are not free to the formality of an oath, if they solemnly aver that they will declare the truth, it will have the force of an oath. Certify how such attestation is given, and we will take it as far as we can. Summon all against whom you have 2 credible witnesses to appear in 10 days, and produce their witnesses and return the examinations, or certify their neglect. [*G* 59, *p.* 96.]

Nov. 2. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Northampton. Directions in cases. Require all against whom you have the evidence of two witnesses, to produce the witnesses in their defence and to cross-examine, that we may direct publication and a trial, or proceed to judgment on their default. [*G* 59, *p.* 127.]

Nov. 2. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. If you know any of the persons whose estates are seized by you to have estates in any other county, certify us, that we may give order for their securing. [*G* 59, *p.* 170.]

Nov. 2. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Wilts. We have yours of 28 Oct., and hope soon to hear that you are proceeding against the persons liable to sequestration; use your utmost care therein. [*G* 59, *p.* 213.]

Nov. 3. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committees for South Wales, Monmouth, Derby, Gloucester, Hereford, Surrey, and Worcester.

You are speedily to summon all who enjoy their estates on security, and all against whom you have 2 credible witnesses, to appear in 10 days, and examine witnesses if they wish to justify themselves, and speedily return the examinations, that we may order publication or give judgment on their default. [*G* 59, *pp.* 56, 73, 190, 202, 219.]

Nov. 3. Bodmin. **3.** County Committee for Cornwall to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have grounds of suspicion against John Coriton of Newton, Sam. Langford of Liskeard, and Col. [John] Arundel of Trerise, as being within the Act of 27 Aug. 1659, and send depositions taken before the Militia Commissioners thereon, but they are not worthy of much credit.

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We have been diligent in discovering suspected persons, but [John] Talbot's absence from our sittings has been a loss to us. Our discoveries are not so clear as they will be in case things succeed well in this nation. We have dark hints of great confederacies that were held in this county and in Devonshire for an insurrection about 22 Aug. last, and now we hear of meetings of suspected persons.

Langford rode away armed with Coriton, sold his goods and alienated his dwelling place, since he was questioned by the Militia Commissioners.

Mr. Holmes of Lanteglos by Fowey, and his brother, being long in the East parts, returned home armed about the time Sir Geo. Booth was routed.

Thos. Ward was associated with Sir James Smith, suspected to be concerned in the insurrection, as are some ministers and others. Particulars of cases. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 5. Dorchester. **4.** County Committee for Dorset to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have received your commission and instructions, but do not find much business, though some might arise had we a clerk and two agents, which we find difficult to be procured without some recompense, and beg instructions. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 8. Brecon, Wales. **5.** County Committee for South Wales to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have received your commission, but can find none in South Wales that appeared in this rebellion; yet many of those that acted may have estates in these counties. We hear that Lord Herbert of Raglan is a prisoner in the Tower; if he is to be proceeded against as a delinquent, let us know. Also tell us whether Sir Fras. Fane of Yorkshire is guilty, as he has an estate here. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 8. Canterbury. **6.** County Committee for Kent to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Thanks for the trust you place in us by sending us your commission, but the work being one of time and trouble, we beg to be excused. We will give the papers to Capts. Barth. May and [John] Browne, who are free to act. Capt. [And.] Tucker is not free. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 9. Derby. **7.** James Underwood to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Capt. [Wm.] Tomlinson is commanded hence on military affairs; three other commissioners are away on business, and I am raising forces by command of Lord Fleetwood, so that in this juncture of affairs, you must waive your expectations of our prosecuting sequestration business. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 9. Gloucester. **8.** Griffantius Phillips to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. By yours of 2 Nov. you order the county commissioners to summon all who enjoy their estates on security, and all others against whom we had oaths of 2 witnesses, and require them within 10 days to produce witnesses in their defence. But I cannot persuade any of the 4 commissioners who live here to act since this last trouble. Indeed before, 3 of them had been absent 6 weeks, and they had sat but once, or you would have had a good return from this county.

I am but one, yet I am willing to act. Our agents have been active in discovering those in the last rising, and had been at charge in securing the Veel estate at Simonshall, but some horsemen came, and beat and turned them out, and got possession of the stock, worth 300*l.* I have sent [George] Joyce the name of other gentlemen here who would act with me. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 9. Salop. **9.** County Committee for Salop to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have already given those accused 10 days' time to answer their charges, but very few have appeared; we send you their depositions. Those who obtained your orders have not in the least prosecuted them. We send you, as required, a note of estates in other counties held by the persons engaged.

Lord Herbert in cos. Montgomery, Denbigh, and Merioneth.

Capt. Wm. Church in co. Stafford.

Rich. Mytton, in several counties unknown.

Ralph Kynaston in co. Denbigh. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Committee for cos. Cumberland, Northumberland, and Westmoreland. We sent you a commission and instructions to act, but we do not know whether you have met and done anything. We desire you to enter on the work, for there will be store of business if timely

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looked into, and delay may lose all the advantage. It is of great interest to the public to prosecute it, and we beg a speedy account of your proceedings. [*G* 59, *p.* 41.]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to five of the County Committee for Lancaster. We are informed that some of your number are very unfit to work on the Act, and should rather be charged as abettors in the late insurrection. We wish you had told us this. If you suspected it, you wronged both yourselves and us in concealing it. Capts. [Edw.] French and Boardman are the persons named. Tell us what you know of them, that they may be suspended till they acquit themselves. [*G* 59, *p.* 97.]

Nov. 10. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Notts. You are to proceed according to the Act of 18 Aug. 1643, with all who refuse to be examined about delinquents or their estates, that is commit them till they conform; if that work not, return their names to us, that we may proceed according to our power. Directions in a case. [*G* 59, *p.* 131.]

Nov. 14. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Gloucester. We have no reply to our letter of 2 Nov., and are anxious to know that you are in prosecution thereof. You should appoint more frequent meetings. We have received from your officers great complaints of their ill-treatment at Mr. Veel's. Examine into that business, that we may vindicate your authority and our own. [*G* 59, *p.* 73.]

Nov. 14. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Charles Lloyd, Llanigon, co. Brecon, and the County Committee for South Wales. We sent you in September a commission and instructions, but have received no account of your proceedings. We wish to hear from you. [*G* 59, *p.* 190.]

Nov. 15. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. Directions in cases. If any delay or refuse to give security, you may remove the goods, but not sell them, and receive the rents, or secure them at the party's charge, and we may require them to be sent up, for whatever is secured by you is at our disposal.

Our orders about persons taken in arms refer only to those taken in the field, who can have no pretence of appeal. No one can receive any part of their estates till security is given to you. Any who do so are to give you security, or the money is to be again demanded from the tenants. Let there be no delay in delivering orders for publication [of proofs], when there are two clear witnesses. [*G* 59, *p.* 10.]

Nov. 15. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Hants. We find by yours of 29 Oct. that you are unwilling to act on our commission and instructions. We acquit you therefore from the same, and will think of other fit persons. Tell us whether Major Babington's estate is sequestered for delinquency or recusancy. [This request was repeated 15 Dec.] [*G* 59, *p.* 82.]

Nov. 17. **10.** Order by the Commissioners for Sequestrations—on request of the dean, prebendaries, and treasurer of Christchurch College, Oxford, for an order to receive the rents and profits due to them on leases let to persons engaged in the late insurrection—that the dean, &c., be desired to send up a sealed certificate of all such rents and profits due to them, with an extract of the demise and an account of the arrears; and that they take order that the counterparts of the leases be ready to be produced if required. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 17. Gloucester. **11.** County Commissioners for Gloucester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You ordered us to examine Step. Halford, Walter Sweeper, and 4 others, whom we summoned, and Sweeper appeared, but refused to take his oath. The power of committing such witnesses lies in you, and not in us. If one were made exemplary, it would have a good effect. We have summoned those against whom there are 2 witnesses, and are prosecuting them. We will examine the truth as to the abuse of our agents at Simonshall. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 21. Winchester. **12.** County Commissioners for Hants to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send up depositions against Hen. South and 2 others, and their answers. [½ *page.*]

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Nov. 21. Canterbury. **13.** Fras. Butcher and Edw. Ower to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have already signified our unfreedom to act as commissioners for this county, and we return you the box with the commission and other papers, just as we received them. Noted, "Wm. Palmer of Bromley to be a commissioner with Capt. [John] Browne." [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 22. **14, 15.** Orders of the Commissioners for Sequestrations for letters to the Committee of co. Derby for publication in the case of Col. Saunders. Notes of cases. The trustees of Mr. Venables to be heard, and liberty given to prove his deeds in the country.

John Butler of Litchborough, co. Northampton, and Rob. Owen of Stretford, co. Lancaster, to have copies of their charges. [2 *copies*, 1 *page each.*]

Nov. 22. Salisbury. **16.** County Commissioners for Wilts to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We find the rents and profits of sequestered Papists and delinquents here given in charge to the sheriff of this county and the receiver-general, so that there is little for us to do but to sequester the estates of those in the last rising, which are few and small, and those in the rising of 1654–55, of which we shall give a speedy account. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 23. **17.** Order by the Committee for Removing Obstructions that—as in Dec. 1653, but one doorkeeper and messenger were allowed to the Trustees for sale of delinquents' lands at 20*l.* a year, and John Hopkins has served since, but has had to pay the other doorkeeper, and sometimes a messenger—he be allowed 30*l.* a year from his first entrance on the double duty, and that a warrant be issued by the said trustees for its payment by the treasurer. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Nov. 24. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Wilts. We have your list of persons supposed to be engaged in the insurrection of 1659. Use all diligence to get material evidence against them, that we may proceed to trial. We have no power to meddle with the rents and profits of delinquents' and Papists' estates which are given in charge to the sheriff of the county. [*G* 59, *p.* 213.]

Nov. 24. **18.** Statement by Aud. John Bockett of the arrears depending in the declaration of accounts of Hen. Phillipps, Thos. Deverell, and Jos. Grimsdell, executors of George Grimsdale, late Commissioner for Sequestrations in co. Bucks, for 4 years, ending 29 Sept. 1653. The arrears are from the estates of the Duke of Buckingham, Thos. Ashfield, and other delinquents and recusants in the county. [*Parchment.*]

Nov. 25. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Gloucester. Directions in cases. You are to commit to custody all who refuse to be examined for the State. If you prefer that we should act, we send you the enclosed summonses. [*G* 59, *p.* 74.]

Nov. 25. Gloucester. **19.** County Commissioners for Gloucester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send depositions against Nich. Player of Sodbury, about arms taken in his house. We have summoned him, but he has left his house. We have seized his estate. We want directions for defraying the charges of our agents in housing the corn of the two Veels at Simonshall, and employing men to keep it and the cattle from embezzlement. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 25. Worcester College. **20.** County Commissioners for Worcester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. We want directions about Rob. Warburton of Cheshire, who was in the late insurrection there and has an estate here.

What salary are our clerk, agent, and messenger to have? They have taken great pains with the work. We have summoned several witnesses who refuse to appear, and we beg your directions. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 26. Newcastle. **21.** Cuth. Cotesworth to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I gave yours of the 10th to the commissioners, but most of them are not free to act, not above 4 in all the counties. The gentlemen in Cumberland and Westmoreland appointed a meeting at Barnard Castle on the 16th, and my brother

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Michael went, but none of them came. Capt. [Rob.] Atkinson wrote him that only he and another would act in the 2 counties, and that in regard of the present troubles, he could not come. My brother is gone into Westmoreland, and will, I hope, soon give a good account of affairs. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 26. Salop. **22.** County Committee for Salop to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send a list of those engaged in the Cheshire insurrection, against whom we have 2 witnesses. Where the evidence is not clear, we have sent agents into other counties, and taken depositions on oath there. These have had notice of their charge, and some have brought witnesses; we shall send up their depositions next week, unless you wish us to give them the 10 days' more time ordered. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 29. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. We find that you have given summonses preparatory to publication, but you do not certify on oath the day of the notice giving. They [the persons accused] will give you what trouble they can, "their great aim is a delay, in expectation of further changes," but our proceedings must be such as we can justify to men and to our own consciences. You must use all diligence to bring them to a speedy trial. We shall always give you notice before publication, that you may show cause if it should be deferred.

Send copies of the depositions already taken, that we may give you notice if there is any defect in them. [*G* 59, *p.* 11.]

Nov. 29. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Gloucester. Your complaints about the miscarriage towards your agents at Simonshall, were higher than it appears to have been, or we would have done you all the right we could. We will demand any satisfaction you wish for, but as it amounts not to much, you had better let it slip. Directions in a case. Your agents should be satisfied; tell us what you think reasonable, and we will direct payment from the first moneys that come in on estates in your county. [*G* 59, *p.* 75.]

Nov. 29. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. When you can, examine 3 or 4 witnesses against each person, lest exceptions should be made to one or more of them, and return the affidavit of your agent as to the day of delivery of the summons. Also say what money you have in hand, and when you can return it. [*G* 59, *p.* 170.]

Nov. 29. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Cornwall sitting at Bodmin. We hear by yours of 3 Nov., that many persons are suspected to be engaged in the late insurrection, but the depositions returned are of little avail unless you can get further evidence. This you must diligently endeavour, and return your proceedings. [*G* 59, *p.* 45.]

Nov. 29. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Herts. Defectiveness of depositions sent up. Pray review all you send, and observe this rule; that the manner, time, and place of the action are so material, that if they are not set down, no charge can be made. Queries as to the Christian names and abodes of the deponents. All the estates of those concerned in the depositions sent should be seized, and when the rest of the depositions come in, we will proceed to publication. [*G* 59, *p.* 77.]

Nov. 30. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Dorset. You write us that you have not much business, but that it might arise if you had a clerk and agent. If you see any use for them, we will make them allowances, but employ such as will be serviceable. [*G* 59, *p.* 62.]

Nov. 30. **23.** Account by Aud. John Bockett of the arrears in the declaration of the accounts of Sam. Bedford, receiver-general of cos. Bucks, Berks, Oxon, Bedford, and Herts, for the year ending Michaelmas 1658, from the estates of recusants and delinquents; total, 544*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* [*Parchment.*]

Nov. 30. **24.** Like account of the arrears of John Browne, for cos. Northampton, Rutland, Warwick, and Leicester; total, 593*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* [*Parchment.*]

Nov. 30. **25.** Like account of the arrears of Fras. Wightwick for cos. Kent, Surrey, and Sussex; total, 279*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* [*Parchment.*]

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Nov. ? **26—28.** Instructions by the Commissioners for Sequestrations, appointed 27 Aug. 1659, to the county committees.

Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 9–11 correspond with Nos. 1, 2, and 4–8 of the instructions of 3 Sept. [*p.* 745 *supra.*]

3. To secure the estates of all who have corresponded with Charles Stuart, or promoted his pretended title, since 30 Jan. 1648–49, inventory their personal estate, and take security for it, and stay their rents in the tenants' hands; draw up a charge, take the examinations of 2 witnesses, and if the charge be proved, sequester their estates. Any person summoned and refusing to appear is to be taken into custody, and if the person sequestered do not obtain a discharge from the Commissioners of Sequestrations within a month after seizure, his estate is to be disposed of to the use of the State.

4. To call the train bands, volunteers, or other forces to their assistance if needful.

7. Not to allow copies of depositions without leave, and to see that the delinquents do not tamper with the witnesses.

8. Not to send examinations, &c., to the Commissioners for Sequestrations by the parties, even though sealed up.

12. If the person sequestered has any estate in another county, to certify the commissioners for that county to proceed against him.

13. To preserve and value all timber on sequestered estates.

14. To certify any that conceal delinquents' goods, and secure any suspected goods till enquiry and further order.

15. To appoint a treasurer for the profits of sequestered estates, to keep exact accounts, choose a clerk and agent, and certify their names.

16. To enquire the full improved value of all estates on which there are mortgages or incumbrances, that the State be not defrauded.

17. Not to allow any annuity, rent-charge, mortgage, &c., without order.

18. To act as commissioners in the county cities, as well as in the counties, unless there be a particular commission for the city.

19. To certify each case distinctly, and not intermix depositions.

20. Not to farm or rent any sequestered lands, either in their own names or by others in trust for them.

21. To take care that the sheriffs do not distrain the State's tenants for arrears from sequestered estates, unless allowed by the Commissioners for Sequestrations, and not to suffer leases of ejectment.

22. To return moneys within 21 days after receipt.

23. To send particulars of all sequestered estates, with the names of the tenants, the nature of the lease, rental, &c. [2¼ *pages printed;* 3 *copies.*]

Nov. ? **29.** Draft of the above. [3⅓ *pages.*]

Nov. ? Blank forms of documents to be used in execution of the said commission, viz.:—

30. Petition for a copy of the charge, and leave for examination of witnesses, of persons who profess that they are unjustly accused of being in the late insurrection, and for leave to have their estates on security. [1 *page.*]

31. Order granting the said petition, the witnesses to be examined on oath, the depositions sent up sealed to the Commissioners for Sequestrations in a month. Petitioner to enjoy his personal estate on security, when inventoried and appraised, and his last Michaelmas and Martinmas rents, if not taken in actual arms. [1 *page.*]

32. Like order. With notes [by F. Royley] of a lawsuit in which Mary Brooks is defendant. [1½ *pages.*]

33. Like order, naming only the Michaelmas rents. Endorsed with a letter on family affairs from F. Royley to his dear niece. [1 *page.*]

34. Like order. Endorsed with notes [by Royley] on the impeachment of Mr. Beddow, *alias* Bedlow. [1 *page.*]

35. Note of an order allowing the delinquent his estate a month, provided he prosecute a trial; and if judgment be given meantime, the Commissioners for Sequestrations are to sell his personal estate, and receive the rents of his real estate. [½ *page.*]

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36. Petition for allowance of a lease on an estate sequestered for complicity in the late insurrection. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 1. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committees for Chester, Derby, Lancaster, Notts, and North Wales. Send us copies of all depositions taken against persons concerned in Sir George Booth's rebellion, that proceedings may be taken against them according to the Act of 27 Aug. 1659; also an account of what money you have received thereon. [*G* 59, *pp.* 12, 57, 97, 132, 138.]

Dec. 5. Nottingham. **37.** County Committee for Notts to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. As to the codicil named, only 2 children of Fras. Pierrepoint survived their father, both by the first marriage, the rest all died under 10 years of age. Frances is unmarried, and not of age to receive her portion.

We send you the depositions against John Howe. Col. White, we hear, is prisoner at the Gatehouse, Westminster.

[Rob.] Pierrepoint did not appear 26 Nov. last to desire his charge, and your order left us not at liberty to give it to his solicitor. This you seem to allow only to prisoners, nor has he appeared within the 10 days, though he is free and not far off. We have been the more strict about his coming in person, because we think he could discover others considerable in that engagement.

We have received no moneys. Your letter of 7 Oct. stayed our hands for that. Your first instructions bade us seize and secure the estates of prisoners-at-war, but though our officers have been long employed and at great charges, we forbore to meddle with bringing in money without directions, which now we beg on necessity.

We send the names of those whom we summoned to defend themselves; those that have appeared confess delinquency, and those that have not confess it by default, and are proved by their fellows to have been in actual arms, or in the engagement.

THESE APPEARED NOT—

Richard, Lord Byron.	Col. Charles White.
Rob. Pierrepoint.	Ant. Eyre of Rampton.
Wm. Cock of Brinsley.	Sam. Chadwick.
John Digby.	Wm. Baraclough.
Godfrey and John Lilly.	

THESE APPEARED AND CONFESSED TO BEING IN ARMS—

Mich. Brett of Annesley Woodhouse.	Rob. Reming[ton].
Simeon Digby.	Timothy, son of Wm. Cock.
John Shepherd of Hemp.	John Wright of Mansfield.
Wm. Butler of Watnall.	Edw. Holland do.
Jos. and John Baraclough.	Wm. Salter do.
John Howett.	Greg. Betney do.
John Clark.	Thos. Wood do.

[2 *pages.*]

Dec. 7. Gloucester. **38.** County Committee for Gloucester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have given notice to persons to make their defence in 10 days, and have examined witnesses for Thomas and Wm. Freame. Particulars of a case. Mr. Howe did not appear in the 10 days, but said he had been in London and had not heard of the order. Summons was left at Sir Hugh Middleton's house with his lady, but he did not appear within the 10 days. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 10. Derby. **39.** E. Heming to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The time of the commissioners has been so wholly devoted to preserving the public peace that they could not attend to sequestrations, but hope to do so next week. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 12. Kingston. **40.** County Committee for Surrey to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. In reply to your enquiries, we cannot find on examination that John Mordaunt has any estate here but what the Countess Dowager of Peterborough allows him of free will for subsistence, which is about 500*l.* a year from Bletchingley and Reigate. But as we think some settlement must have been made on him at his marriage, though still continuing in the Countess' name, we have secured

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her whole estate, keeping the rents in the tenants' hands, and as she lives near you at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, we hope you will force her to clear her own estate, and discover whether Mr. Mordaunt had any when he was in arms in Surrey. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 12. Kingston. **41.** County Committee for Surrey to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 13. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. Directions in cases. You did no more than the ordinance of Parliament directs in committing a man on his refusal to be examined, and if he is refractory, there he must remain. Your incident charges must be paid out of moneys that come to your hand, and your clerks may justly receive payment from delinquents for examinations, but they must give no copies till the examinations are returned hither, and publication and a hearing is ordered.

We hear that you have given copies of examinations to Mr. Cotton of Cotton. This is contrary to our orders, and we think it very strange, for thus you arm the party for his defence, and the State must suffer. Let no such thing be done in future. Enjoin your clerks about this, and employ only persons on whom you can rely. [*G* 59, *p.* 12.]

Dec. 13. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. You say that you have not received any sum for sequestrations, but ask how to issue it when you get it, that care may be taken to satisfy your officers. You may safely pay them and incident charges from your receipts, and when you have any good sum in hand, we will give further directions. [*G* 59, *p.* 97.]

[Dec. 13.] Commissioners for Sequestrations to Thos. Madrin, Wm. Stoddart, Thos. Michael, and the rest of the commissioners for North Wales sitting at Carnarvon. We received yours of 28 Nov. with the depositions. We thank you for your diligence, and request you to proceed in taking examinations. [*G* 59, *p.* 139.]

Dec. 14. Derby. **42.** County Commissioners for Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. By your orders we have summoned several persons to take the benefit of cross-examining and producing witnesses in their defence, but few have used it, on account of the present disturbances. We have examined one more witness against Col. Sanders; he is not yet come into the country. Two witnesses refusing to take oath, we have committed one to prison and confined the other, a minister, to his own house. We beg your pleasure. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 15. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Committee for cos. Westmoreland, Cumberland, and Northumberland. We send you all the Acts and ordinances, to which you may have recourse as required. There was no Act passed by last Parliament about recusants' estates, and we can give you no directions therein. Notes of cases. [*G* 59, *p.* 41.]

Dec. 15. **43.** Orders of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, that John Farewell, our counsellor, be allowed 5*l.* a week from 9 Sept. last for so long as he acts.

John Leech, registrar, —— a week from 1 Sept., and 40*s.* for his clerks.

— Wilson, examiner, 120*l.* a year, from 1 Dec., and from 7 Sept. last to 1 Dec., 40*l.*

George Joyce, solicitor, 100*l.* a year, from 1 Dec., and 20*l.* from 2 Sept. to 1 Dec.

Mr. Vincent, usher, and 2 messengers, 20*s.* a week each.

Mr. Leech, who is to receive the moneys paid in, shall pay these salaries till a treasurer is appointed, and also bills for incident charges, when approved by 2 of the committee. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 15. Hereford. **44.** County Committee for Hereford to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have sent our agent, as ordered, to enquire after Paul Romney's estate. The estates of these persons concerned in the depositions have been formerly seized, viz.:—

Capt. Gilbert Cornwall, Hinton.
Mich. Moore, Burghope.
Wm. Penrice, Noake.
Thos. Sawer and Paul Booth, Kington.

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Notes of cases. Robert and Warncomb Wigmore, Hen. Lingen, and Thos. Mayo's estates are not seized till we hear whether you judge the proofs sufficient.

We cannot get a re-examination of John Blount, as he lives at Winstanton, co. Salop. We can discover nothing further of the company that was in Burhope Wood about the insurrection. We have only discovered beside a few inconsiderable persons, also Wm. Coningsby, New Radnor, co. Radnor.

P.S.—Mr. Handford knew of the rising 21 July, and delivered a horse for the service 28 July, as proved by Fras. Minton's letter, the very night of the rising. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 17. Derby. **45.** County Commissioners for Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. The rumours of commotions in these parts have given continual alarms, and drawn some of us on service to secure the peace. Just now one of us, with his troop, is commanded into Nottinghamshire to appease distempers there. [Edw.] Heming, not willing to lose time, has gone to Nottingham, to assist the commissioners there, till the commands that lie upon us that are soldiers in these parts will permit our return to duty, when we shall devote ourselves wholly to your service. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 17. Nottingham. **46.** Edw. Heming to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I have been 14 days in the country and done what I could. The commissioners here have been disturbed by papers set on the posts, intimating that it would be good service to knock us on the head, so that I can get none to act. I shall stay here till Monday. We have committed some witnesses who refused to be examined. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 21. Worcester College. **47.** County Commissioners for Worcester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Having considered, as ordered, of the salaries for our officers, we think our clerk should have 2*s.* 6*d.* a day, our agent 3*s.*, and our messenger 2*s.* If we have but little to do here in relation to the late insurrections, should we consider the Scots' business? The money we have received, as yet but 80*l.* a year, will not defray charges. [1 *page, damaged.*]

Dec. 21. Salop. **48.** County Commissioners for Salop to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 22.] John Leech to the County Committee for Gloucester. The depositions you have returned are so interwoven that we cannot use them. Peruse your instructions, and send those against each person distinct. [*G* 59, *p.* 75.]

Dec. 22. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Gloucester. The proofs that you have sent are so general and so deficient that few, if any, will reach a conviction. Details of the cases. We send you general instructions to guide you in examinations of witnesses. You are to revise those already taken, and follow these rules in future. [*G* 59, *p.* 76.]

Dec. 22. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Hereford. Your depositions are so confused that it is hard to single out the evidence, and the proofs are so generally deficient that few will reach conviction. Review them and follow our instructions in the examination of witnesses, and make the evidence as positive as you can, for all possible evasion will be used on the trial. [*G* 59, *p.* 85.]

Dec. 22. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committees of Lancaster, Cumberland, Northumberland, and Westmoreland, of Cornwall, Hants, Derby, Notts, Wilts, South Wales, Surrey, Stafford, and York. There are material defects in your examinations, which must be rectified before we can proceed to trial. We have drawn up general rules, which we desire you to observe, and correct the depositions accordingly. When you can, get 3 or 4 witnesses, lest exceptions be taken to any, and so the evidence invalided. Return the depositions against each separately. [*G* 59, *pp.* 97, 41, 45, 57, 132, 186, 191, 202, 207, 213, 229.]

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Dec. 22. South Shields. **49.** Commissioners for cos. Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have received the Acts and ordinances for sequestration before 1648, and want those made from 1648 to 20 April 1653. Particulars of cases. We want orders, for the sooner the personal estates are disposed of, the less will be the charge, as we have to keep persons to secure what is seized from embezzlement. There are several delinquents in Cumberland and Westmoreland, against whom we shall examine witnesses when we hear from you, but the places are 50 to 90 miles distant, so we would not make many journeys to effect little. [John] Foxcroft, a malignant, was in the commission; we wonder how, but we did not make it known to him. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 24. Derby. **50.** County Committee for Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Few of those summoned to produce witnesses in their defence have come in, and our militia affairs have taken up most of our time, so that we could not attend the service. We hope next week to finish the depositions against Sir Hen. Every, Capt. Doughty, Mr. Pole, Major Greenwood, and Mr. Stanhope. Notes of cases. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 26. Derby. **51.** County Commissioners for Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. As to your instructions of the 22nd instant, we think we have not swerved from the rules therein transmitted to us. This week one of us will wait on you, that you may understand our affairs. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. **52.** List of the county committees appointed by the Commissioners for Sequestrations on the Act of 27 Aug. 1659, between 2 Sept. and 6 Dec. 1659, giving the names of all the commissioners in alphabetical order of counties, the abodes of some, and their places of sitting. [9½ *pages.*]

Dec. **53.** Like list, but containing the names only. [8 *cols.*]

Dec. **54, 55.** Notes relating to the said committees. [2 *papers.*]

Dec. ? **56.** Petition of John Browne, citizen and woodmonger of London, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Your messengers, by some new order, have seized on goods belonging to me as those of Major-Gen. Rich. Browne, but he has no title thereto. Begs reference to counsel, and discharge of the seizure. [½ *page; endorsed with notes relative to the appointment of the County Commissioners.*]

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Jan. 4. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. The depositions returned are full, but sometimes the Christian name of the delinquent is omitted. This should be given, and the witnesses should go as near as they can to the time and place of the engagement.

Directions in cases. As Mr. Cotton [of Combermere] only confesses to being at Chester with a sword by his side, that will not amount to delinquency, unless he can be proved to have been conversant with some of the adverse party, so you must frame a new charge, and take examinations upon it. Where references come to you, you are at liberty to examine witnesses to anything you think material. The money you name to be paid on the engagement of two captains had better be paid, as you will stand charged with it. [*G* 59, *p.* 14.]

Jan. 5. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee of Hereford. We have yours of 22 Dec. with the depositions. Pray peruse the instructions lately sent on the examination of witnesses. [*G* 59, *p.* 85.]

Jan. 7. Salop. **57.** County Commissioners for Salop to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We cannot, as you request, send fuller evidence against Rowland Hill.

Notes of cases. We cannot learn the Christian name of Mr. Cotton of Combermere; but being resident in Cheshire, he will be returned by those commissioners. Mr. Pigott's name is Walter. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 10. Llanigon. **58.** County Commissioners for South Wales to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Notes of cases. We suppose that by the Act you sent us, Papist recusants not yet sequestered are to have ⅔ of their estates seized. Hugh and John Lewis of co. Radnor are such, and we beg directions. Is Henry, Lord Herbert of Raglan, the person intended in your order of 14 Nov. last? He

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justifies himself, and says Lord Herbert of Montgomery is the person intended. However, we have endeavoured to stay the rents in the tenants' hands till we know. There are several who could give intelligence of persons tampering in the late insurrection, who refuse to take oaths. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 11. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committees for North and South Wales, Chester, Cumberland, Westmoreland and Northumberland, Cornwall, Devon, Derby, Gloucester, Hereford, Lancaster, Notts, Salop, Stafford, Wilts, Worcester, and York. Parliament having passed some votes about the persons engaged in the late rebellion, we have to give them an exact account of the business. Send us speedily a list of those against whom you have informations, and what money you have received. [*G* 59, *pp.* 140, 42, 45, 51, 57, 76, 85, 98, 132, 172, 191, 207, 213, 221, 229.]

Jan. 14? **59.** Joshua Sylvester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Being servant to the County Commissioners for Notts, I came to-day to Nottingham, and received yours of the 11th. The commissioners have separated and adjourned for 6 weeks or more, on account of the late interruptions. No proceedings have been taken since their letter of 5 Dec., but lest you have not received it, I send you a list of the persons whose estates are secured. [Noted, to return the depositions, &c.] No money has been received, and the want of it has much discouraged the agents and officers. [1 *page, damaged.*]

Jan. 14? **60.** Commissioners for Sequestrations to the Committee of Parliament for bringing in an Act for sale of delinquents' estates. On your order of 10 Jan. we send you lists returned from the counties of those whose estates are seized and secured, but none are sequestered except Sir G. Booth, Middleton, Egerton, and Werden, named in the Act of 27 Aug. We have not sequestered personal estates, fearing with good reason, as shown by [John] Lord Lambert's letters, that the moneys would have been seized by the soldiers, but we have proceeded as far as we safely could, and fitted many of the cases for trial.

We have no money from any county, but hope to hear of some by next week's post. We have only received 426*l.* on the Act of Sequestration of the farmers of Excise, which will not pay incident charges and the salaries of officers. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 14. **61.** Major James Fulwood, County Commissioner for Derby, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Being unable to meet my fellow commissioners, I advertize you that as Col. Sanders has given power to Capts. Greenwood and Doughty to secure all the arms of this county and send the soldiers home, we are incapable of serving; for they two were notorious in the rebellion raised by Col. [Charles] White at Derby, of which Sanders was an eye-witness in the face of the country, where there were cries for a king and for a free Parliament, and for the Cheshire declaration; for this crime he, with others of the Militia Commissioners, confined them both, disposed of their horses and arms (raised for Parliament, but perfidiously headed to a counter-party), and kept back their commissions.

That Col. Sanders should give such power to these men has discouraged many that were faithful to Parliament, and made these two and others so high as to say that the Act against Sir Geo. Booth's party was stolen out of the House without consent of the honest party there. Doughty threatened to burn all our papers. They have listed many men, and we and our agents are threatened to be sued. Witnesses, though willing, dare not speak.

Unless timely prevented, Parliament will lose this whole county; for since this transaction, the justices have omitted to hold the sessions, and all things are at a stand. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 17. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee of North Wales. Lord Campden must apply to us for the allowances he desires of chief-rents pretended to be issuing out of the estates of delinquents sequestered in your counties, and we will give the requisite orders. [*G* 59, *p.* 140.]

Jan. 17. Hereford. **62.** County Committee for Hereford to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send you, as ordered, a list of those charged with being in Sir Geo. Booth's rebellion, and of those informed against, but their estates not sequestered till further informations from you. Note of a case. We wait your

orders for the disposal of personal estates. We suspect divers great persons, against whom we have no material information. Noted, "To examine them particularly." [1 *page.*]

Jan. 18. Stafford. **63.** Wm. Feake, clerk of the County Committee for Stafford, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You want speedily a list of persons in our county concerned in Sir George Booth's rebellion, of estates seized and secured, and an account of money received. This county, like others, has been very full of troubles, and the commissioners absent on public employments, but they have appointed a meeting this week, when you shall have perfect accounts and answers. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 18. **64.** County Committee for Derby to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send you the list required, but many more were guilty, only these interruptions have hindered proceedings, and the methodizing of evidence; in this we shall now proceed, having the protection of some foot quartered here, without which it was not prudent to act, for some of the ruder sort here in Derby had combined to drive us hence. The putting of Greenwood and Doughty into power has altered the face of things here, but as long as the army forces who come to Derby to-night are with us, we shall be able to serve you.

We have received only 27*l.* of the high sheriffs, as having only order to dispose of the estates of Sir George Booth, &c., and they have none in this county. We are threatened to be sued, and the steward of Derby and high sheriff of the county have granted warrants for arrest for debts owing to sequestered persons, which are ordered to be detained in the debtors' hands.

P.S.—A party, by order of Mr. Prince, who was here in White's insurrection, has just disarmed Capts. James Fulwood and Wm. Tomlinson [two of the commissioners], but left Capt. Wm. Broadhurst his sword.

With note, 25 Jan., of a letter to tell the County Commissioners what Col. Barton charges them with, and require their answer. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 18. Worcester College. **65.** County Committee for Worcester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send depositions to prove the dispersing of Sir George Booth's declaration during the late rebellion, by Fras. Rea, bookseller in Worcester. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 18. **66.** Like letter about Wm. Swift, draper in Worcester. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 18. Salop. **67.** County Committee for Salop to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We send, as required, another list of persons here engaged in the late rising. Particulars of cases. May we proceed against those that acted in the Worcester engagement in 1651? We have many of them amongst us. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Salop. You are to give notice to the persons whose depositions you return that there will be publication on 6 Feb., during which time they may examine witnesses, but then we shall proceed to speedy trial. [*G* 59, *p.* 172.]

Jan. 19. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committees for Gloucester, Hereford, Lancaster, North and South Wales, Notts, Stafford, Salop, Surrey, and Worcester. Send up speedily any other depositions that you have taken, that we may proceed to trial as ordered by Parliament. [*G* 59, *pp.* 172, 76, 85, 98, 132, 141, 191, 202, 207, 221.]

Jan. 19. York. **68.** Ralph Rymer, County Commissioner for York, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I opened yours of 22 Dec. on New Year's day, being the day this city was entered by the gentlemen of this county. I therefore laid it aside till a more suitable season. Yours of the 11th I received yesterday. Particulars of cases. I expected the informations against Sir George Booth's party to come from Cols. Lilburne and Overton, but these differences having begot some estrangement among us; I cannot be confident of their compliance, and beg you to request them to send you the informations against the gentlemen of this county. I presume they will be civil enough to answer you.

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I write alone, because since Parliament was obstructed, we have not met nor done anything, and one, if not two of us, have acted with and for Lord Lambert. I wish others of us be not too much for a free Parliament, but I will summon a meeting that you may be further satisfied, either of us or from us. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 21. Kingston. **69.** County Commissioners for Surrey to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Particulars of cases. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 23. Liskeard, Cornwall. **70.** Hunt Greenwood to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. I only received yours of the 11th on my return from Devonshire last Saturday, which was after the time when you desired me to make a return. For a list of persons against whom we have informations, I refer you to my letter of 3 Nov. last. "We have seized no estate, nor received any money, and conceive it advantageous to this service for the present to be quiet, and observe the actions of men." [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 25. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Hereford. On 22 Dec. we pointed out the defects of your depositions, sent you instructions for examinations, and certified what you had not pursued. Examine such witnesses as you can find, especially against those who have considerable estates, and return them speedily, that we may proceed to trial, as Parliament expects and requires. [*G* 59, *p.* 85.]

[Jan. 25.] Commissioners for Sequestrations to Ralph Rymer, one of the County Committee for York. We shall expect to have an account of your proceedings after your next meeting, and to know which of your fellow commissioners continue, and whom we must add to carry on the business. We enclose a letter to each of the persons you name. [*G* 59, *p.* 229.]

Jan. 25. Commissioners for Sequestrations to Col. [Rob.] Lilburne. You have in your hands several informations against gentlemen in the northern parts suspected to have been engaged in the late insurrection. We desire you to return them, or transcripts of them, to us, that we may make the best improvement we can of them for the State. With note of a like letter to Col. [Rob.] Overton. [*G* 59, *p.* 229.]

Jan. 25. Salop. **71.** County Committee to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We have received your letter and list of those against whom you have depositions. In ours of the 13th, we sent a list of the delinquents, adding those against whom we have received late testimony of their being in the late insurrection, and we have again summoned them. Also, according to you last order, we have sent them notice that publication is ordered in their cases 6 Feb. next. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 26. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Derby. Major Barton affirms that you have all been active against Parliament on their late interruption by the army, and were actually engaged with Col. Lambert on his expedition to the North. We will give you notice when the information is made in writing, and meantime we beg you to proceed according to your instructions. [*G* 59, *p.* 57.]

Jan. 31. **72.** County [Commissioners for Gloucester] to the Commissioners for Sequestration. In answer to yours of the 19th, we again send you all the depositions taken on behalf of the Commonwealth since 29 Oct. last. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 3. Nantwich. **73.** County Commissioners for Chester to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. We sent you the affidavits given to persons named, and have summoned others, but as they live far away, we have no oath of [delivery of] the summons yet.

We send examinations on behalf of Thos. Marbury, also proofs about the claim made on behalf of Col. Venables and his children; we can find nothing to bar their claims. [¾ *page.*]

[Feb. 7.] Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Chester. [Capt. John] Whitworth writes us that you have given notice of publication in all the cases except three. We have ordered our solicitor to find them out, but lest that should not be effected, we wish you to have notices left at their places of abode that publication will pass on the 20th instant, within which time they may examine what witnesses they please in their defence. [*G* 59, *p.* 16.]

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Feb. 7. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committees of Chester, North Wales, Stafford, Salop, York, and Lancaster. The necessity for present moneys being great, Parliament has ordered us to give an account of what moneys have been received out of delinquents' estates. We earnestly desire you to send up all you have received from the estates of those engaged in the late rebellion, and do your utmost to levy all that is due in your respective counties. [*G* 59, *pp.* 17, 142, 173, 207, 230.]

Feb. 7. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Hereford. Notwithstanding our instructions about the examination of witnesses, the last sent are after the manner of those formerly returned. The depositions must be more positive and must be distinctly taken. We send another copy of our instructions, and desire they may be observed. [*G* 59, *p.* 78.]

Feb. 7. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Lancaster. Give notice by your agents to all those against whom depositions are taken, that publication will pass 27 Feb., and they are not to expect further time for examination of witnesses. Return affidavits of the notices given. Secure the estates of all against whom you have two material witnesses. [*G* 59, *p.* 98.]

Feb. 7. Commissioners for Sequestrations to the County Committee for Wilts. You write us on 28 Jan. that you are left alone to act, Col. Croke and Lieut.-Col. Rede being absent. Peruse your instructions, and let nothing be wanting in you to promote the service. [*G* 59, *p.* 213.]

Feb. 7. **74–76.** Additional Act for Sequestrations, giving power to the commissioners appointed to sequester Booth, Middleton, Egerton, and Werden, to proceed against new delinquents and sequester them, and dispose of their estates, but not to compound with them. Also to appoint county committees, with the same powers as before, against new delinquents, to act under the Commissioners for Sequestrations, all holding the same authority as before 19 April 1653, paying in the moneys received to Rich. Waring and Rich. Barton, treasurers, but first entering them with Praise-God Barebones, who is appointed controller, with 300*l.* a year salary. The treasurers to have 2*d.* in the pound on their receipts.

The said commissioners are to appoint their own counsel, registrar, solicitor, examiner, auditor, and other officers, and to allow them fit salaries and incident charges, the treasurers to pay the same, and then pay the balance into the Exchequer at Westminster. Oath to be taken by the commissioners, and *mutatis mutandis*, by the officers. The general commissioners to receive 300*l.* a year each, and the county commissioners 1*s.* in the pound on all that they pay in. [*Printed*, 8 *pages.*]

Feb. 11. York. **77.** Ralph Rymer and John Smith, County Commissioners for York, to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. You ask our receipts on the Act for sequestering Sir G. Booth and others.

None of them have any estate here except Sir T. Middleton a small one, which was sequestered, but the interruption of Parliament succeeding, all further prosecution was forborne, so that the agents only stayed the rents in the tenants' hands, and we received no money. Our number is small, some live remote from York, "neither doth the face of affairs at the present, in this county, give any encouragement to the work." [1 *page.*]

Feb. 14. **78.** [County Committee for South Wales] to the Commissioners for Sequestrations. There are here many parishes without ministers, that were formerly set out by the Commissioners for Sequestrations. Finding by the Act you sent us that you are to execute their authority, we beg your pleasure therein. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 18. **79.** Order by the Committee for Inspecting the Treasuries that,—as Randal Manwaring, comptroller for sale of delinquents' lands, is 800*l.*, minus 15*l.*, in arrear of his salary of 200*l.* a year,—on his delivery of 500*l.* in Public Faith bills, Sir John Dethick, the treasurer, give him a doubled bill for 1,000*l.*, on the security of delinquents' estates. [1 *page.*]

Feb. **80, 81.** Notes of fees paid for copies of reports, orders, certificates, &c., made by the clerks of the Commissioners for Sequestrations, from March 1658 to Feb. 1660. [1 *sheet and small book.*]

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1659-60. [Feb.] **82.** Table of contents of an order book (missing) of 87 pages of the proceedings of the Commissioners for Sequestrations appointed 27 Aug. 1659, classed by the subject, viz.: Orders to sequester, to give security, to examine witnesses, prohibiting payment of money to the former auditors, orders upon judgment, touching publication, for allowances and for discharges. [6 *pages.*]

Feb. **83.** Draft of the above. [2 *pages.*]

March 9. **84.** Order by the Committee for Inspection of the Treasuries, for payment of 400*l.* arrears of salary of 100*l.* a year due to Ralph Darnell, registrar for sale of delinquents' lands, by Sir John Dethick, treasurer. If there be not sufficient money in hand, Darnell is to deliver to the registrar-accountant for sale of the said lands 400*l.* in Public Faith bills, and is thereupon to receive a bill for 800*l.* on the security of delinquents' estates. [1½ *pages.*]

WARRANTS FROM THE HOUSE OF COMMONS (O.H.C.), COMMITTEE FOR COMPOUNDING OR GOLDSMITHS' HALL COMMITTEE (C.F.C. OR C.G.H.), NORTHERN COMMITTEE FOR COMPOUNDING (N.C.F.C.), COMMITTEE FOR SCOTTISH AFFAIRS (C.S.A.), AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEE AT TURNERS' HALL, &c., TO THE COMMISSIONERS OR TREASURERS AT GOLDSMITHS' HALL, &c. (T.G.H.), FOR PAYMENT OF MONEY.*

Date.	From	To	For	Object.	Sum.	References.		
					£ s. d.	*G* 1*a*.	*G* 2.	*G* 265.
1643.								
Oct. 28	C.S.A. -	T.G.H. -	Rich. Latham -	Paid by him to the Committee of Scotland on bill of exchange at 15 days' sight.	500 0 0	1	—	1, 2
„ 30	„ -	„ -	Thos. Hatcher - -	To be repaid in Scotland - - - -	300 0 0	1	—	—
„ 31	„ -	„ -	Rich. Manditt and Wm. Cave, churchwardens of St. Dunstan's.	For sums disbursed by them - - -	18 16 7	2	—	—
Nov. 1	„ -	„ -	Rich. Haddock, captain of the *John* of London.	In part for service in his expedition to Scotland -	100 0 0	3	—	3
„ 3	„ -	„ -	James Wainwright - -	Disbursed by him in carrying letters to Scotland -	10 0 0	5	—	—
„ 11	„ -	„ -	„ „ - -	For special service of the committee - -	20 0 0	3	—	—
„ 16	„ -	„ -	Laurence Blacklock, stationer.	For printing and making up 2,500 of the late ordinances of Parliament concerning advance of money for Scotland, being 10 reams of paper at 13*s*. 4*d*. the ream, besides making up.	8 3 4	5	—	—
„ 17	„ -	„ -	Mrs. Christian English -	Bills of exchange drawn on Sir Gilbert Gerard by the English Commissioners, to be paid from money raised on [Thos.] Marsham's oils.	638 0 0	7	—	4, 5
„ 18	„ -	„ -	[Alex.] Jackson, assay master of Goldsmiths' Hall, and usher to the committee.	For service, and the occasional use of his rooms -	20 0 0	6	—	—
Dec. 2	„ -	„ -	Mr. Coates, printer - -	For tickets, &c., printed for the committee -	20 8 4	8	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Laurence Blacklock, stationer.	For 4,000 of each of the ordinances of 16 and 27 October last.	13 13 4	8	—	—
„ 4	„ -	„ -	Nich. Huntley - -	Paid to Sir Wm. Armyne and Hen. Darley, at Edinburgh, towards bills of exchange for Berwick garrison, to be deducted from the money received for oils.	200 0 0	9	—	6, 7
„ 8	„ -	„ -	David Buchanan - -	Paid at Edinburgh to Armyne, Darley, and Sir Hen. Vane, on like conditions.	260 0 0	10	—	8, 9
„ 12	„ -	„ -	Stephen Hawkes, cooper -	For cooping, gauging, &c., the oils late of Thos. Marsham, delinquent, sold to Edw. Clare.	6 0 0	—	75	10

* The original Warrants in *G* 265, 266, are generally receipted, and often have appended the bills of exchange on which they were granted.

Warrants from the House of Commons, Committee for Compounding, &c., for Payment of Money—*cont.*

Date.	From	To	For	Object.	Sum. £	s.	d.	References. *G* 1*a*.	*G* 2.	*G* 265.
1643.										
Dec. 13	C.S.A.	T.G.H.	Christian, wife of Rob. English.	For Berwick garrison, charged on Sir Gilbert Gerard by the English Commissioners at Edinburgh, to be paid out of Mr. Marsham's oil money.	500	0	0	10	—	11, 12
„ 21	„	„	Wm. Ford, collector for sequestrations.	Employment concerning the oils of Mr. Marsham, and the tin business discovered by him.	24	0	0	11	—	—
„ 22	„ and C.G.H.	„	Hen. Dawson	Bill of exchange drawn by the English Commissioners, 6 Dec., at Edinburgh.	250	0	0	12	75	13, 14
„ 29	„	„	Wm. Bond	For the English Commissioners now in Scotland	100	0	0	12	—	15
1643–44.										
Jan. 23	„	„	Mr. Radburn, Gauden, and Prince.	According to terms of contract, and other orders, on certificate of the merchantableness of the commodity.	4,000	0	0	13	—	—
„ „	„	„	Jonathan Mullenux	For carrying letters from London to Edinburgh by land.	10	0	0	14	—	—
„ „	„	„	Jas. Wainwright	For Sam. Birch, another messenger in the service	5	0	0	14	—	—
Feb. 2	C.G.H.	„	Dr. John Craige	On a bill of exchange given of 12 Dec. 1643, drawn by the English Commissioners at Edinburgh.	150	0	0	—	75	1 6, 17
„ 6	C.S.A.	„	[John] Cheisley, of Kerswall, or James Cutler	Moneys taken up in Scotland by the English Commissioners of Parliament to provide 10,000 bolls of meal and clothes for the Scottish army in Ireland	8,555	11	1½	14	—	18–20
			John Johnston and James Campbell		3,000	0	0	14		
			Hen. Dawson, merchant of London		500	0	0	14		
			„ „		300	0	0	15		
			John Johnston		500	0	0	15		
„ 6	„	„	[Wm.] White, agent to Lord Fairfax.	For 30 fodder of lead, at 12*l.* a fodder, shipped by Fairfax from Hull to Berwick, for the Scottish forces come to assist the Parliament.	360	0	0	15	—	—
„ 24	Turners' Hall Sub-com.	„	Rob. Carr, master of the *Samuel Justina*.	For carriage of 6,701 cheeses and 900 firkins of butter to the port nearest the Scots' army now in England.	55	0	0	—	—	21
„ 28	C.S.A.	„	John Johnston, merchant of London.	In full payment for a letter of credit from Sir Wm. Armyne at Edinburgh.	3,000	0	0	16	—	—
Mar. 26	Turner's Hall Sub-com.	„	Rob. Wyard, master of the *Adventure* of London.	For carriage of 76 packs of clothes and 26 vats of shoes and shirts to Leith, for the Scots' army in Ireland.	80	10	0	—	—	22

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Date.	From	To	For	Object.	Sum. £ s. d.	References. G 1a.	G 2.	G 265.
1644.								
Apr. 12	C.S.A.	T.G.H.	Wm. Hooker of Birching Lane, London.	For oats and peas for the Scottish army in England, on bill of exchange from Hen. Darley to Sir Hen. Vane, jun.	100 0 0	19	—	—
„ 18	C.G.H.	„	Thos. Manley of Wapping	For 9 weeks' service as gunner at Berwick, being sent for by Hen. Darley, on certificate of the English Commissioners at Sunderland.	12 12 0	—	76	—
May 3	C.S.A.	„	Lady Anne Moulson	Sum lent towards the 20,000*l.* to be sent to the Scottish army in the North, as part of the 50,000*l.* due by treaty. To be paid 4 Sept. next with interest.	600 0 0	22	—	—
„ „	„	„	Edw. Bowles, minister	For pains during his abode with the English Commissioners in Scotland, and charges of journeys between England and Scotland.	100 0 0	24	—	—
„ 12	„	„	Rich. Haddock, captain of the *John* of London.	In full for service to Hull, on certificate (annexed), of delivery of the moneys laden aboard his ship.	50 0 0	25	—	23, 24
„ 14	„	„	Phil. Starkey	For attendance on the English Commissioners when in Scotland.	20 0 0	25	—	25
„ 17	„	„	Rich. Coates, printer	For tickets, acquittances, &c.	19 15 6	26	—	—
„ 21	„	„	John Jackson	Salary for a month's employment in Sussex, in collecting money there for Scotland, at 30*s.* a week.	6 0 0	27	—	—
„ 24	„	„	Phil. Smith, messenger	For 4 weeks' like employment in co. Cambridge	6 0 0	28	—	—
June 2	C.G.H.	„	Rob. Lowther and Ant. Bedingfield.	On bill of exchange, annexed, drawn by Hen. Darley.	480 0 0	—	77	26, 27
„ 4	C.S.A.	„	John Cadwell, messenger	For 8 weeks' employment as collector in Surrey	12 0 0	29	—	—
„ „	„	„	Wm. Hale „	„ „ „ Kent	12 0 0	30	—	—
„ 9	C.G.H.	„	Wm. Stewart	For victuals delivered at Londonderry for the army.	252 0 0	—	77	—
„ 21	C.S.A.	„	Phil. Darell, recusants' auditor.	For preparing books of the lands and goods of recusants and Papists, and the arrears due on compositions, seizures, &c., in the 4 northern counties.	10 0 0	31	80	28
July 1	Turners' Hall Sub-com.	„	Sarah, wife of George Dawes, captain of the *Daniel* of London.	For carrying 100 tons of victuals to the Scots' army near Newcastle.	20 0 0	—	—	29

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					£ s. d.	*G* 1*a*.	*G* 2.	*G* 265.
1644.								
July 2	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Ralph Robinson, beadle of Goldsmiths' Hall.	On his petition, prefixed, for allowance for attendance since October last, and directing applicants to the commissioners and treasurers.	2 10 0	—	80	—
„ 9	„ -	„ -	Mr. Johnston - - -	On bill of exchange, drawn by the Commissioners of the Scots' army.	4,000 0 0	—	80	—
„ „	English Com^rs^ in the North.	„ -	Philip, Lord Wharton -	On bill of credit assigned by Sir Hen. Vane, jun., dated 26 June, accepted 9 July, on a general order of 5 April 1644, for payment of the commissioners' bills.	100 0 0	—	—	30
„ „	C.S.A. -	„ -	Thos. Barham - -	Balance due for 3 weeks' service at 5*s.* a day in carrying further instructions to co. Northampton.	3 5 0	34	—	—
„ 15	„ -	„ -	Wm. Hale, messenger -	For 6 weeks' service in Kent on the collection for Scotland.	9 0 0	34	—	—
Aug. 1	„ -	„ -	John Jackson - - -	For 5 weeks' like service in Sussex - -	7 10 0	35	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Rich. Coates, printer -	For printing several things for the committee -	27 15 10	37	—	—
„ 15	C.G.H. -	„ -	Capt. Hum. Blunt - -	On his petition, and with consent of the Scotch Commissioners, 25*l.* being on contract for goods, and 45*l.* for 5 weeks' demurrage.	70 0 0	—	81	—
„ 20	C.S.A. -	„ -	Jas. Hambleton, of Baggis, and Jas. Stewart, merchant of Edinburgh.	In part of a contract for 40,000*l.* for provisions for the Scottish army in Ireland, on an order from the estates of Parliament of Scotland of 10 July 1644.	10,000 0 0	39, 40	14, 15	—
„ 21	„ -	„	Thos. Rodbeard & Co., cheesemongers of London.	Arrears long due on a contract with the sub-committee at Turners' Hall for butter and cheese for the Scottish army in Sunderland.	500 0 0	41	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Dennis Gauden - -	Balance due for 400 qrs. of peas for the said army -	237 16 0	41	—	—
„ 26	„ -	„ -	George Dawes, captain of the *Daniel*.	For carriage of 12 vats of shoes to Sunderland, and 11*s.* cocquet fees.	1 4 0	43	—	31
„ 27	„ -	„ -	Wm. Hale, messenger -	For 9 weeks' service in Kent, collecting the moneys for the brethren in Scotland.	9 0 0	43	—	—
Sept. 2	„ -	„ -	John Cadwell, messenger	For 12 weeks' like service in Surrey - -	10 0 0	44	—	—
„ 10	C.G.H. -	„ -	Alex. Maxwell and Sam. Lowhart.	For meal for the Scotch army in Ireland, by order of the estates of Parliament of Scotland from the 30,000*l.* for the said army.	532 16 8	—	22	—
„ 15	C.S.A. -	„ -	Rob. Carr, captain of the *Samuel Justina*.	For service in the expedition to Sunderland -	100 0 0	45	—	32

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1644.										
Sept. 23	C.S.A. -	T.G.H. -	John Jackson, messenger -	For 8 weeks' service in Sussex, collecting moneys for the brethren in Scotland.	12	0	0	47	—	—
„ 24	C.G.H. -	„ -	Art. Due and Edw. Harris	For cloth, linen, and French lockrams, &c., as by invoice, sent to Sunderland for the Scots' army.	7,661	15	7	—	81, 82	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Capt. Rob. Carr of the *Samuel Justina.*	For carriage of goods to Sunderland, with 20*s.* a-day demurrage if kept unladen more than 8 days.	100	0	0	—	26	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. White, agent to Lord Fairfax.	Sent for his army on order from the House of Commons of 13 Sept. for 15,000*l.*	5,000	0	0	47	28	—
Oct. 3	„ -	„ -	Thos. Steventon, grocer -	For 34 packs of match, being 6 tons, at 26*l.* the ton, with packing charges, &c.	161	2	10	48	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Ant. Frere, merchant -	For parcels of shot - - - -	46	11	10	49	—	—
„ 9	„ -	„ -	Wm. Hale, messenger -	For 6 weeks' service in Kent, collecting moneys for Scotland.	9	0	0	49	—	—
„ 26	C.G.H. -	„ -	[Thos.] Knight - -	Advanced on an order of the Commons of 23 Oct. by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall for cos. Oxon, Berks, and Bucks. [*G* 1, *p.* 17; 117, *p.* 871.]	3,000	0	0	—	30	—
„ „	C.S.A. -	„ -	John Jackson, messenger -	For 5 weeks' service in Sussex - - -	7	10	0	50	—	—
Nov. 6	„ -	„ -	Sir Wm. Allenson of York.	Advanced on a bill of credit for the commissioners residing with the Scots' army, of 18 Oct. 1644.	200	0	0	—	—	33
„ 8	C.G.H. -	„ -	John Ashe - - -	On a bill of exchange of 16 Oct. from Sir Adam Loftus.	200	0	0			
„ „	„ -	„ -	Earl of Northumberland -	„ „ - - - - -	700	0	0	—	34	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. Paget - - -	„ „ 18 Oct. by Sir Wm. Armyne and others.	200	0	0			
„ „	„ -	„ -	Rob. English - - -	„ „ 24 Oct. - - -	—					
„ 11	„ -	„ -	Mary, wife of Thos. Beedle, master of the *Hector.*	Gratuity for safe delivery of 15,000*l.* to the Scots' army at Sunderland, any gratuity given him from any person there to be deducted therefrom.	37	10	0	51	35	34
„ „	„ -	Turners' Hall Sub.-Com.	Rob. Hudson master of the *Unity* of London.	Freight for going with provisions to the Scots' army at Sunderland.	18	0	0	—	—	35
„ 15	C.S.A. -	„ -	Thos. Rookes, messenger -	For 6 weeks' service in Essex - - -	9	0	0	52	—	—
„ 16	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	For counties Oxon, Berks, and Bucks.	Residue of 3,000*l.* ordered from the King's plate. [*G* 1, *p.* 21.]	1,000	0	0	—	—	—

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Date.	From	To	For	Object.	Sum. £ s. d.	References. G 1a.	G 2.	G 265.
1644. Nov. 21	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	Maccabæus Holles, merchant of Hull.	For charges on a contract for delivering 100 barrels of gunpowder to Edward, Earl of Manchester, at the late siege, and receiving 100 barrels from the Tower in lieu of payment.	51 13 4	52	—	—
„ „	C.G H.	T.G.H.	Rich. Spurne Tobias Spurne Timothy Moore Thos. Slany Rich. Haward	On bills of exchange signed by the English Commissioners in Scotland: 26 Sept. 26 16 8; 27 Sept. 14 0 0; 14 Oct. 45 13 10; 18 Oct. 143 11 9; 5 Nov. 79 6 8	—	36	—
„ 22	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	[Gualter] Frost, for the Commissioners of both Kingdoms.	Residue of the 3,000*l.* raised on the King's plate, any former order notwithstanding, to be re-imbursed for the service formerly assigned.	1,000 0 0	—	84	—
„ 24	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Mr. Frost	On the preceding order, 2,500*l.* of the 3,000*l.* being already paid.	500 0 0	—	84	—
„ 26	„	„	John Backhouse	On bill of exchange signed by the English Commissioners.	62 0 4	—	36	—
„ 29	„	„	Jas. Maxwell, merchant of Straban, Ireland.	For 369 barrels of wheat, bought for Major-General Monk's army by Alex. Meere, provost-marshal for the Scots' army in Ireland, with interest from the 300,000*l.* for that army on a bill dated Edinburgh, 15 Aug. 1644.	555 10 0	38, 39	37	—
„ „	C.S.A.	„	John Jackson, messenger	For 4 weeks' service in Essex	6 0 0	53	—	—
Dec. 6	„	„	Wm. White, agent for Lord Fairfax.	In part of 15,000*l.* to be paid by order of the House	147 0 0	55	39	—
„ 10	„	„	Laurence Blacklock, printer.	For 500 ordinances for the committee	2 2 6	55	—	—
„ „	„	„	John Warner, blacksmith	For discovering evil persons, who intended to make false keys and rob the committee's treasurers.	10 0 0	56	39	—
„ 11	„	„	Wm. Hale, messenger	For 9 weeks' service in Kent, collecting moneys for Scotland.	13 10 0	56	—	—
„ 20	„	„	Committee of co. Gloucester.	Overplus of the money arising upon the plate engaged to this committee.	280 0 0	—	39	36, 37
„ „	„	„	Wm. White, agent for Lord Fairfax.	In part of 15,000*l.* ordered by the House	370 0 0	55	40	—
„ 24	„	„	Thos. Rookes, messenger	For 6 weeks' service in Essex	9 0 0	57	—	—

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Date.	From	To	For	Object.	Sum. £	*s.*	*d.*	References. *G* 1*a.*	*G* 2.	*G* 265.
1644.										
Dec. 28	C.S.A. -	T.G.H. -	Ship Captain warranted by the Committee of both Kingdoms, or the Earl of Warwick.	To be sent to Carrickfergus for the Scots' army in Ireland in ships in the Parliament service, by order of the House of Commons.	10,000	0	0	58	41	—
1644–5.										
Jan. 1	„ -	„ -	Wm. White, Lord Fairfax's agent.	In part of the 15,000*l.* by order of the House -	69	6	0	59	43	—
„ 3	„ -	„ -	„ „	„ „ „ „ -	100	0	0	60	43	—
„ 10	„ -	„ -	Dan. Leech - - -	For viewing houses of sequestered delinquents, by order of the House of Commons - -	10	0	0	60	45	—
			Hugh Aldington - -		5	0	0			
			Fras. West - - -		5	0	0			
„ 23	„ -	„ -	Wm. Hale, messenger -	For 6 weeks' service in Kent in collecting money for Scotland.	9	0	0	60	—	—
„ 31	„ -	„ -	John Jackson, messenger	For 9 weeks' like service in Sussex - -	13	10	0	61	—	—
Feb. 7	C.G.H. -	„ -	[John] Johnston - -	When it can be paid without prejudice to former engagements.	500	0	0	—	49	—
„ 11	„ -	„ -	Art. Duc and Edw. Harris, drapers.	In part of arrears for provisions of the Scottish army, any order to the contrary notwithstanding.	500	0	0	—	50	—
„ 18	C.S.A. -	„ -	Capt. Rob. Carr - -	Allowance for primage, demurrage, and average, on his return from Newcastle, according to a reference of 3 Dec. 1644 and report 18 Feb. on his request.	20	0	0	54, 55	51	38
March 6	„ -	—	Committee clerks - -	To distribute among the clerks of the House of Commons (whereof Mr. Mabbott is to have 40*s.*) for writing out orders concerning this committee.	50	0	0	62	—	—
„ 10	„ -	—	John Jackson, messenger	For 6 weeks' service in Sussex - - -	9	0	0	62	—	—
„ 20	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	[Rob.] English - -	To be repaid to Sir A. Hepburne at Edinburgh or Newcastle.	5,000	0	0	—	66	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Sir Adam Hepburne's agent.	To be paid on his order by bill of exchange or otherwise.	5,000	0	0	—	66	—
„ 21	Turners' Hall Sub-Com.	„ -	Simon Skannel, master of the *Samuel Justina.*	Freight and tonnage in transporting clothes, arms, &c., to the Scottish army at Newcastle.	55	0	0	—	—	39
„ 28	C.G.H. -	„ -	Jas. Browne, merchant -	Out of the 10,000*l.*, part of the 3,000*l.* to be sent to the Scots, on bill of exchange from Sir Adam Hepburne.	200	0	0	—	67	—
April 3	C.S.A. -	„ -	Wm. Hale, messenger -	For 10 weeks' service in Kent, collecting moneys for the Scottish army.	15	0	0	64	—	—

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					£ s. d.	*G* 1*a*.	*G* 2.	*G* 265.
1645.								
April 18	C.S.A.	T.G.H.	Rich. Coates, printer	For tickets and ordinances for this committee	21 15 4	65	—	—
„ 24	„	„	Edw. Husbands, printer	For 500 ordinances, 3 sheets each, for raising the 21,000*l.* a month, for the Earl of Leven's army.	29 5 6	66	—	—
May 2	„	„	Capt. Rob. Zachary, of the *John* of London.	Gratuity on certificate prefixed, dated 4 April, from Jo. Aikman, deputy-commissary of the Scottish army, of his delivery of 30,000*l.* sent by him.	20 0 0	66, 67	71	40
„ „	C.G.H.	„	Capt. Rob. Hudson	On his petition, for loss of time to himself, partners, and men.	—	—	71	—
„ 9	C.S.A.	„	John Jackson, messenger	For 8 weeks' service in co. Hunts	12 0 0	67	—	—
„ 16	Turners' Hall Committee.	„	Rob. Wyard, of the *Adventure*.	For freight to Newcastle, with provisions for the Scottish army.	50 0 0	—	—	41
„ 20	C.S.A.	„	Wm. White	At the earnest request of Lord Fairfax, for 14 days' pay for — Rookesby, major of his own regiment in Yorkshire, out of the 15,000*l.* ordered for the Northern army.	35 14 0	68	—	—
June 6	„	„	Wm. Hale, messenger	For 9 weeks' service in Kent, collecting for the Scots.	13 10 0	69	—	—
„ 7	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	Town of Lancaster	From estates of Papists and delinquents in the county, when the war is ended. [*G* 117, *p.* 871.]	8,000 0 0	—	—	—
„ 17	C.S.A.	T.G.H.	John Jackson, messenger	For 6 weeks' service in cos. Hunts and Bedford	9 0 0	69	—	—
„ 27	„	„	Roger Houghton	For 8 „ „ in cos. Rutland and Hunts, collecting for the Scots.	—	—	—	—
July 2	„	„	John Davies	Reward for delivery, by warrant of the Lord High Admiral, of 10,000*l.* to the commissary of the Scots' army at Carrickfergus, in regard of his great expense, delay, and hazard.	40 0 0	72	—	—
„ 15	„	„	Thos. Vincent, officer of Goldsmiths' Hall.	For his journey to Northampton [with money for the Scots' army].	3 15 0	72	87	42
„ 17	„	„	Jo. Johnstone, agent of the Commissioners of Scotland.	Balance unpaid of the 15,000*l.* to be raised on the ordinance of 20 Feb. 1645, which is to be part of the 31,000*l.* to be presently advanced.	500 0 0	73	—	—
„ 18	„	„	Commissioners to reside with the Scots' army.	By order of the House of Commons of 16 July, for present charges, from the fine of Sir John Boteler	500 0 0	74	89	43
„ „	„	„	Arthur Salway, their minister.		50 0 0			

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1645.										
July 23	C.S.A. -	T.G.H. -	John Johnstone - -	With speed, for use of the Scottish army, to be repaid from the fines of delinquents, or 4 months' assessments.	1,500	0	0	76	90	—
Aug. 1	„ -	„ -	[Rob.] English - -	Part of the above 1,500*l.* ordered for Johnstone, by order of Rob. Barklay, Scottish commissioner.	26	6	8	76	—	—
„ 5	„ -	„ -	Thos. Richardson, wagon-master-general of the army.	Imprest towards carriage of 100 barrels of gun powder, with match and bullet, to the Scottish army.	40	0	0	79	93	44
„ 8	„ -	„ -	Commissioners of Parliament residing in the Scottish army.	On an order of the House of Commons of 21 July last.	200	0	0	80	—	45
„ „	„ -	„ -	Hen. Herbert, M.P., added to the above commissioners.	For his journey and charges, by order of the House of Commons given of 8 Aug. [*See G* 1, *p.* 52.]	100	0	0	—	93	—
„ 12	„ -	„ -	John Jackson, messenger	For 8 weeks' service in cos. Bedford and Hunts -	12	0	0	81	94	—
„ 15	„ -	„ -	[Thos.] Vincent - -	On a bill allowed for 6*l.* 13*s.*, increased to - -	10	0	0	81	94	46
„ 21	C.G.H. -	„	Thos. Andrew, messenger	For 10 weeks' service in cos. Northampton and Bedford.	15	0	0	82	95	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Richardson, wagon-master-general.	Additional imprest for carriage of powder, &c. -	25	14	0	82	—	47
„ „	„ -	„ -	Waggoners and others -	Employed to carry 20,000*l.* and 9,500*l.* sent to Hatfield, for the use of the Scottish army.	42	8	0	83	95	48
Sept. 2	„ -	„ -	Rich. Salway - - -	On bill of exchange from the Parliamentary Commissioners sent to the Scots' army, in part of 250*l.* written for, out of the first fines for delinquency by them, to be paid.	100	0	0	—	97	—
„ „	C.S.A. -	„ -	John Johnstone - -	At request of Mr. Barklay, to be repaid out of the fines to be raised from delinquents for payment of the 31,000*l.* to the Scottish army.	500	0	0	89	98	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	James Crook - - -	For 12 weeks' service in cos. Middlesex and Herts, in collecting money for the Scots, from 10 June to 2 Sept.	18	0	0	89	—	—
„ 5	„ -	„ -	„ - - -	For „ „ „ from 2 Sept. to 24 Nov.	18	0	0	90	—	—

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1645. Sept. 9	C.G.H -	T.G.H. -	Col. John Bridges -	Sum paid for delinquency on an order of the House of Commons of 16 Aug. given, by John Covert, whose security Bridges has discharged for payment of the like sum for his personal liberty, and the bond to be delivered up.	300 0 0	53, 56	102	49, 50
„ 23	„ -	„ -	Mary Parker - -	From the fine for delinquency of [Dan.] Wigmore, or some other.	20 0 0	—	104	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Commissioners residing with the Scots' army.	In part of 500*l*. allowed for them - - -	200 0 0	—	104	—
„ „	C.S.A. -	„ -	Commissioners lately residing with the Scots' army.	On credit of an order of the House of Commons of 21 July.	200 0 0	91	—	51
„ 26	„ -	„ -	Wm. Greenway, and three other collectors.	To be equally distributed amongst them - -	10 0 0	91	105	—
Oct. 1	O.H.C. -	„ -	Sir Chas. Egerton -	On an order of the House of Commons of 17 Sept. given, from the first money paid in by [Mich.] Grigg for delinquency, or by any other delinquent whom he propounds. [*See G* 1, *p.* 59.]	300 0 0	59	121	—
„ 7	C.S.A. -	„ -	John Jackson, messenger	For 8 weeks' service in co. Bucks - -	12 0 0	92	110	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. Hale, messenger -	For 17 „ „ „ Kent - - -	25 10 0	92	—	—
„ 10	„ -	„ -	Thos. Weekes, messenger	For 18 „ „ „ Essex and Suffolk, and 5*l*. spent on troops, &c., for the more speedy getting in of the money.	32 0 0	93	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Jas. Powell - -	For expenses as an agent of the committee, in raising the 4 months' pay for the Scottish army in co. Hunts.	2 10 0	94	111	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. Sherwill - -	For daily attendance, and keeping and writing out books of account, at 40*s*. a week, from 6 Oct. 1643 to 6 Oct. 1645.	208 0 0	93	—	—
„ 17	C.G.H. -	„ -	Scotch Commissioners -	From the first moneys that come in on assessments.	300 0 0	—	113	—
„ 21	„ -	„ -	Susannah Fall - -	For moneys paid to [Thos.] Peade and [Wm.] Greenway, officers of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall.	4 0 0	—	84	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	John Rutter - -	For Thos. Squire, messenger of the committee, on account.	6 18 0	—	84	—
„ 28	C.S.A. -	„ -	Ant. Dowse, stationer -	For books, &c., for this committee - -	3 6 4	94	—	—

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1645.										
Nov. 1	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	Mr. Heath	All out of the 350*l.* received as Sir John Cotton's composition for delinquency; or if the fine be only 340*l.*, the other 10*l.* to be paid from other compositions. [*G* 1, *p.* 59]	50	0	0			
,, ,,	,,	,,	Thos. Bywater		50	0	0			
,, ,,	,,	,,	Wm. Cave		50	0	0			
,, ,,	,,	,,	Lieut. Col. Grimes		50	0	0	—	123	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	Mrs. Babington		40	0	0			
,, ,,	,,	,,	Cornet Palmer		40	0	0			
,, ,,	,,	,,	Widow of Cornet Halsey		40	0	0			
,, ,,	,,	,,	Capt. Jessopp		30	0	0			
,, 4	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Susan Abercromy, widow	On an ordinance of Parliament of 27 Oct.	20	0	0	—	124	—
,, ,,	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	Fras. Allen	For the jewel given by the House to General Sir Thos. Fairfax.	800	0	0	—	—	52
,, 6	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Sir Chas. Egerton	From the fine of Sir Wm. Ford of Hartington, who was presented by him.	300	0	0	—	122	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	Thos. Richardson	Balance due on his bill subjoined of 129*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for sending 100 barrels of powder, 5 tons of bullet, and 5 of match, from London to Northampton 6 Aug. 1645, and 17 vats of match, 100 barrels of powder, and 40 barrels of bullet, 21 and 23 Aug.	2	3	0	95–99	122	53
,, ,,	,,	,,	Frances Backhouse, widow	For relief out of the 1,000*l.* for widows of officers and soldiers.	100	0	0	—	—	54
,, 8	C.S.A.	,,	Thos. Andrews, messenger	For 12 weeks' service in cos. Bedford and Northampton, in collecting money for the Scots.	18	0	0	100	125	—
,, 11	C.G.H.	,,	— Marshall	Advanced for the Scottish business. From the loan of some person presented by him as fit to contribute.	50	0	0	—	125	—
,, 13	,,	,,	Fras. Allen	On an order of the House of Commons 4 Nov., for a jewel given to general Sir Thos. Fairfax. [*See G* 1, *p.* 58.]	800	0	0	—	127	—
,, 15	,,	,,	Frances Backhouse	Impost of 100*l.* ordered her upon the order in the House of Commons of 18 Oct. last, her husband being slain when serjeant-major to Col. Massey's regiment.	25	0	0	—	128	55
,, 17	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	Sir John Dryden and 2 others.	Repayment of loans, principal with interest, lent out of delinquents' estates in co. Northampton. [*G* 117, *p.* 871.]	1,000	0	0	—	—	—
,, ,,	,,	,,	Sir Phil. Stapleton and 3 others.	Like repayment of loans out of delinquents' estates in cos. Leicester, Hereford, or York. [*G* 117, *p.* 872.]	1,000	0	0	—	—	—

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1645.								
Nov. 24	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	County Committee for Stafford.	For the forces there, from half the fines of Thos. Broughton and 2 others. [*G* 117, *p.* 871.]	3,000 0 0	—	—	—
„ 25	C.S.A. -	T.G.H. -	Thos. Rookes - -	Employed in cos. Hunts and Rutland to collect money for the Scots, but taken prisoner by the King's party, and now in Belvoir Castle.	15 0 0	101	—	—
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Dec. 6	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	Committee for Sequestrations of Northampton.	From the half of the compositions not charged for Sir T. Fairfax's army. [*G* 117, *p.* 871.]	4,000 0 0	—	—	—
„ 11	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Sir Chas. Egerton -	From Sir Wm. Ford's composition, according to an order of Parliament.	300 0 0	—	2	—
„ 13	„ -	„ -	Mrs. Abercromy, widow -	In full of 100*l.* granted by an order of the House of Commons 27 Oct. 1645.	80 0 0	—	5	—
„ 18	„ -	„ -	Commissioners of Parliament who are to reside with the Scottish army.	By order of the House of Commons 18 Dec. -	6,000 0 0	101	6	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Richardson, wagon-master.	Towards carriage of 23 chests of money, shirts, clothes, shoes, &c., to the Scottish army at Newark.	100 0 0	103	—	56
„ 25	„ -	„ -	Edw. Husbands, printer -	For 600 ordinances for this committee - -	1 16 8	104	9	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Capt. Browning and 7 other Dutch officers named.	In lieu of all demands from Parliament - -	500 0 0	—	9	—
1645–46.								
Jan. 3	„ -	„ -	Thos. Rands - -	On an order of the House of Commons prefixed, for pay of the convoy wagons, to carry the ammunition, &c., to the forces before Newark.	240 0 0	—	12	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Weekes, agent for Essex and Suffolk.	For collecting the monthly tax for the Scots army, 12 weeks' pay at 30*s.* a week, and 2*l.* given to troopers employed.	20 0 0	—	12	—
„ 6	„ -	„ -	Capt. John Beech -	For 60 dragoons and officers to guard the moneys lately sent to the Scots' army before Newark, 19 days' service.	116 17 0	—	15	57, 58
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Squire - -	Increase on his bill of 6*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.* for his journey to Newark.	10 0 0	—	15	59
„ 8	„ -	„ -	Lord Robartes - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 25 Nov. 1645, from the fines of Sir John Harper and 3 others.	2,000 0 0	—	16	—
„ 10	„ -	„ -	George Hiron - -	For writing the names of the delinquents who came in and were examined last November.	1 0 0	—	17	—

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1645–46. Jan. 10	C.S.A. -	T.G.H. -	Stephen Marshall, minister, of Essex.	Repayment at his earnest request of his loan on the Scottish loan ordinance of 16 Oct. 1643, to be paid out of Eliab Harvey's assessment. With his Public Faith Bill receipted.	50 0 0	—	—	60, 61
„ 17	„ -	„ -	Fras. Allen - -	For a jewel sent to Sir Thos. Fairfax, according to a former order of 13 Nov. on an order of the House of Commons of 4 Nov. 1645.	800 0 0	—	22	—
„ 20	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Rob. English -	By order of the Commissioners of Scotland, on bills of exchange payable to Lord Humby, treasurer to the Scottish army. [*G* 2, *p.* 84.]	1,000 0 0	—	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Rands - -	On orders of the House of Commons of 19 and 20 Jan. for charges of a mortar piece now at Reading to be employed against Belvoir Castle. [*G* 117, *p.* 871.]	350 0 0	78	24	62, 63
„ 27	„ -	„ -	Col. [Thos.] Morgan, governor of Gloucester.	On an order of the House of Commons of 23 Jan. given for faithful service out of the ⅓ of compositions not reserved for Sir T. Fairfax's army.	200 0 0	79	26	64
„ „	„ -	„	Sir John Temple - -	From the 1,671*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* ordered to Sir Wm. Anderson and Toby Norris, and by them assigned to Sir J. Temple.	600 0 0	—	27	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Bedell, captain of the *Hector*.	For delivering muskets, powder, and match for the Scots' army at Newcastle and Hull.	9 2 0	—	27	—
„ 31	„	„ -	Sir Wm. Balfour - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 17 Nov. 1645, for arrears from the fine of Sir Rich. Wingfield, nominated by him.	2,000 0 0	—	30	—
Feb. 2	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	John Fitzjames - -	With interest at 8 per cent. from fines of delinquents in cos. Dorset and Somerset. [*G* 117, *p.* 871.]	1,300 0 0	—	—	—
„ 3	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Thos. Rands, treasurer for co. Lincoln.	On an order of the House of Commons of 2 Feb., given, for 1 week's pay for the forces employed in taking Belvoir Castle. Sir Ant. Irby to see it paid.	600 0 0	84	32	65
„ „	„ -	„ -	Commissioners of Parliament with the Scots' army before Newark.	On an order of the House of Commons of 2 Feb. given, being money formerly appointed for Thos. Rands for conveying from Reading to Belvoir Castle a mortar piece which is to be sent against Newark.	350 0 0	97	33	66, 67

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1645–46. Feb. 7	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Thos. Richardson, wagon-master.	On an order of the Committee of both Kingdoms of 12 Jan. 1646, for carriage of arms, clothes, &c., to the Scots' army at Nottingham, at 8*s.* per cwt.	161 10 2	—	37	68, 69
[Feb. 7]	„	„	Capt. John Beech	For a convoy of 60 men with officers to march to Nottingham, with provisions for the Scots' army.	98 0 0	—	38	70
„ 12	„	„	Ralph Weckerlyn, Latin secretary.	On an order of the House of Commons of 31 Jan., for faithful service.	200 0 0	—	39	—
„ 17	„	„	Capt. John Poyer, late mayor of Pembroke.	On an order of the House of Commons of 16 Feb. given, from the moiety of the receipts not engaged for Sir Thos. Fairfax's army.	200 0 0	—	42	71, 72
„ „	„	„	Scotch Commissioners	Remainder of the 31,000*l.* ordered to be sent to Newark.	1,600 0 0	—	42	—
„ 24	„	„	Sir Ant. Irby, M.P.	On an order of the House of Commons of 23 Feb. given, for the forces before Newark, by direction of the Commissioners of Parliament there.	1,200 0 0	99	42	73, 74
„ „	„	„	Thos. Rookes, officer of the committee.	Above his salary, for losses and sufferings when prisoner in Belvoir Castle.	20 0 0	—	44	—
„ „	„	„	Major General Browne	On an order of the House of Commons of 17 Feb. given, for Abingdon garrison, to be advanced by the treasurers and repaid with interest from compositions chosen by them.	3,000 0 0	—	45	75
„ „	„	„	Capt. John Poyer	On an order of the House of Commons 17 Feb. 1646.	200 0 0	—	46	—
March 3	„	„	Thos. Squire	Bill for 10*l.* for journey to Scots' army, increased to.	15 0 0	—	—	75*a*
„ 14	„	„	Edw. Knight and 28 others	On an order of the House of Commons of 2 Dec. 1645, for arms and ammunition.	7,535 19 10	—	13, 55 64	76
„ 23	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	Earl of Denbigh	Residue of 3,000*l.* this day ordered for the Earl from uncharged compositions.	1,500 0 0	104	79	77
„ 24	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Thos. Stockdale, M.P.	On an order of the House of Commons given, of 23 March, from Sir John Goodrich's fine, towards payment of losses, &c., in the service, of 5,216*l.*, all that is paid in now, and the rest when received.	1,200 0 0	—	63, 67	78, 79

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1645–46. Mar. 24	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Sir A. Hesilrigge, &c. -	On an order of the House of Commons of 17 Nov. 1645, from Mr. Hildyard's fine.	1,000 0 0	—	66	—
„ 26	„ -	„ -	Nominees of Parliament -	On an order of the House of Commons of 19 March 1646, to be employed for the Scots army before Newark.	5,000 0 0	—	69 71	—
April 4	„ -	„ -	Sir Ant. Irby, M.P. -	On an order of the House of Commons of 3 April given. Arrears of his colonel's pay, from the ½ of delinquents' compositions in co. Lincoln.	1,000 0 0	105	73	80
„ „	„ -	„ -	Sir Wm. Balfour - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 17 Nov. 1645, towards 2,000*l.* in part of his arrears from the fines of delinquents whom he shall propound.	560 0 0	—	71	—
„ 6	„ -	„ -	John Leech, clerk of the committee.	For the clerks of the Houses of Lords and Commons, for writing out orders concerning this committee, and for their encouragement to be careful therein.	15 0 0	—	72	—
„ 11	„ -	„ -	John Smith and Thos. Richardson.	On order of the House of Commons of 12 Jan. given, on account for viewing and enrolling horses and arms, in part of 834*l.* 5*s.*	400 0 0	77	78	81, 82
„ 15	H.C. - -	C.G.H. -	Col. Wm. Cromwell -	On his petition for part of arrears as colonel of a regiment of foot in Lord Lisle's brigade in Ireland.	700 0 0	106	84	83
„ 16	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Mary Parker - - -	Till further order - - - - - -	100 0 0	—	78	—
„ „	„ -	„	Rich. Rogers - - -	For an iron chest for the committee - -	5 0 0	—	78	—
„ 18	„ -	„ -	John Griffin - - -	Horse hire and charges 12 days, in going to Nottingham with 5,000*l.* for the Scots' army, and for 20 musketeers, being in some danger.	4 10 0	—	80	84
„ 24	„ -	„ -	Rodolph or Ralph Weckerlyn, Latin Secretary.	On an order of the House of Commons given of 18 April, as before ordered; Mr. Jenner to take care it is paid.	200 0 0	107	84, 87	85
„ „	Basil, Earl of Denbigh.	„ -	Sam. Terrick, M.P. -	For a debt, being part of the 1,500*l.* assigned to the Earl by order of the House of Commons.	112 0 0	—	99	—
„ 28	C.G.H. -	„ -	Major Desborow - -	To buy him horses on an order of the House of Commons of 27 April, given.	100 0 0	108	88, 90	86
„ „	„ -	„ -	4 of the Committee of co. Northampton.	On an order of the House of Commons of 6 Dec. 1645.	4,000 0 0	—	88	—
May 2	„ -	„ -	Rob. Jenner, M.P. - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 1 May given, towards losses by the enemy in co. Wilts, from compositions for the estates of Edw. Earnley and two others, co. Wilts.	500 0 0	110	95, 97	87

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1646. May 2	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Sir Wm. Anderson and Tobias Norris, merchant.	On their petition, in part payment of clothes for the despoiled and stripped English soldiers in and near Dublin, out of the ½ of compositions not charged for Sir T. Fairfax's army, being half their debt of 3,336*l.* 1*s.*	1,668 0 6	—	19, 95, 97	88
„ 4	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	[— Harrison, sadler]	Debt incurred by the Committee for cos. Oxon, Berks, and Bucks. [*G* 117, *p.* 872.]	350 0 0	—	—	—
„ 7	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	John Simpson, messenger	On an order of the House of Commons of 2 May given, for bringing the news of the summons and answer from Newark garrison.	10 0 0	110	103	89
„ „	„	„	Walter Johnson	On an order of the House of Commons of 6 May given, for bringing a letter from the Parliament Commissioners at the leaguer before Newark.	30 0 0	110	103, 104	90
„ „	„	„	Secretary of Col. Gen. Sydenham Pointz.	On an order of the House of Commons of 6 May given, for bringing a letter from the General.	30 0 0	110	103, 104	91
„ „	„	„	Thos. Andrews, agent for cos. Bedford and Northampton.	For 16 weeks' salary in bringing in the assessments for the Scots.	24 0 0	—	104	—
„ 13	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	Lieut.-Col. Agmondisham Muschamp.	In part of moneys disbursed for service in Ireland, from the unreserved ⅓ of composition moneys.	100 0 0	113	117	92
„ 16	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Wm. Hale, messenger to Kent.	8 weeks' salary at 30*s.* a week	12 0 0	—	114	93
„ 21	„	„	Ald. Sam. Avery, on acquittance of Sir Abr. Williams.	On an order of the House of Commons of 20 April, for support of the Queen of Bohemia, by 250*l.* weekly.	10,000 0 0	—	116	—
„ 23	„	„	Fras. Webb, merchant, London.	For arms, &c., for Ireland, on an order of the House of Commons of 2 Dec. 1645.	4,428 9 8	—	120	—
„ „	„	„	Jane, widow of Hen. Atkinson.	On an order of the House of Commons of 19 May given, from Sir Thos. Fairfax's ½ of compositions, to be repaid when received from Fras. Neville, as the remainder of his fine. Repeated 4 July.	500 0 0	—	121, 163	94–96
June 2	„	„	Earl of Stamford	In part of 1,500*l.* on order of the House of Commons of 6 May, to be reimbursed from delinquents' estates discovered by Mr. Sanders.	200 0 0	—	126	—
„ 4	„	„	Mrs. Parker	On an order of the House of Commons of 18 March, for houses pulled down about Lincoln, to be paid out of Dan. Wigmore's fine, the 120*l.* already paid to be in part.	500 0 0	—	127	—

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1646.								
June 4	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Rich. Nethaway, brewer, Bristol.	For loss in the taking of Bristol, on an order of the House of Commons of 9 Dec. 1645.	500 0 0	—	130	—
„ 11	„ -	„ -	Rich. Coates, printer -	For things printed for the committee - -	5 0 0	—	136	—
„ 16	„ -	„ -	Rob. Fenwick and Thos. Davidson.	On an order of the House of Commons of 6 June given, on account of necessaries for defence of Holy Island, out of the composition of Sir Hum. Mildmay.	500 0 0	117	138, 141	97–99
„ 19	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	Lady Fairfax - - -	Part of a larger sum ordered from the fine of any northern delinquent presented by her.	300 0 0	—	145	100
„ 23	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Capt. Sam. Gardiner -	On an order of the House of Commons of 6 June, and his petition; all former orders for payment revoked.	1,000 0 0	—	147, 149	101
„ 30	„ -	„ -	[Sam.] Hartlibb - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 25 June given, in advance without account for his maintenance.	100 0 0	—	157	—
July 4	„ -	„ -	Jas. Crook, sequestration agent for cos. Middlesex and Herts.	8 weeks' salary for bringing in the assessment for "our brethren of Scotland."	12 0 0	—	163	102
„ „	„ -	„ -	Phil. Smith, agent for co. Cambridge.	15 weeks' salary „ „	20 10 0	—	164	103
„ 7	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	Capt. Johnson - -	For bringing the letter from the King, and other letters from Newcastle to Parliament.	20 0 0	121	168	104
„ 10	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Rob. Heath, messenger to co. Sussex.	13 weeks' salary - - - - -	19 10 0	—	169	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Andrew, messenger to cos. Northampton and Bedford.	9 „ „ - - - - -	13 10 0	—	169	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Alex. Jackson - -	Provisions and personal attendance on the committee for 2 years.	30 0 0	—	170	—
„ 17	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	Sir Wm. Waller -	For service from 16 Sept. 1645, from fines of Sir Edw. Bishop, Sir Hen. Carey, Sir Hen. Spiller, or any other presented by him.	7,307 0 0	—	189	—
„ 23	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Col. Gen. Sydenham Pointz.	On an order of the House of Commons of 22 July given, in part of his arrears in service of Parliament, out of the fines of Sir Roger Palmer.	1,000 0 0	123	180, 181	105, 106

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1646.								
July 30	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Wm. Hale, messenger to cos. Kent and Surrey.	11 weeks' salary for bringing in the Scottish loan -	18 10 0	—	187	107
„ „	„ -	„ -	Sir Chas. Egerton - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 2 March given, from the fine of Sir Rich. Graham, Bart., nominated by him.	500 0 0	100	190, 191	108, 109
Aug. 4	„ -	„ -	Rob. Heath, messenger for Surrey.	18 weeks' salary - - - - -	27 0 0	—	192	—
„ 5	„ -	„ -	Peter de Sallanova - -	On his petition and an order of the House of Commons of 31 July given, for service as surgeon and master of ordnance in Weymouth garrison, in part of 1,736*l.* due from the fine of Sir John Miller, co. Dorset.	500 0 0	—	195, 196	110, 111
„ 6	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	John Ireton, mercer, London.	For co. Nottingham, from compositions of delinquents there. [*G* 117, *p.* 872.]	6,000 0 0	—	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Lieut.-Col. Davidson -	Arrears of pay - - - - -	20 0 0	127	203	112
„ „	C.H.G. -	T.G.H. -	Capt. Wm. Owen - -	On his petition and an order of the House of Commons of 6 Aug. given, on account of arrears.	10 0 0	126	198, 200	113
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. Bury, surgeon -	On an order of the House of Commons of 31 July given, in part of arrears of his entertainment.	30 0 0	125	198, 199	114, 115
„ 20	„ -	„ -	Dame Eliz. Grey - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 11 Aug. given, for losses in Ireland and debt from the King, from compositions of Mr. Kirkham of Fitchett, co. Northampton.	300 0 0	—	211	116, 117
„ 28	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	Committee of Sequestrations of Derby.	From delinquents' estates there, the 1,200*l.* already taken up of the compositions of Sir John Furness and Sir Hen. Hunlock to be part thereof. [*G* 117, *p.* 872.]	5,000 0 0	—	—	—
Sept. 3	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Jas. Crooke, messenger for cos. Middlesex and Herts.	10 weeks' salary for bringing in the monthly assessments of 21,000*l.* for the Scots.	15 0 0	—	225	118
„ 7	„ -	„ -	Thos. Saunders, of London	Employed by order of Parliament, towards charges and allowances, from delinquents' estates, co. Hereford, &c., discovered by him.	40 0 0	—	230	—
„ 16	„ -	„ -	Capt. Pudsey - - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 17 July given, from the first moneys coming in from delinquents in Lichfield Close at its surrender.	200 0 0	—	236	119

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1646.					£ s. d.	*G* 1.	*G* 3.	*G* 265.
Sept. 18	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Adj.-Gen. Lowthian -	On an order of the House of Commons of 17 July given, 200*l.* being for service at Lichfield, and 500*l.* on account; to be paid from like moneys after Capt. Pudsey's payment - - -	200 0 0 500 0 0	— 122	— 190, 239	— 120–122
„ 22	„ -	„ -	Wm. Bury - - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 22 Sept. given for pay of the forces, co. Lincoln, from the fines of Sir Phil. Tirwhit, Edw. Pelham, Sir John Mounson, John Newton, and Sir George Heneage. [*G* 117, *p.* 872.]	8,000 0 0	—	241	123, 124
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. White - - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 15 Sept. given, for the forces in the 5 northern counties. [*G* 117, *p.* 872.]	10,000 0 0	—	241	125
„ 24	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	James Croxton, for the Committee of co. Chester.	Towards disbanding their forces, from delinquents' estates there. [*G* 117, *p.* 873.]	2,000 0 0	—	—	—
Oct. 1	C.H.G. -	T.G.H. -	Col. Michael Jones - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 28 Aug. 1646 given, on account of arrears, from the composition of [Peter] Venables, Baron of Kinderton.	1,000 0 0	149	248	126, 127
„ 6	„ -	„ -	Sir Walter Earle, M.P. -	On an order of the House of Commons of 25 Sept. 1646 given, on account for charges and arrears of pay, from fines of Sir George Vaughan and Major John Hellyar.	1,500 0 0	—	252, 253	128
„ „	„ -	„ -	Col. Hercules Huncks -	Charged on the order of 4 Nov. 1645, from delinquents' estates to be discovered by him at Haberdashers' Hall, to the receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall.	300 0 0	—	252, 254	129
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. Hale, messenger for Kent and Surrey.	10 weeks' salary for self and horse, at 30*s.* a week -	15 0 0	—	250	130
„ 12	„ -	„ -	Mat. White - -	For bed and bedding for the committee - -	4 1 9	—	258	—
„ 15	„ -	„ -	Cols. Bethell and Lambert	On an order of the House of Commons of 3 Oct., from the fines of Sir Mich. Wharton, Sir Geo. Wentworth, Lord Saville, and 4 others.	2,000 0 0	—	260	131, 132
„ 17	„ -	„ -	Edw. Smith, major to Col. Wm. Legon.	On an order of the House of Commons of 22 July given, for good service.	—	—	263 264	133, 134

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1646. Oct. 17	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Sir Wm. Brereton	On an order of the House of Commons of 10 Oct. given, from fines of delinquents nominated by him. With note of 10 names suggested; also like orders for payments from 7 more delinquents' fines 12 Jan., and 5 more 23 Jan. 1647.	5,000 0 0	—	263, 372, 391	135–139
„ 24	„	„	Rob. Jenner	On an order of the House of Commons of 6 Oct. given, for disbanding soldiers in co. Wilts, from fines of Francis, Lord Seymour, Sir James Thynne, and Sir Wm. Button.	3,000 0 0	—	250, 267	140, 143
„ 27	„	„	Major Peter Baxter	On an order of the House of Commons of 7 Oct. given, from the fines of Edw. Lewen of Winckton, Christchurch, and Rob. Tusker, alderman of Winchester. [*G* 117, *p.* 873.]	300 0 0	—	263, 271	144, 146
„ 29	„	„	Edw. Walford, messenger	On an order of the House of Commons of 27 Oct. given, for service, from delinquents' estates to be discovered by him.	50 0 0	—	272	147
Nov. 3	Navy Com^rs	C.G.H.	Sir Hen. Vane, jun., Navy treasurer.	By a former Parliament Order given of 24 Sept., from Sir Wm. Campion's composition for repair of 2 great breaches in Dover harbour. [*G* 81, *pp.* 243, 245.]	1,000 0 0	—	—	—
„ „	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Nath. Derdiam, serjeant's deputy.	On report of sub-commissioners, for pains and charges in bringing up the witnesses of Lord Poulett and Lady [Ellen] Drake.	10 0 0	—	279	—
„ 10	„	„	Nathan Wright, merchant of London.	On an order of the House of Commons of 14 Oct. given. Repayment of 1,000*l.* advanced 23 June 1641, on credit of two subsidies, for relief of the North, with 8 per cent. interest.	1,421 9 7	—	284, 285	148
„ „	„	„	Col. and Capt. Wm. Purefoy.	On an order of the House of Commons of 4 Nov. given, for arrears as officer of horse, respited on the Public Faith, from fines of Sir Rob. Fisher and John Stamford, co. Warwick.	1,561 9 10	—	284, 285	149
„ „	„	„	County Committee of Berks	On an order of the House of Commons of 23 Oct. 1646 given, for maintenance of forces in Abingdon garrison. Renewed 17 Nov.	5,000 0 0	—	28[illegible], 292	150–152
„ 12	„	„	Col. Leonard Lidcott	On an order of the House of Commons of 25 Sept. 1646 given, for his arrears from Goldsmiths' Hall, in lieu of from delinquents' estates discovered by him.	500 0 0	—	288, 289	153, 154

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					£ s. d.	*G* 1.		*G* 265.
1646. Nov. 12	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Jas. Crooke, messenger for cos. Middlesex and Herts.	For 10 weeks' salary, on an order of the House of Commons of 12 March 1643–44.	15 0 0	—	289	—
„ „	„	„	Nich. Loftus, deputy-treasurer to Sir Adam Loftus.	On an order of the House of Commons of 12 Nov. given for Ireland, the preservation of Dublin being much concerned therein.	5,000 0 0	—	296	155, 156
„ „	„	„	Executors of the Earl of Bolingbroke.	On an order of the House of Commons of 29 Oct., for the Earl's fee as Commissioner of the Great Seal, from fines of Francis, Lord Seymour, and 3 others.	1,000 0 0	—	—	157
„ „	„	„	Thos. Dickinson, Lord Mayor of York.	On an order of the House of Commons of 3 Oct. given, for repairs of walls, gates, and bridges, from fines of delinquents in the city and county; with power for Sir Rich. Eccleston to receive 400*l.* paid by Sir George Wentworth.	5 000 0 0	—	310	158–161
„ 19	„	„	Treasurers for maimed soldiers at Christchurch.	On an order of the House of Commons of 28 Oct. given, for the wives and widows of officers and soldiers, for whom a like sum was ordered from the Excise.	10,000 0 0	—	295, 347	162, 163
„ 21	„	„	Sir Wm. Balfour	From fines of Sir Thos. Bludder and 3 others; balance of 2,000*l.* granted.	1,254 0 0	—	298	—
Dec. 1	„	„	Mrs. [Ellen] Askwith	On an order of the House of Commons of 8 Oct., from Lord Saville's fine.	1,000 0 0	—	311	—
„ 3	„	„	Militia Committee of London.	On an order of the House of Commons of 30 Oct., for maintenance of the city guards.	12,000 0 0	—	—	164
„ „	„	„	Sir John Merrick	On an order of the House of Commons of 21 Nov., given in part of arrears.	1,500 0 0	—	313	165, 166
„ 5	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	Sir Edw. Dodsworth	On an order of the House of Commons of 24 Nov. given, for the balance of his entertainment, above the 160*l.* charged on Haberdashers' Hall.	286 19 8	—	302	167, 168
„ 10	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Army Committee	Charges of paying, telling, and conveying 200,000*l.*	3,000 0 0	—	325	—
„ 12	„	„	Eliz. Alleyn Mrs. Pinckney Joan Morgan Mary Blague	On an order of the House of Commons of 4 Dec., from the fine of Sir Rich. Braham [? Graham], nominated by them	50 0 0 40 0 0 40 0 0 100 0 0	—	327	—
„ „	„	„	Rob. Heath, messenger to co. Sussex.	18 weeks' salary	28 10 0	—	328	—

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1646. Dec. 15	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Col. Wm. Purefoy	On an order of the House of Commons of 10 Dec., from the fines of Sir Lewis Watson, his former order proving ineffectual.	1,561 9 10	—	330	169
„ 23	„	„	Col. Carter	From fines of John Bonithon, Sir Aug. Cockayne, Bart., and Sir Hen. Ferrers, Bart.	2,000 0 0	—	339	170
„ „	„	„	Rich. Turner, Maurice Gething, and 3 others.	On an order of the House of Commons of 21 Dec. given, half of 36,994*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* allowed to be due to them for principal and interest.	18,497 2 3	—	338, 340	171, 172
„ 24	„	„	Sir Wm. Lister, for the wife and children of Col. Wm. Lister.	From the fine of Sir Rob. Hildyard, on an order of the House of Commons given, of 22 Dec.	610 0 0	—	342 343	173
„ „	„	„	Sir Peter Killigrew	From the fine of Sir John Lucas, on an order of the House of Commons of 19 Dec., for good service, losses, and a 21 years' lease of 56 Cornish acres of land whereon Pendennis Castle stands.	2,000 0 0	—	343, 349	174
„ 26	„	„	Fras. Pierrepoint	On an order of the House of Commons of 15 Dec. given, laid out by him for forces before Newark, from fines of Sir Gervase Clifton and 3 others, nominated by him.	300 0 0	—	242, 351	175, 176
„ 29	„	„	Rob. Scawen, M.P.	On an order of the House of Commons of 3 Sept. given, from the fine of Sir Wm. Thorold, co. Lincoln, in lieu of that of the Bishop of Rochester.	2,000 0 0	—	234, 354	177, 178
„ 31	„	„	Sir Walter Earle	On an order of the House of Commons of 10 Dec. given, half of 1,500*l.* ordered from fines of Sir George Vaughan and Major John Hellyar.	750 0 0	—	348	179, 180
„ „	„	„	Sir Walter Earle	On an order of the House of Commons of 26 Dec. given, from the fines of Sir Fras. Fulford and Hum. Weld.	750 0 0	—	347, 357	181–183
1646–47. Jan. 2	„	„	Col. Rich. Norton	On an order of the House of Commons of 30 Nov. given, for Portsmouth garrison, from compositions in co. Hants from fines of Sir Wm. Ogle, Sir Hen. Knollys, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Badd.	1,000 0 0	—	360	*G* 266 1–3
„ „	„	„	Robt. Coker	On an order of the House of Commons of 28 Dec. 1646 given, in part of arrears, from the fine of his father, Wm. Coker.	200 0 0	—	319, 360	4

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1646–47.								
Jan. 7	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Ant. Dowse, stationer -	For goods furnished for the committee - - -	13 15 10	—	366	5, 6, 7
„ „	„ -	„ -	Col. Sidney - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 4 Jan. given, on account towards his arrears not yet disposed of, from fines of Ralph Cole and 3 others nominated by him.	2,000 0 0	151	366	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Sir Hardress Waller -	Like order, on an order of the House of Commons of 4 Jan. given, from fines of Sir Edw. Kinaston and 3 others.	2,000 0 0	151	366	8, 9
„ 11	O.H.C.	C.G.H. -	Maj. Gen. Rich. Browne -	On certificate of the Committee of Accounts given, that it is due for service, horses, and arms. [*G* 71, *p.* 417.]	2,033 3 2	—	—	—
„ 12	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Nath. Bacon - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 9 Jan. given, from fines of Geo. Mynn; Sir Wm. Ingleby, and 4 others added, 21 April.	3,000 0 0	153	373	10, 11
„ 14	„ -	„ -	Sir Geo. Shirley - - Sir John Borlase - Sir Rob. Meredith -	On an order of the House of Commons of 4 Jan. given, from the remainder of delinquents' fines presented to the House for security of 31,000*l.* borrowed for Ireland, and advanced by the Committee of Goldsmiths' Hall, when the 31,000*l.* is paid - - - -	300 0 0 300 0 0 300 0 0	152	374	12–14
„ „	„ -	„ -	Rob. Fogg, minister -	On an order of the House of Commons of 9 Jan. given, for service and sufferings, from Roger Mostyn's fine, a former order for Fogg's inheritance of his wife's estate being revoked.	500 0 0	153	375	15
„ „	„ -	„ -	Sir Sam. Luke - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 11 Jan. given, from fines of Sir Mich. Wharton and 4 other delinquents nominated by him; names of delinquents altered on 16 Jan. [*G* 144, *p.* 349.]	4,482 13 6	155	375–379	16
„ „	„ -	„ -	Katherine, widow of Major John Balston.	In part of arrears due to her husband on an order of the House of Commons of 12 Jan. given. [*G* 144, *p.* 369.]	100 0 0	—	374, 375	—
„ 16	O.H.C. -	C.G.H. -	Widow of Sir Wm. Fairfax	On account of the arrears of her husband, slain in the service, from the fine of Sir Hen. Griffith.	1,500 0 0	160	—	17
„ „	C G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Sir Rowland Wandesford -	On an order of the House of Commons of 9 Jan. given [part of 5,000*l.* allowed him for his office and losses], from fines of delinquents nominated by him.	1,250 0 0	—	378	18

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1646–47. Jan. 16	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Col. Thos. Wayte - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 9 Jan. given, out of the compositions of Sir Thos. Mackworth, Bart., and 6 other delinquents, co. Rutland, nominated by him, for moneys disbursed by him for the service of Parliament.	2,166	0	0	142	377	19
„ 21	„ -	„ -	Earl of Northumberland -	On an order of the House of Commons of 19 Jan. given, towards reparation of losses, from fines of the Earl of Lindsey, Viscount Kilmorey, Lord Cholmondeley, and 18 other delinquents nominated by him. [*G* 136, *p.* 425.]	10,000	0	0	161	—	20
„ „	„ -	„ -	Lord Castle-Stuart - -	On account, on an order of the House of Commons of 20 Jan. given. [*G* 120, *p.* 313.]	200	0	0	161	385	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Col. Thos. Mytton - -	On an order of the House of Commons given of 25 June 1646, from the fines of Rob. Davies and 4 other delinquents in North Wales nominated by him. With note of payment of 1,103*l.*, and transfer of the balance of 1,897*l.* upon deans' and chapters' lands.	3,000	0	0	149	384	21–26
„ „	„ -	„ -	Viscount Say and Seale -	On an order of the House of Commons of 9 Jan. 1647, from fines of Tim. Turner, the Earl of Cork, and 5 other delinquents nominated by him.	—			—	385	—
„ 22	„ -	„ -	Col. Rich. Norton - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 18 Jan. given, arrears due to Portsmouth garrison, from fines of Chris. Byerley, Elizabeth, Countess of Essex, and 13 other delinquents in co. Hants, to be nominated by the county commissioners. [*G* 106, *p.* 737.]	2,000	0	0	156	392	27, 28
„ 23	„ -	„ -	Elizabeth, widow of Capt. Buller.	On an order of the House of Commons given, of 16 Jan., in full of arrears due to her husband, and in recompense of losses, from the fines of Fras. Nevill of Chete [or Chevet], co. York. Repeated 24 March 1647 on an order of the House of Commons of 18 March. [*G* 4, *p.* 50.]	200	0	0	156	390	29–31
„ 26	„ -	„ -	Col. George Thompson -	On an order of the House of Commons of 25 Jan. given, in full of all his demands, as certified by the Committee of Accounts, from fines of Sir Thos. Cope and 4 other delinquents nominated by him.	2,205	3	6	144	*G* 4. 2	32

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1646–47.										
Jan. 28	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Sir Ben. Rudyard - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 9 Jan., in recompense of office and losses, in part of 6,000*l.* voted him, from fines of [John, Viscount] Scudamore and 3 others named by him.	1,500	0	0	—	8	
„ 30	„ -	„ -	Sir Phil. Stapleton, Lieut.-General to the Earl of Essex, and Colonel of his Life Guards.	On an order of the House of Commons of 25 Jan., arrears due on his account—comprising the respite upon the Public Faith—to be paid out of unassigned compositions to be nominated by him. [*G* 119, *p.* 675.]	1,810	2	10	145	14	—
Feb. 2	„ -	„ -	Wm. Wheeler - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 25 Jan., given, for disbursements for fitting Henry VII.'s Chapel and the Jerusalem Chamber in Westminster College for the Assembly of Divines, to be paid from the fines of Sir Wm. Dalston, nominated by him.	27	12	0	146	15	34
„ „	„ -	„ -	Treasurers for reduced officers.	On an order of 28 Jan., from the fines of Lords Coventry, Maltravers, and 22 others.	12,500	1	7	—	—	35
„ „	„ -	„ -	Capt. Edm. Temple - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 28 Jan. given, on account of arrears for entertainment, from the fine of Lord Lovelace for delinquency.	500	0	0	147	15	36
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. Haward and Wm. Grey, gallery keepers at Margaret's, Westminster.	On an order of the House of Commons of 6 Jan. given, to be paid in proportions appointed by [Wm.] Wheeler and [Wm.] Bell, M.Ps.	20	0	0	142	17	37
„ 9	„ -	„ -	Col. Sidney - - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 4 Jan., from the fine of Ralph Cole, on account.	2,000	0	0	—	19	—
„ 11	„ -	„ -	Col. Edw. Massey - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 4 Feb. and a Parliament order of 10 Feb., for soldiers late of his brigade, from fines of Sir John Pettus, Wm. Culme, and Sir Edw. Thomas; 8 per cent. interest to be paid to any who will advance the money.	500	0	0	158	19, 20	38, 39
„ 16	„ -	„ -	Col. Thos. Ceely - -	On a Parliament order of 16 Feb., from fines of Piers Edgecombe, and 8 other delinquents of Devon and Cornwall, nominated by him. Repeated the 18th.	2,000	0	0	159	21, 23	40, 41

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1646–47. Feb. 16	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Col. John Carter	On an order of the House of Commons of 4 Feb. given, from fines of delinquents nominated by him, vacating an order for payment from the fines of Sir John Wolstenholme, John Bonithon, and 16 others named by him, who have not yet compounded.	2,000 0 0	157	21, 22	42
„ 18	„	„	James Ferne	12*s.* a week for looking after the hall and rooms, and being helpful to the usher of the hall.	—	—	24	—
„ „	„	„	Nath. Stephens, Mr. Hodges, or Pury.	For debts due to citizens of Gloucester for clothing for Sir Wm. Waller's army, out of the compositions of Sir John and Sir Rob. Tracey, delinquents, on an order of the House of Commons given, of 29 June 1646.	590 18 0	149	23	43
„ 20	„	„	Sir Hen. Vane, sen.	On an order of the House of Commons of 20 Jan. given, for so much disbursed by him to Col. James Wardlaw, late governor of Plymouth, from the fine of Sir Thos. Liddell.	200 0 0	156	27	44
„ „	„	„	Earl of Lincoln	On an order of the House of Commons of 6 Oct. 1646, for so much due on his account from fines of delinquents nominated by him, with his nomination, 7 Dec., of the Earl of Kingston.	1,784 0 4	162	27	45, 46
„ 23	„	„	Capt. Sam. Thompson	On an order of the House of Commons of 6 Feb. given, in part of 360*l.* lent to Sir Thos Middleton, on the ordinance for subscriptions for forces to reduce North Wales, from compositions of Sir Edw. Lloyd and 3 others in North Wales.	100 0 0	171	29	47
„ 25	„	„	Lady Mary Leigh	On a Parliament order of 20 Feb. given, from fines of Sir Rich. Bassett and 3 other delinquents nominated by them, that of Dr. Duke on which they were assigned 18 Jan. last, being already paid	100 0 0	172	30	48
„ „	„	„	Mary Herle		380 0 0	172	30	48
„ „	„	„	Earl of Lincoln	On an order of the House of Commons of 6 Oct. 1646, for so much due on his account, from fines of delinquents to be nominated by him; with his nomination of Wm. Dallison and 7 others. [*G* 100, *p.* 179.]	1,784 0 4	—	30	—

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1646–47.										
Mar. 11	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Col. Rich. Greaves - -	On a Parliament order of 20 Feb. given, on account from fines of Robert, Viscount Kilmorey, and 7 other delinquents nominated by him.	2,000	0	0	172	25, 39	49, 50
„ 16	„ -	„ -	Col. Purbeck Temple -	On an order of the House of Commons of 28 Jan. given, on account of arrears, from the fine of Lord Lovelace, after the 500*l.* to Capt. Edm. Temple is paid.	500	0	0	179	41	51
„ 20	„ -	„ -	Rich. Hooke - - -	On a Parliament order of 1 March given, for present relief, having lost their eyes in service in Ireland - - - - -	20	0	0	162	46	52
„ „	„ -	„ -	Lieut. Thos. Butler - -		20	0	0	162		
„ 23	„ -	„ -	Rich. Winwood - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 4 Feb. given, for loan to Parliament, with interest at 8 per cent., vacating a former order of 17 Nov. 1645, for payment from fines of Sir George Sandys and 3 other delinquents named by him. [*G* 144, *p.* 459.]	500	0	0	171	48	—
„ 24	„ -	„ -	Wm. Pierrepoint - -	On a Parliament order of 22 March given, on his petition for satisfaction for losses in the wars, from the fine of his brother Henry, Earl of Kingston.	7,467	0	0	164	50	53
April 3	„ -	„ -	Major Sam. Birch - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 29 March given, in part of arrears for service.	500	0	0	167	61 (2)	54
„ 5	„ -	„ -	Devereux Gardiner - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 3 Oct. 1646, for pay as commissary of arms under Lord Brooke and Col. Purefoy, and on certificate from the Committee of Accounts.	73	13	2	—	65	—
„ 13	„ -	„ -	Wm. Sutton - - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 3 Oct. 1646, for service as captain of foot under Lord Brooke and Col. Pauncefoot.	132	0	0	—	67	55
„ 15	„ -	„ -	Wm. Jennings - -	For pains and disbursements. [*G* 2, *p.* 85] -	3	10	0	—	—	—
„ 20	„ -	„ -	Rob. Heath, agent for Sussex.	For 18 weeks' salary raising the monthly assessments for the Scots.	27	0	0	—	75	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Rich. Colgrove, master blacksmith to Lord Brooke's artillery train.	On an order of the House of Commons of 3 Oct. 1646, and certificate of the Committee of Accounts, for service.	41	18	0	—	76	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Whitway, gentleman of ordnance to Lord Brooke.	On like order and certificate for service - -	7	1	6	—	76	—

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1647. April 20	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Rich. Billing and Fras. Augden, his servant.	On a like order for directing the wagons and carts for the service, and loading them at Brookhouse.	5 0 0	—	76	—
„ 22	„ -	„ -	Wm. Hale, agent for Kent and Surrey.	For 13 weeks' salary for self and horse.	19 10 0	—	78	—
„ 29	„ -	„ -	Messenger - - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 30 March given, for bringing a letter from Col. Rossiter's regiment.	10 0 0	167	82	56
„ „	„ -	„ -	Sir Fras. Knollys and 4 others.	On a Parliament order of 23 April given, for Elizabeth, widow of Col. Rob. Burghill, and Harry and Rowland, her sons, in full of his claims for service. Confirmed by Parliament 30 April.	2,826 0 0	175	81	57
May 6	„ -	„ -	Alderman Pennington -	On a Parliament order of 6 May given, for his losses and damages.	3,000 0 0	178	83	58, 59
„ 11	„ -	„ -	Lady Vere - - -	On a Parliament order of 6 May given, from moneys due to Sir John Pennington, in the hands of Alderman Pennington.	1,000 0 0	178	87	60, 61
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. Sykes - - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 30 April given, on account, with interest at 8 per cent. till paid.	4,000 0 0	176	87	62
June 8	„ -	„ -	Ben. Valentine, M.P. -	On an order of the House of Commons of 25 May, for long imprisonment and great damage in service in the Parliament of 3 Charles.	2,500 0 0	180	—	63, 64
„ „	„ -	„ -	Maj.-Gen. Phil. Skippon, Field Marshal of Ireland.	On an order of the House of Commons of 30 April given, for great and faithful service, with 8 per cent. interest till paid.	1,000 0 0	—	—	65
„ „	„ -	„ -	Dan. Potter - - -	On an order of the House of Commons of 1 May given, with interest at 8 per cent. to any who shall advance the same, Potter to have no benefit of the ordinance of 3 Aug. 1644 for payment to handicraftsmen, &c.	1,755 0 0	177	—	66
„ 15	„ -	„ -	Captain Sam. Playford -	On a Parliament order of 4 June given, in part of arrears for his entertainment, with interest from the unreserved ½ of compositions.	300 0 0	182	—	67, 68
July 22	„ -	„ -	Lieut.-Gen. Edw. Massey	On a Parliament order of 14 July given, from the ½ of the receipts not engaged for the City of London.	1,000 0 0	—	—	69

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1647.								
Sept. 3	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Col. Mazières	On a Parliament order of 21 July, for his entertainment in service of Parliament.	380 0 0	—	—	70
„ 14	„	„	Hen. Cleare, surgeon	On a Parliament order of 5 July given, arrears due, from the unreserved ½ of compositions.	20 12 0	182	120	71
„ 24	P.O.	C.G.H.	Mr. Wheeler and Bell	For repair of Margaret's Church, Westminster, from the unreserved ½ of compositions.	200 0 0	185	—	72
„ 28	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Col. Chris. Whichcott, Governor of Windsor Castle.	On an order of the House of Commons of 24 Sept. given, for arrears of the garrison, from the unreserved ½ of compositions.	1,000 0 0	192	122(2)	73
Oct. 12	„	„	Thos. Prince, cheesemonger of London.	On a Parliament order of 22 Sept. given, on petition for debt of 899*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* for cheese and butter 4 years ago, with 8 per cent. interest, 1,175*l.*, 895*l.* from receipts not engaged, and 280*l.* from a person whom he shall prove to have been twice paid the same debt.	895 0 0 280 0 0	—	124	74
Nov. 3	„	„	Col. Thos. Rainsborough	On a Parliament order of 30 Sept. given, for arrears in Parliamentary service, from the unengaged ½ of compositions.	1,000 0 0	183	134	75
Dec. 15	„	„	Sir Fras. Willoughby	On a Parliament order of 8 Dec. given, for relief of the extreme necessity of his lady and children.	700 0 0	193	151	76, 77
„ 22	„	„	— Sandys, by order of the Irish and Scotch Committee at the Star Chamber.	For Lord Ormond, balance unpaid of 10,877*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* ordered him by Parliament, 23 Feb. 1647. [*See also* G 115, *p.* 205.]	5,438 17 5	—	154	78, 79
1647–48.								
Jan. 5	„	„	Col. Rich. Norton	On an order of the House of Commons of 30 Nov., from fines of Sir Wm. Ogle, Sir Hen. Knollys, and Mr. Badd, named by him.	1,000 0 0	—	157	—
Feb. 2	„	„	Mr. Wheeler and Bell, M.Ps.	On an order of the House of Commons of 1 Jan. given, for the officers attending on St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.	30 0 0	188	166	80
„ „	„	„	„ „	On an order of the House of Commons of 1 Jan., for repair of the said church.	200 0 0	—	166	—
„ 14	„	„	Widow of Sir Geo. Shirley	On a Parliament Order of 6 Jan. 1648	100 0 0	—	175	81

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1647–48. Feb. 25	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Capt. Thos. Ashley, commander of the *Employment*.	On a Parliament order of 22 Feb. 1648, and an order of the Committee of Safety of 19 Dec. 1643, for guns and ammunition left at Hull for its defence, he having deserved much, and waited patiently for his money. [*G* 63, *p.* 957.]	151 6 5	—	182	82
Mar. 6	„	„	Major-Gen. Rich. Browne, Governor of Abingdon.	On a Parliament order of 6 March given, in part of 9,016*l.* for demands and arrears.	4,016 0 0	211	187	83
„ „	P.O.	C.G.H. and C.H.H.*	Col. Roger Fenwick	From concealed or undervalued delinquents' estates discovered by him, a former reference to the Irish Committee at Derby House, to consider how it might be raised, not having taken effect.	500 0 0	205	—	84
„ 8	„	C.H.H.*	Major And. Jackson	On a Parliament order of 6 March given, in full	175 0 0	211	188	85
„ „	„	C.G.H.		of arrears for service to Parliament	175 0 0	211		
„ 20	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Sir Thos. Widdrington and Rob. Scawen.	For repair of Berwick bridge and walls, ruined by the sea, from the fines of Gilbert Swinhoe and Jas. Ogle, delinquents. Receipted for 314*l.*	500 0 0	—	—	86
„ 21	„	„	Capt. Sam. Gardiner	Arrears of pay	715 0 0	211	—	87
„ 22	„	„	Rob. Heath, agent for Sussex.	48 weeks' salary for raising the monthly assessments for the Scots.	72 0 0	—	193	—
„ „	„	„	Rich. Coates, printer of London.	For printing for the committee	6 10 0	—	193	—
„ 27	„	„	Mr. Leech	For the writing clerks attending both houses, gratuity for the year.	15 0 0	—	194	—
„ „	„	„	Rich. Turner, Maurice Gething, and 2 others.	On an order of the House of Commons of 22 March given, ½ of a debt of 19,250*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* due to them, with interest at 8 per cent. till paid. [*G* 125, *p.* 535.]	9,625 3 1½	—	195	—
„ 31	„	„	Anne, widow and administratrix of Sir Simon Harcourt.	On a Parliament order of 28 March given, 1,000*l.* from the fine yet unpaid of William, Lord Paget, and 1,000*l.* from the unreserved ½ of receipts at Goldsmiths' Hall.	2,000 0 0	204	196	88
„ „	„	„	George Thomason	On a Parliament order of 28 March given, for a library of books in the eastern languages, from arrears of the 2 four months' assessments for the Scots' army before Newark. [*Also G* 123, *p.* 49.]	500 0 0	—	195	—

* C.H.H. means the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall.

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1648.										
May 19	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Lady Eliz. Grey	From moneys due to Lord Ormond on his bill of exchange.	50	0	0	—	203	—
June 17	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	Margaret and Mary Mounsell, sisters of the late Capt. Peter Mounsell.	Arrears due to their brother, from concealed or undervalued delinquents' estates to be discovered by them.	791	0	0	212	—	—
July 3	„	„	Col. Ralph Welden, governor of the forts and island of Plymouth.	From the fine of Sir John Harrison, 500*l.* on account, that he may return to his charge, and 500*l.* for victuals, &c., for the forts and island. [*Also G* 203, *p.* 793.]	1,000	0	0	—	—	89
Aug. 2	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Thos. Weeks, agent for cos. Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, &c.	Salary of 30*s.* a week for collecting money for the Scots, and returning the names of Papists and delinquents to be sequestered.	48	0	0	—	215	—
„ 7	O.H.C.	C.G.H.	115 reduced officers under Ferdinando, late Lord Fairfax.	For disbursement, on a list in custody of the Committee for the Northern Association.	4,000	0	0	191	—	—
„ 17	„	„	Widow of Col. Needham	From delinquents' estates discovered by her; 5*l.* a week to be paid till the 500*l.* is completed.	500	0	0	192	—	—
Sept. 1	P.O.	T.G.H.	Capt. James Pitson, late scoutmaster to Sir Wm. Waller's army.	232*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.* for disbursements, and 217*l.* 4*s.* arrears of pay from the fine of Sir Charles Keymish.	450	2	10	193	—	90
„ 2	„	„	Wm. Hitchcock, quartermaster, and Wm. Carpenter, trooper.	On account	40	0	0	206	—	91
„ 5	C.G.H.	„	Major George Smithson	On a Parliament order of 1 Sept. given, 200*l.* for gallant service in the war, and especially in this late utter defeat of the whole Scots' army, and 300*l.* for arrears.	500	0	0	194	217	92
„ „	„	„	Capt. Lieut. Worthington	On a Parliament order of 1 Sept. given, from fine of Sir Chas. Keymish, for bringing news of the taking prisoners of Sir Marm. Langdale and others of quality.	50	0	0	—	216	93
„ 8	„	„	Col. Eyres	On a Parliament order of 4 Sept. given, for service at Hurst Castle, from Sir Charles Keymish's fine.	200	0	0	202	—	94, 95
„ „	„	„	Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne	On a Parliament order of 6 Sept. given, in part of arrears, out of Sir Charles Keymish's fine.	300	0	0	194	*G* 5. 1	96, 97

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1648. Sept. 8	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Phineas Payne, messenger	On a Parliament Order of 1 Nov. given, for bringing the good news of the surrender of Colchester, from Sir Charles Keymish's fine.	20 0 0	195	2	98, 99
„ „	„ -	„ -	Edw. Watts, servant to the Lord General.	On like order for many services to Parliament, from Keymish's fine.	50 0 0	195	2	100
„ 19	„ -	„ -	Capt. Rich. Hamlyn -	On a Parliament order of 17 Aug. given, out of 700*l.*, remainder of compositions for Ashby-de-la-Zouch, in part of 582*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* due to him on his account, and the residue of his arrears from any delinquents he shall discover. [*Also in G* 99, *p.* 797; 217, *p.* 117.]	200 0 0	201	5	101, 102
„ „	„ -	„ -	Sam. Warcup - - -	On a Parliament order of 8 Sept. given, in part of 700*l.*, charges of prisoners committed to him by Parliament, out of Sir Charles Keymish's fine.	500 0 0	202	5	103, 104
„ 26	„ -	„ -	Major Strachan - -	Out of moneys payable from Goldsmiths' Hall to such Scottish officers as formerly served Parliament.	160 0 0	—	6	—
Oct. 10	„ -	„ -	Edw. Birkhead, serjeant-at-arms.	On an order of the House of Commons of 9 Oct. last, for disbursements in executing warrants, seizing delinquents, &c., from the fine of Sir Dennor Strutt, as it cannot be raised out of that of Col. Hugh Boteler.	483 5 0	—	—	105
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. Ripley - - -	On a Parliament order of 13 Sept. given, for carrying messages from the army to Parliament, especially at Colchester, from Sir Charles Keymish's fine.	20 0 0	202	12	106
„ 13	„ -	„	George Thomason - -	From compositions as first ordered, if not paid from arrears of the two 4 months' assessments for the Scotch army before Newark. [*G* 2, *p.* 85.]	500 0 0	—	—	—
„ 19	„ -	„ -	Col. Mich. Jones, governor of Dublin.	On orders of the House of Commons of 18 Aug. 1647, 3 April, and 6 Oct. 1648 given, and Parliament order of 7 Oct., on the unengaged ½ of receipts, with interest at 8 per cent.	1,000 0 0	200, 206	15	107–109
„ 24	O.H.C. -	„ -	Alex. Norris, of Bolton -	For the Lancashire forces to be disbanded, formerly ordered to be paid to Francis, Lord Willoughby of Parham. Repeated, 8 Nov.	3,155 15 10	207(2)	—	—

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1648. Oct. 26	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Edw. Wolfe - - -	On a Parliament Order of 21 Oct. given, for bringing news of the delivery of Carlisle, from Sir Charles Keymish's fine, after other engagements.	100 0 0	207	17	110, 111
„ 30	„ -	„ -	Gilbert Mabbott, agent for Lord General Fairfax.	On a Parliament order of 13 Sept. given, for bringing up the articles of the surrender of Colchester, and a list of all the prisoners.	40 0 0	201	18	112
Nov. 2	„ -	„ -	Dr. Bastwick - -	On a Parliament order of 30 Oct. given, with 8 per cent. interest till paid.	500 0 0	204	—	113, 114
„ „	„ -	„ -	Adjutant Blackmore and Major Strachan, each	On an order of the House of Commons of 28 Aug. 1648, for such payments to any of those Scots engaged in the invasion of this Kingdom.	200 0 0	—	22	115
„ 16	„ -	„ -	James Noble, messenger -	On a Parliament order of 21 Oct. given, for bringing news of the surrender of Carlisle, from Sir Charles Keymish's fine, after other engagements thereon.	20 0 0	207	27	116, 117
1648–49. Jan. 1	„ -	„	Mr. Leech for Mr. Wells -	For the discovery of the concealed estate of Sir Rob. Banister.	60 0 0	—	45	—
„ 6	„ -	„ -	Greenhill and Pocock, treasurers for maimed soldiers at Christchurch.	On Parliament orders of 6 May 1647 and 4 April 1648, for relief of poor indigent persons approved by both houses.	10,000 0 0	—	—	118
Feb. 27	„ -	„ -	„ „	The moneys ordered them by the House of Commons 3 Oct. 1646 being not sufficient to pay Capt. Egerton.	62 6 0	—	70	—
Mar. 10	„ -	„ -	Col. [Rob.] Hammond, governor of the Isle of Wight.	On a Parliament order of 25 Sept. 1648, from the fine of Hum. Mathewes.	1,000 0 0	—	76	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Jas. Noble - -	On an order of the House of Commons given, of 10 March, beside the 70*l.* formerly bestowed from Sir C. Keymish's fine, for service and great journeys. [*G* 107, *p.* 291.]	20 0 0	—	77	—
June 16	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Col. Thos. Fitch, governor of Carlisle, and Major Wm. Bird.	Repairs of Carlisle walls and fortifications - -	500 0 0	—	*G* 6. —	119

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1649. June 17	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	John Archer, mayor of Kendal, Rich. Branthwaite, and Roger Bateman.	Payment of their soldiers' quarters - -	100 0 0	—	—	120
July 4	,, -	,, -	John Archer, mayor of Kendal, and 4 others.	Disbanding the troop of horse, to be reduced in Westmoreland.	800 0 0	—	—	124
,, 8	,, -	,, -	Jas. Morley - - / John Rowell, doorkeeper	3 weeks' pay - - - - - / Month's pay - - - - -	3 0 0 / 2 0 0	—	—	125
,, 10	,, -	,, -	Thos. Lamplugh and Roger Bateman.	Arrears due to the companies of Lieut. Col. Edw. Briggs and Capt. Mann, for last summer's service.	700 0 0	—	—	126
Aug. 2	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Thos. Taylor, messenger -	On a Parliament order of 19 Oct. 1648 given, for bringing news of good success from Col. Stone, governor of Stafford.	20 0 0	—	—	121, 122
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	Pocock and Greenhill, treasurers for maimed soldiers.	On a Parliament order given, of 31 July 1649, for uses expressed in the order of 4 April 1648, for officers and soldiers in Auditor Wilcox's list, except those engaged against Parliament in July or Aug. 1647.	9,100 0 0	215	—	123
,, 10	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Ledgard	John Archer, Thos. Lamplugh, and Thos. Craister.	Bedding for Carlisle garrison - - -	218 0 0 / 132 0 0	—	—	127
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	John Archer - -	Arrears of Major Scaife's troop, &c. - -	300 0 0	—	—	128
,, 11	,, -	,, -	Thos. Lamplugh - -	Arrears of Lieut. Maur. Dawson and his horse -	50 0 0	—	—	129
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	James Morley, under clerk	5 weeks' wages - - - - -	5 0 0	—	—	130
,, 14	,, -	,, -	Rich. Lilburne - -	For his son, Lieut. Col. John Lilburne, his family being sick and in want of maintenance, from Thos. Bowes' fine, in part of a grant by Parliament.	200 0 0	—	—	131
,, 17	,,	,, -	John Rowell, doorkeeper	4 weeks' pay - - - - -	2 0 0	—	—	132
Sept. 13	,, -	,, -	Fras. Wetwang - -	Payment of Col. [Thos.] Fitch's regiment, by order of the Army Committee.	787 9 4	—	—	133
,, 19	,, -	,, -	And. Crisp, mayor of Berwick.	Fine set on Wm. Orde, alderman of Berwick, to be employed for building a church or meeting-house in Berwick.	564 0 0	—	—	134, 135

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					£ s. d.	*G* 1.	*G* 6.	*G* 266.
1649.								
Sept. 19	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Ant. Pearson, clerk -	Books, stationery, and a press, and 13*s.* 4*d.* for taking the Act of Parliament out of the House for authorizing this committee to compound with delinquents.	11 13 4	—	—	136
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Lamplugh, and Thos. Craister.	Remainder of the 6 months' assessment on the 90,000*l.* a month for the army.	545 0 0	—	—	137
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ „ -	400*l.* for building and repairs of Priestbeck bridge, near Carlisle, now destroyed, and 100*l.* for repair of the breach made by Gen. Lambert near the bridge, and 50*l.* to repair Caldew bridge.	550 0 0	—	—	138
„ „	„ -	„ -	John Archer - -	6 months' assessment - - - -	576 17 6	—	—	139
„ 20	„ -	„ -	„ - -	Arrears of Capts. Scaife and Fenwick's troops -	142 9 6	—	—	140
„ „	„ -	„ -	Archer and Lamplugh -	For 4 soldiers of Capt. Fenwick's troop who lost their horses.	30 0 0	—	—	141
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ „ -	Col. Edw. Briggs for arrears and service in the new model - - - - -	434 19 6 221 8 4	—	—	142
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Lamplugh - -	Arrears to Capts. Scaife and Fenwick's troops -	174 3 0	—	—	143
„ 21	„ -	„ -	Capt. Wm. Garnett -	For his troop of dragoons - - -	150 0 0	—	—	144
„ 26	„ -	„ -	Thos. Lamplugh - -	Restored, being the part paid of an assessment of 1,100*l.* on co. Cumberland, for maintenance of Carlisle garrison.	130 0 0	—	—	145
„ 27	„ -	„ -	John Rowell, doorkeeper	Fortnight's pay - - -	1 0 0	—	—	146
„ „	„ -	„ -	Thos. Craister, alderman of Carlisle.	Public service in Carlisle - - - -	248 4 2	—	—	147
„ „	„ -	„ -	James Morley, under clerk	3 weeks' pay - - - - - -	3 0 0	—	—	148
Oct. 4	P.O. - -	C.G.H. -	Commissioners for Dover harbour and pier.	To be paid by the Navy Committee and repaid to them from sequestrations in Kent, being sums allowed for repair of Dover pier. [*G* 81, *p.* 239.]	400 0 0 800 0 0	—	—	—
„ „	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Treasurers for maimed soldiers.	On a Parliament order of 18th Sept. for arrears of surgeons, physicians, and apothecaries attending the soldiers, from sequestered rents.	1,100 0 0	—	—	149
„ 8	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Fras. Wetwang - -	Bedding for Tynemouth Castle - -	199 7 6	—	—	150
„ 15	„ -	„	Capts. Sharpe and Shepherdson.	Arrears for their troops of horse now disbanding -	200 0 0	—	—	151

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1649.								
Oct. 16	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	[George Dawson], Haberdashers' Hall Treasurer.	On a Parliament order of 16 Oct. 1648, for maintenance of the horse guards that attend Parliament, from the fine of Wm. Stafford, of Blatherwick, co. Northampton.	1,757 1 6	—	—	152
„ 30	„ -	„ -	Lewis Price, sequestration solicitor for co. Montgomery.	On his bill given of 25 Oct., for collecting rents that were detained in tenants' hands by order of Parliament, &c. [*G* 109, *p* 693.]	12 18 6	—	228	—
Nov. 6	„ -	„ -	John Johns - - -	On a Parliament order of 16 Oct. 1649 from rents in tenants' hands, towards money due on Colonel Sanderson's lists.	900 0 0	—	240	153
Dec. 6	„ -	„ -	Edw. Curle - - -	1*s.* in the pound on a fine of 168*l.* 15*s.*, paid by Hen. Durnford for an estate of 45*l.* a-year discovered by Curle.	8 8 9	—	243	—
„ 20	„ -	„ -	George Dawson, treasurer at Haberdashers' Hall.	On a Parliament order of 16 Oct. 1648, from the fine of Sir Thos. Hatton, Bart., co. Salop, for maintenance of the horse guards attending Parliament.	1,572 3 0	—	254	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ „	Like order, from the fine of Wm. Stafford, co. Northampton.	1,757 1 6	—	254	—
1649–50.							*G* 7.	
Feb. 2	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Ledgard	Rich. Lilburne - -	In part of 3,000*l.* from sequestered estates, ordered by Parliament 21 Sept. 1648, to his son, Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne.	256 0 0 240 0 0	— —	— —	154 —
„ „	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	John Leech - - -	For the clerks attending Parliament, for their pains in transcribing the orders belonging to this Committee.	15 0 0	—	18	—
„ 25	„ -	„ -	Col. Hill and Fenton Parsons.	On a Parliament order of 23 Feb. 1650, towards burial of Sir Wm. Parsons, and transport of his family to Ireland, out of the estates settled on Trustees for Ireland. [*G* 9, *p.* 25; *also G* 111, *p.* 55.]	200 0 0	216	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Alderman Ledgard, of Newcastle.	Fine of Sir Thos. Sandford, of Westmoreland -	600 0 0	—	28	—
Mar. 4	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Ledgard	John Ayrson, mayor of Durham.	For Col. Thos. Maleverer's regiment - -	400 0 0	—	—	155

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					£ s. d.	*G* 1.	*G* 7.	*G* 266.
1649–50. Mar. 5	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Treasurers of maimed soldiers.	On a Parliament order of 4 March 1650 given, payable to Potter's list, after the moneys payable to Sanderson's list. [*G* 172, *p.* 699.]	5,000 0 0	—	38	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	John Johns, Sanderson's treasurer.	On a Parliament order of 4 March 1650 as above -	6,000 0 0	—	39	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Five messengers of the Committee for Compounding.	Each of them in advance, for carrying the committee's orders into the counties. [*G* 9, *p.* 29.]	5 0 0	—	—	—
„ 12	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Ledgard	John Archer - - -	Col. Fenwick, for his soldiers in Berwick and Holy Island.	600 0 0	—	—	156
„ 13	„ -	„	Capt. Cuthbert Studholme	For monthly assessment for the army, which the County Commissioners for Cumberland desire may be paid from composition money.	400 0 0	—	—	157
„ 13	C.F.C. -	T.G.H.	Alice, Viscountess Moore -	On a Parliament order of 27 March 1648, towards her husband's arrears, from the fines of delinquents to be nominated by her.	4,000 0 0	—	52	—
„ 22	„ -	„ -	Col. Tothill - - -	On a Parliament order of 21 March, out of moneys settled on the Irish Trustees, or from other moneys, and to be repaid out of those moneys. [*Also G* 9, *p.* 37.]	150 0 0	—	71	—
						G 7.		*G* 266.
„ 28	„ -	„ -	Wife of Hercules Huncks	From moneys granted to the Irish Trustees, for her husband's service in Ireland. [*G* 9, *pp.* 39, 40.]	66 13 4	—		—
„ 30	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Ledgard	Thos. Lamplugh - -	For moneys paid by him to Major Fenwick -	20 16 4	—		158
April 1	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Army Treasurers - -	On a Parliament order of 4 March given, residue of the 50,000*l.*, of which 8,000*l.* was ordered to the Navy, to be paid before the 5,000*l.*, part of the 11,000*l.* [*G* 9, *p.* 43.]	42,000 0 0	216		159
„ 5	„ -	„ -	Col. Tothill - - -	On warrant from the Council of State, from Irish trust revenues.	1,143 10 11	92		—
„ 17	„ -	„ -	Capt. Ben. Bracey - -	The $\frac{1}{5}$ of the fine of Thos. Hall of Godalming, Surrey, allowed him by Parliament on his discovery.	153 3 $3\frac{1}{2}$	103		160
„ „	„ -	„ -	Viscount Lisle - -	From the Irish Trustees' revenue - - -	1,371 10 $0\frac{3}{4}$	106		—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Sir Art. (*sic*) Loftus -	„ „ „ - - -	200 0 0	106		—
„ „	„ -	„	Sir Wm. Fenton - -	„ „ „ - - -	200 0 0	106		—

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1650.							
April 20	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Robt. Harrison - -	For pay of Col. Fitch and Sir Art. Hesilrigge's regiments - - - - - -	330 0 0 231 5 0 159 17 8	— — —	161
June 5	"	"	Capt. Rich. Webb, governor of Hartlepool.	For his garrison there - - - -	837 4 0	—	162
" 8	"	"	Henry Ogle of Eglingham	For Colonel Brandling, of Alnwick Abbey, who sold the Committee for Compounding the tithes of Long Houghton, worth 40*l.* a-year, to be settled on trustees for co. Northumberland.	400 0 0	—	163
" "	"	"	Rob. Fenwick - -	For purchase of the High Castle and lands, &c., in Newcastle, for the use of the county.	300 0 0	—	164
" "	"	"	Luke Killingworth of Killingworth, for Wm. Struther of Kirk Newton.	For purchase of Milford and Copeland tithes in co. Northumberland.	600 0 0	—	165
" "	"	"	Wm. Fenwick, Wallington, for John Ramsey, Berwick.	For the purchase of Wooperton Township, sold by Ramsey on his composition to trustees, for the use of co. Northumberland.	779 15 0	—	166
" 18	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Col. Mazières - - -	On Parliament order of 4 June, the amount of his arrears for service, as certified by the Committee for Advance of Money.	60 0 0	152	167
July 5	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Rich. Crackenthorp, Little Strickland, Westmoreland.	For discharging the debts of the bottom of Westmoreland, contracted for payment of the Lancashire forces their proportion of 4,000*l.* ordered by Parliament.	633 6 8	—	168
Aug. 8	"	"	Ant. Pearson - - -	For 14 weeks' service as clerk to the [Northern] Committee for Compounding, in full satisfaction of all pay due to him from the first sitting of the Committee for Compounding to this day.	28 0 0	—	169
						G 11.	
" "	"	"	" " -	For transcribing particulars of compositions, and fitting them to be delivered to the Committee for Compounding at Goldsmiths' Hall, by order of Parliament.	4 6 0	—	170
" 26	"	"	Capt. Rob. Hutton, Lieut. John Mayott.	For 14 days' pay for 3 new raised troops commanded by Major Sanderson, Capt. Hutton, and Capt. Shepherdson.	500 0 0	—	171

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1650. Aug. 29	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Sir Rob. Hannay, Bart. -	From the revenue settled on Irish Trustees, on a Council of State order of 26 Aug. [*G* 90, *p.* 1159.]	150 0 0	108, 109	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Col. Rob. Sanderson -	On a Parliament order of 5 June last, and on a Council of State order of 27 Aug. for service in Ulster, especially in the late fight against the Bishop of Clogher. [*Also G* 115, *p.* 1085.]	100 0 0	109	—
Sept. 5	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Thos. Wetherald, constable of Castle Garth, Northumberland.	For his disbursements for candles for the guards of Newcastle, from Midsummer 1649 to Midsummer 1650.	4 11 0	—	172
„ 26	„	„	Ambrose Wrightson -	For a months' pay for the commissioned officers of horse and dragoons raised by the militia of Westmoreland, and now on their march to Scotland.	114 16 0	—	173
„ 10	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Rich. Coney, mercer, Grantham, co. Lincoln.	On a Parliament order of 9 July 1649, on his petition pleading suffering and poverty, and a Parliament order of 4 Sept., from sequestrations co. Lincoln. [*G* 139, *p.* 445.]	400 0 0	160	174
Oct. 9	P.O. - -	C.G.H. -	London corporation for the poor.	On an Act for employment of poor, and punishment of vagrants, &c.	1,000 0 0	—	175
„ 10	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Edw. Walford, messenger	In full of demands, beside the 5*l.* before ordered. [*Also G* 127, *p.* 461.]	9 0 0	217	—
„ 15	„ -	„ -	Col. Rob. Sanderson -	On a Parliament order of 5 June, and an order of the Council of State of 15 Oct., from revenues settled on Irish Trustees, to enable him to return to Ireland. [*Also G* 115, *p.* 1083.]	50 0 0	225	—
„ 22	„ -	„ -	Peter Brereton, counsel -	On account for service - - - -	100 0 0	233	—
„ 31	„ -	„ -	Lieut.-Col. Wetton - -	On a Parliament order of 5 June, and order of Council of State of 16 Oct. given, due for carrying 1,200 men to Col. Geo. Monk in Ireland, from the revenues settled on Ireland. [*G* 142, *p.* 745.]	300 0 0	*G* 12. 3	
Nov. 8	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Thos. Craister, mayor of Carlisle.	For repair of Caldew Bridge, near Carlisle, "which is a comon passe into the Westerne parts and a very great roade."	70 0 0	—	176

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1650. Nov. 8	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Arthur Forster - -	For his pay as lieutenant to Capt. Crakanthorp, for 4 months' service on the borders against the moss-troopers.	58 0 0	—	177
„ „	„	„	Thos. Craister, mayor of Carlisle.	For the use of that city - - - - -	79 16 6	—	178
Dec. 6	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Col. Thos. Mason - -	On a Parliament order of 5 Dec., for disbursements and losses, from the composition money of North Wales.	500 0 0	57	179
„ 10	„ -	„ -	Sir Gerard Lowther, and 5 other trustees of Irish estates.	On a letter of the Council of State of 26 Nov. 1650, for services, 500*l.* each. *See* General Calendar, 1650, *p.* 394. [*Also G* 95, *p.* 491.]	3,000 0 0	58	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. Basill - - -	On like order for special service in Ireland, to be paid at once, as his need is pressing, and he is still employed in the service. [*Also G* 95, *p.* 491.]	220 0 0	58	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Col. John Jones, John Weaver, and Miles Corbet.	On a letter of the Council of State of 9 Dec., they being sent as commissioners to Ireland, 500*l.* each, a former warrant for 1,000*l.* to Jones, Weaver, and Major Salway being cancelled, as Corbet is going in place of Salway, and the sum is increased.	1,500 0 0	61	180, 181
„ „	„ -	„ -	Dan. Slater, clerk to Edw. Rich.	For methodizing and engrossing a book of the rectories and impropriations settled by delinquents for the use of the State. [*G* 117, *p.* 975.]	6 13 4	69	—
„ 24	„ -	„ -	Edw. Hughson, joiner -	For making wainscot presses, and other work in Haberdashers' Hall.	14 3 0	73	—
„ 26	„ -	„ -	Auditor Sherwin - -	On account of salary - - - - -	100 0 0	76	—
„ 31	„ -	„ -	Thos. and Eliz. Baker, executors of the late Col. Roger Fenwick.	On a letter from the Council of State of 23 Dec. given, towards the colonel's arrears in part payment of his debts, he having lost his life in obtaining the late victory against the rebels in Ulster. [*G* 10, *p.* 313.]	300 0 0	—	—
1650–51. Jan. 4	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	John Fawcett - - -	For arrears due to him as clerk of the former Committee of Sequestrations for Westmoreland.	53 0 0	—	181
„ „	„ -	„ -	Anth. Bouche, Cockermouth.	For cloth for the soldiers of Cockermouth Castle -	45 12 0	—	182, 183

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1650–51.										
Jan. 28	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Thos. Fowle, solicitor -	On account for salary - - - -	40	0	0	103	—	—
Feb. 6	„	„ -	Treasurers at war - -	On a Parliament order of 8 Jan., being part of 20,000*l.* to be raised for recruits for Ireland.	12,000	0	0	118	—	184
„ 26	„ -	„ -	Capt. Lieut. John Mansell	On a Parliament order of 25 Feb. given, being balance of 620*l.* due to him for arrears, with 70*l.* for the diet of Duke Hamilton during his imprisonment. [*Also G* 104, *p.* 49.]	587	12	6	—	28	—
Mar. 4	„ -	„ -	Capt. Thos. Ball - -	On a Parliament order prefixed, of 5 Dec., in part of 2,000*l.*, towards arrears, expenses, and losses on the Act for Composition of North Wales.	500	0	0	142, 143	—	—
„ 6	„ -	„ -	Wm. Hale and Thos. Hamersley, messengers.	On account for service, 10*l.* each - - -	20	0	0	147	—	—
„ 18	„ -	„ -	Auditor Sherwin - -	On account of salary - - - -	75	0	0	165	—	—
„ 26	„ -	„ -	Wm. Wade and John Barrett, merchants.	On a letter of the Council of State prefixed, of 22 March, for wheat delivered for the forces in Ireland, and 2 bills of exchange, in 1643.	1,490	0	0	173, 174	—	—
April 15	„ -	„ -	Sir Hen. Tichbourne -	On a letter of the Council of State prefixed, of 10 April, in part of 1,168*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, disbursed for provisions for the army in Ireland.	300	0	0	185	—	—
„ 23	Army Com. -	„ -	Committee for Compounding, 7 members.	On a Parliament order for ½ year's salary from 15 Oct. last. With note of receipt. [*Vol.* 32, *p.* 1.]	1,050	0	0	—	—	—
May 29	C.G.H. -	„ -	Rich. Sherwin, auditor -	Balance of 232*l.*, his ¾ salary, from 24 June 1650 to 21 March 1651, 175*l.* being paid. With note of approval by the Army Committee.	67	10	0	—	126	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Peter Brereton - -	Balance of 220*l.*, his ¾ salary, 100*l.* being paid. With like note.	120	0	0	—	142	—
„ 30	„ -	„ -	Capt. Rich. Price - -	On a Parliament order of 5 Dec. 1650 prefixed, out of 2,000*l.* ordered him for arrears and losses from the compositions of North Wales. [*Also G* 109, *p.* 629.]	500	0	0	224	—	—
June 3	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Fras. Wetwang - -	For Col. Maleverer's regiment of foot, charged on co. Northumberland.	569	3	4	—	—	185
„ 27	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Sir Gerard Lowther -	On a warrant of the Council of State of 25 June prefixed, from lands settled on the Irish trustees, to enable him to return to Ireland. [*Also G* 95, *p.* 506.]	100	0	0	254	—	—

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1651.										
June 27	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Sir Paul Davies - -	Like order - - - - - - -	100	0	0	254	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Sir Rob. Meredith - -	Like order - - - - - - -	200	0	0	254	—	—
July 2	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Rich. Branthwaite - -	Borrowed from him several years since for disbanding supernumeraries.	119	13	2	—	—	186
„ 4	C.F.C. -	T.G.H.	John Jackson, treasurer of Excise.	On a letter of the Council of State prefixed, of 1 July, viz., 6,000*l.* for exigencies, 8,000*l.* for clothes, and 500*l.* for Bibles to be provided for the army in Ireland.	14,500	0	0	256	—	—
„ 10	„ -	„ -	Mr. Fowle, solicitor -	On account of salary - - - -	40	0	0	260	—	—
Aug. 15	„ -	„ -	Treasurers at war - -	On a Parliament order prefixed, of 5 Aug. for pay of the 4,000 foot taken on for 3 months, after the 60,000*l.* charged for the navy. [*Also G* 172, *pp.* 665, 709.]	20,000	0	0	—	—	187, 188
„ 19	„ -	„ -	Mr. Leech, registrar -	On account of salary - - - -	100	0	0	293	—	—
Sept. 2	„ -	„ -	Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer.	On Parliament orders prefixed, of 10 and 31 July, and an order of the Navy Committee of 28 Aug., part of 60,000*l.* ordered for the navy. [*G* 107, *pp.* 641–643.]	5,000	0	0	—	—	189
„ 4	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Col. Fras. Wren - -	For Sir A. Hesilrigge's regiment of foot, from compositions in co. Durham.	190	0	0	—	—	190
„ 5	„	„	Fras. Wetwang - -	For John Rowell's pay as doorkeeper to this committee.	2	0	0	—	—	191
									G 15.	
„ „	C.F.C. -	„ -	Wm. Hale, messenger -	For expenses in his journey to Berkshire - - -	10	0	0	—	7	—
„ 10	„ -	„ -	Rich. Hutchinson - -	On a Navy Committee's order, prefixed, of 5 Sept., part of the 60,000*l.* [*G* 107, *pp.* 645, 646.]	10,000	0	0	—	—	192
„ 19	„ -	„ -	Capt. Edw. Hughson, joiner.	In full of a bill prefixed, of 9*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*, for a large wainscot press, shelves, locks, repairs, &c., in the auditor's room, and committee room.	9	0	0	311	—	—
„ 24	„ -	„ -	Rich. Hutchinson - -	On order of the Navy Committee prefixed, of 19 Sept., part of the 60,000*l.* [*G* 107, *pp.* 647, 648.]	10,000	0	0	—	—	193
„ 30	„ -	„ -	Peter Brereton - -	On account of salary at 5*l.* a week, from 25 March last.	65	0	0	—	34	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Rich. Sherwin, auditor -	„ „ for self and clerk - -	225	0	0	—	35	—

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1651.										
Oct. 2	C.F.C.	T.G.H.	Rich. Hutchinson	On a Navy Committee's order prefixed, of 30 Sept., part of the 60,000*l.* [*G* 107, *pp.* 649, 650.]	10,000	0	0	—	—	194
„ „	North^{n} C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Wm. Wetwang	For convicting Papists of recusancy according to the Act of 3 Jac.	48	0	0	—	—	195
„ 15	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Edward Carey, examiner	On account of salary	130	0	0	—	49	—
„ 21	„	„	Widow of Wm. Guise of Worcester.	On a Parliament order prefixed of 6 Sept., for self and children, from sequestrations of those who adhered to the enemy in the late rebellion. [*Also G* 87, *p.* 603.]	200	0	0	327	—	—
Nov. 4	„	„	Rich. Hutchinson	On a Navy Committee's order prefixed of 29 Oct., completing 45,000*l.* of the 60,000*l.* ordered by Parliament. [*G* 107, *pp.* 651, 652.]	10,000	0	0	—	—	196
„ 28	„	„	„	On like order of 21 Nov. [*G* 107, *pp.* 653, 654]	10,000	0	0	—	—	197
Dec. 3	North^{n} C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	John Woods, Cockermouth.	For loss sustained in pulling down his house when Cockermouth was besieged.	40	0	0	—	—	198
1651–52.									*G* 16.	
Jan. 1	C.G.H.	T.G.H.	Rich. Hutchinson	On a Navy Committee's order of 27 Dec. 1651, in full of the 60,000*l.* ordered by Parliament 10 July 1651, for the navy. [*G* 107, *pp.* 655, 656.]	5,000	0	0	—	—	199
„ 16	„	„	Thos. Fowle, solicitor	On account of salary of 100*l.* a year, balance of 125*l.* for 1¼ year's salary, ending 15 Jan. With auditor's certificate, 15 Jan. [*G* 85, *p.* 189.]	45	0	0	389	—	—
Feb. 17	„	„	John Leech, registrar	On account of salary	40	0	0	—	23	—
Mar. 19	„	„	Chris. Wass	For travail and charge in prosecuting the Nottingham Commissioners. [*G* 36, *p.* 297.]	7	10	0	—	—	—
„ 30	„	„	Rich. Sherwin, auditor	Salary for self and 5 clerks, at 450*l.* a year, for ¾ year, payments deducted.	337	10	0	—	237	—
April 1	„	„	John Leech, registrar	6*l.* a week for self and 4 clerks	44	0	0	—	247	—
„ 6	„	„	Edw. Carey, examiner	On account of salary of 160*l.*, due 25 March	16	2	4	—	260	—
„ „	„	„	Mr. Fowle, for the clerks of Hen. Scobell.	For making out and sending copies of the orders of Parliament relating to the Committee for Compounding.	6	0	0	—	262	—
„ „	„	„	Aud. Sherwin	For salary for self and 5 clerks at 450*l.*, one quarter; and self and 3 clerks at 350*l.*, for 2 quarters. With auditor's certificate [*G* 116, *p.* 977] of the balance due, payments deducted.	62	10	0	—	266	—

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Date.	From	To	For	Object.	Sum. £	s.	d.	References. *G* 12.	*G* 16.	*G* 266.
1652. April 7	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Edw. Hughson, joiner -	For work in Mr. Carey's chambers, for convenience in lodging his books and papers.	4	18	0	—	276	—
„ 8	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Col. Thos. Cholmeley and Thos. Langhorne.	For repairs of Salkeld Bridge, co. Cumberland -	358	0	0	—	—	200, 201
„ „	„	„	Thos. Craister - -	For repairs of Eden bridge - - - -	30	0	0	242	—	202
			Col. Tho. Cholmeley and Thos. Langhorne - -	„ Salkeld bridge - - - -	142	0	0			
			Cuthbert Studholme, mayor of Carlisle - - -	„ the Great Church, Carlisle - -	340	0	0			
„ „	„	„	Thos. Lamplugh - -	For payments made by him as treasurer of the rents of bishops', deans', and chapters' lands, and for collecting the same, and for payments for the garrisons of Cockermouth, Rose Castle, and the Isle.	85	0	0	—	—	203
„ 13	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Commissioners for Dover Harbour.	On a Parliament Order prefixed of 6 April, for repair of the harbour and pier. [*G* 81, *p.* 241.]	4,000	0	0	—	303	204, 205
May 11	„ -	„ -	Thos. Hamersley and Wm. Hale, messengers.	For 16 weeks' salary, 16*l.* each - - -	32	0	0	—	380	—
„ 13	„ -	„ -	Edw. Husbands - -	For printing 600 orders and ordinances of Parliament concerning sequestrations, each book containing 11½ sheets, on his bill given. [*G* 94, *p.* 613.]	16	5	0	—	399	—
„ 20	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Col. Fras. Wren and Jas. Clavering.	For discharging public debts of co. Durham -	295	1	1	—	—	206
June 3	„	„	Nich. Mowson, Penrith -	For his great trouble and charge for the service of cos. Cumberland and Westmoreland.	100	0	0	—	—	207, 208
„ 4	„	„	Gilbert Browell - -	For loss sustained in pulling down his house for the fortifications of Newcastle.	33	23	4	—	—	209
„ 22	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Mr. Leech, registrar -	On account of salary at 6*l.* a week. [*G* 37, *p.* 19]	70	0	0	—	—	—
„ 29	„ -	„ -	Peter Brereton - -	„ „ from 30 March last, on certificate of Aud. Sherwin that it is due. [*G* 83, *p.* 265.]	65	0	0	—	609	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Aud. Sherwin - - -	„ „ from 25 March last. With auditor's certificate. [*G* 116, *p.* 969.]	87	10	0	—	609	—
July 1	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Ant. Pearson - -	For service and travelling expenses as clerk and registrar of the Committee for Compounding since 1649.	84	0	0	—	—	210

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1652.										
July 2	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Fras. Wetwang, Newcastle	For service as agent of Committee for Compounding	40	0	0	—	—	211
„ 8	„	„	„ „	For discharging the public debts of co. Northumberland.	48	0	0	—	—	212
„ „	„	„	„ „	„ „ „	38	0	0	—	—	213
„ „	„	„	„ „	„ „ „	545	5	2	—	—	214
„ „	„	„	„ „	For pay of Col. Chas. Fairfax's regiment of foot -	582	13	7	—	—	215
„ „	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	John Wright - - -	For 100 of the books of Acts and ordinances of Indemnity.	5	0	0	—	671	—
„ 14	„ -	„ -	Hale and Hamersley -	In advance for a service they are undertaking -	10	0	0	—	687	—
„ 20	„ -	„ -	Thos. Fowle, solicitor -	On account of salary. With auditor's certificate, 16 July. [*G* 85, *p.* 178.]	20	0	0	—	*G* 17. 21	—
Aug. 20	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Jas. Lindsey, Hartlepool -	For arrears paid by order of the Durham Committee for soldiers of Hartlepool garrison in 1648.	60	0	0	—	—	216
„ „	„	„	Cuthbert Studholme, Carlisle.	For the setting up a manufacture of certain merchandizes in co. Cumberland, and employing the poor.	416	5	5	—	—	217
„ 31	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	[Roger] Bateman - -	For making out a book of all fines paid into the treasury at Goldsmiths' Hall.	5	0	0	—	175	—
Sept. 1	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Cuthbert Studholme, Carlisle.	For finishing the repairs of the public meeting place in Carlisle.	100	0	0	—	—	218
„ 2	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	John Leech, registrar -	On account of salary at 6*l.* a week for self and 4 clerks. [*G* 37, *p.* 40.]	50	0	0	—	—	—
„ 28	„ -	„ -	Edw. Carey, examiner -	Half year's salary, due 29 Sept., on auditor's certificate. [*G* 73, *p.* 161.]	80	0	0	—	281	—
Oct. 1	„ -	„ -	P. Brereton - - -	On his salary of 5*l.* a week for 36 weeks, deducting what has been paid, on auditor's certificate, 30 Sept. [*G* 83, *p.* 263.]	65	0	0	—	296	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Aud. Sherwin - -	On his salary of 350*l.* a year for 36 weeks; on auditor's certificate, 30 Sept. [*G* 116, *p.* 975.]	175	0	0	—	296	—
„ 20	North[n] C.F.C.	——	Alderman Ledgard - -	For defending a suit-at-law against Nich. Mowson	1	10	0	—	—	219
„ 27	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Thos. Fowle, solicitor -	On account of his salary of 100*l.* a year. With auditor's certificate, 20 Oct. [*G* 85, *p.* 181.]	25	0	0	—	361	—

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1652. Oct. 27	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Wm. Leman and John Blackwell, jun., Treasurers-at-war.	On a Parliament order prefixed of 17 Dec. 1651, for the use of the forces. [*G* 172, *pp.* 681, 687.]	100,000 0 0	—	510	—
Nov. 24	,, -	,, -	Earl of Salisbury - -	From ⅔ of recusants' estates, in lieu of his patent from the late King of the keepership of Theobalds, Cheshunt, and Enfield.	5,360 18 4	—	434	—
Dec. 21	,, -	,, -	John Leech - - -	On account of salary. [*G* 37, *p.* 71] - -	100 0 0	—	—	—
,, 28	,, -	,, -	Peter Brereton, counsellor	,, ,, on auditor's certificate. [*G* 83, *p.* 269.]	65 0 0	—	545	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	Aud. Sherwin - - -	,, ,, ,, [*G* 116, *p.* 973.]	87 10 0	—	545	—
1652–53. Jan. 14	C.G.H. -	,, -	Edw. Carey, examiner -	,, ,, ,, 13 Jan. [*G* 73, *p.* 143.]	40 0 0	—	596	—
,, 20	,, -	,, -	Thos. Fowle, solicitor -	,, ,, ,, 20 Jan. [*G* 85, *p.* 180.]	25 0 0	—	613	—
							G 25.	
Feb. 17	,, -	,, -	John Leech, registrar -	,, ,, at 6*l.* a week. [*G* 37, *p.* 87]	50 0 0	—	—	—
Mar. 29	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	Mary Corney - -	For arrears due to her late husband for service done to the Committee of Cumberland.	5 0 0	—	—	220
,, 30	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Peter Brereton - -	On account of salary at 5*l.* a week - - -	130 0 0	—	27	—
,, ,,	,, -	,, -	Aud. Sherwin - - -	,, ,, 350*l.* a year - -	170 0 0	—	27	—
April 23	,, -	,, -	John Leech, registrar -	,, ,, 6*l.* a week. With auditor's certificate of 36*l.* due on 30 March 1653. [*G* 97, *p.* 519.]	54 0 0	—	47	—
,, 28	,, -	,, -	Edw. Carey, examiner -	Quarter's salary at 160*l.* a year, on auditor's certificate. [*G* 73, *p.* 141.]	40 0 0	—	55	—
June 29	,, -	,, -	Rich. Nymlin - -	On warrant of the Council of State prefixed of 15 June 1653, in full of all demands on Parliament. [*G* 142, *p.* 609.]	70 0 0	546	—	—
July 12	,, -	,, -	Anne, widow of Capt. Rob. Holland.	On a Council of State order of 21 June prefixed, in part of 346*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.* due to him for pay of his company of foot in Col. Venn's regiment. [*Also G* 90, *p.* 985.]	50 0 0	—	117	—

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					£ s. d.	*G* 12.	*G* 25.	*G* 266.
1653.								
July 12	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Peter Brereton, counsellor	On account of salary at 5*l.* a week - -	65 0 0	—	118	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Edw. Carey, late examiner	For salary for 3 months and a week, at 160*l.* a year, on auditor's certificate. [*G* 73, *p.* 146.]	43 1 6	—	118	—
„ 13	„ -	„ -	Thos. Bayly, registrar -	On account of salary at 6*l.* a week - - -	24 0 0	—	120	—
„ 14	„ -	„ -	Rich. Sherwin, late auditor.	Salary for a quarter, ending 24 June - -	87 10 0	—	121	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	John Reading, counsellor	On account of salary at 5*l.* a week - - -	20 0 0	—	121	—
„ 19	„ -	„ -	Thos. Fowle, solicitor -	„ „ 100*l.* a year. With auditor's certificate, 14 July. [*G* 85, *p.* 173.]	25 0 0	—	128	—
Aug. 16	„ -	„ -	4 Ordnance officers - -	On an order of the Council of State of 23 July, given as gratuity for extra service, any order to the contrary from the Committee of Inspections notwithstanding.	200 0 0	—	167	—
„ 20	North[n] C.F.C.	Ald. Thos. Ledgard.	John Jopling - - -	For discharging the public debts of co. Durham -	404 15 5	—	—	221
„ 30	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Lady Alice Borlace -	On a Parliament order given, of 24 Aug., 4*l.* weekly, with arrears.	4 0 0	—	183	—
Sept. 27	„ -	„ -	„ „ -	„ „ 19 Sept., „	4 0 0	—	211	—
„ 30	„ -	„ -	Rich. Sherwin, auditor -	Balance due of his quarter's salary (order missing). [*G* 116, *p.* 969.]	87 10 0	—	—	—
Oct. 4	„ -	„ -	Wm. Moyer, auditor -	For one quarter's salary - - - -	87 10 0	—	214	—
„ 5	„ -	„ -	Gualter Frost - - -	On an order of the Council of State given, of 3 Oct., for contingencies of Council. [*Also* *G* 85, *p.* 239.]	10,000 0 0	—	216	—
„ 14	„ -	„ -	Ambassador Whitelock -	On an order of the Council of State prefixed of 12 Oct., towards the expenses of his embassy to Sweden. [*Also* *G* 130, *p.* 201.]	1,000 0 0	570	—	—
Nov. 13	„ -	„ -	John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, Treasurers-at-war.	From sequestration money in hand - -	1,200 0 0	579	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	„ „	„ „ - -	500 0 0	579	—	—
Dec. 1	„ -	„ -	Hen. Scobell, clerk of Parliament.	On certificate of the Committee of Inspection by Parliament order, for arrears and salary due to him.	250 0 0	582	—	—

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1653.								
Dec. 6	C.F.C. -	T.G.H. -	Ralph Darnell, assistant to the late Parliament.	On a Parliament order prefixed of 28 Nov., and like certificate, for arrears due.	200 0 0	582	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Wm. Hull, servant to the serjeant-at-arms.	„ „ for a quarter's salary, and fire and candle for the House and the 3 rooms above.	25 0 0	583	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Rob. Davies, clerk assistant to Parliament.	„ „ for quarter's salary due 29 Sept.	25 0 0	583	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Rich. Acton, and 4 other servants of Parliament.	„ „ „ „ 10*l.* each	50 0 0	583	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Edw. Birkhead, serjeant-at-arms to Parliament.	„ „ for balance due on salary of 240*l.*, fee of 1*s.* a day, and allowance of 200*l.* a year for coals, candles, &c.	808 5 0	583	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Chas. Lowdon, messenger	„ „ for a quarter's salary - -	10 0 0	584	—	—
„ 8	„ -	„ -	Edw. Birkhead, serjeant -	For quarter's salary - - - -	75 0 0	584	—	—
„ 23	„ -	„ -	[Roger] Bateman - -	For completing the book of fines paid into the Goldsmiths' Hall treasury.	2 0 0	—	276	—
„ 26	„ -	„ -	Rich. Sherwin - -	Balance of salary due (order missing). [*G* 116, *p.* 967 *B.*]	87 10 0	—	—	—
„ 27	„ -	„ -	Wm. Moyer, auditor -	On certificate, the balance due of his salary of 350*l.* a year.	87 10 0	—	276	—
„ 28	„ -	„ -	Hen. Scobell, clerk of Parliament.	On order in Council for a quarter's salary, due 25 Dec.	100 0 0	588	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Edw. Birkhead - -	On like order „ „	75 0 0	588	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Rich. Acton and 4 others	„ „ „	60 0 0	588	—	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Rob. Davies, clerk - -	„ „ „	25 0 0	588	—	—
1653–54.								
Jan. 10	„ -	„ -	Edw. Birkhead, serjeant to Parliament.	For arrears on sundry allowances - - -	548 13 9	590	—	—
Feb. 15	„ -	„ -	Ralph Darnell, clerk assistant to the late Parliament.	One quarter's salary in arrear - - -	50 0 0	601	—	—

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					£ s. d.	*G* 12.	*G* 25.	*G* 265.
1653–54. Mar. 24	C.G.H. -	T.G.H. -	Thos. Browne and Dancer Hancock.	For arrears of his salary of 350*l.* a year - -	87 10 0	—	322	—
„ „	„ -	„ -	Rich. Sherwin - -	Balance of salary due (order missing). [*G* 116, *p.* 967*A.*]	87 10 0	—	—	—
June 22	„ -	„ -	Capt. John Manley, farmer of the Letter Office, or James Hicks, his assignee.	Payment of a bill - - - - -	18 3 3	—	*G* 27. 77	—
„ 23	„ -	„ -	Sherwin and Leech -	For keeping distinct accounts of the moneys paid to the Committee for Compounding as Committee for Advance of Money, as ordered 15 July 1653.	100 0 0	—	83	—

ADDENDA.

1650.
June 6. Deposition of Quartermaster Edm. Noble, now in Col. Barkstead's regiment:—

1. That Capt. B. Mason, ever since Edgehill battle, has been very forward in Parliament's service, and was among the first in the Earl of Essex's life-guard.
2. That he raised a troop at his own charge in Sir Wm. Waller's army, and suffered much in his estate for his good affection.
3. That he left the army on his marriage, but continued faithful.
4. That he again commanded a troop of horse under Col. John Fiennes at Banbury, and has since lived in Essex and London.
5. That he was never in the King's army in the first war, but either in the Parliament army or in quarters. Never heard that he engaged against Parliament in the second war. [*G* 102, *p.* 253.]

1651.
Feb. 14. Gray's Inn. Peter Brereton to the Committee for Compounding. I am sorry that, being ill, I cannot wait on you. I had John Musgrave's heads of charge against Thos. Craister, which were defective, and the defects being supplied, I returned them to him to be transcribed, and have not got them back, so cannot send you them. [*G* 77, *p.* 400.]

Feb. 14. On motion of Thomas Craister, John Musgrave is to bring in his charge against him. [*G* 14, *p.* 10.]

Feb. 18. Musgrave exhibits Articles of Misdemeanour against the Committee of Sequestrations in co. Cumberland. Noted by Peter Brereton:—"Received from John Musgrave 18 Feb. 1651, but altered from the copy he took of me, some old ones being omitted, and others added."

Feb. 18. On Craister's motion for witnesses, the Commissioners for Sequestrations at Newcastle are required to examine them, and certify within 6 weeks. [*G* 14, *p.* 13.]

Feb. 18. Musgrave complains that, having made great discoveries of concealments and undervalues by delinquents in co. Cumberland, sequestered, but unaccounted for to the Committee for Compounding, and having obtained order to the County Committee of Westmoreland to examine witnesses, they allowed the accused to be present when his witnesses were examined, and gave them copies of the interrogatories and depositions before sending them to the Committee for Compounding; and that he has been put to the expense of 200*l.*, and the Commonwealth plundered of 10,000*l.* [*G* 105, *p.* 485.]

Feb. 18. The County Committee required to make speedy return. [*G* 16, *p.* 38.]

May 23. The depositions being returned, the County Committee of Cumberland are to return a note of all Musgrave's discoveries not yet certified, of the time when entered, and all proceedings therein; also of the time when discoveries by Rich. Crackenthorpe were entered, and to answer the deposition of Isaac Antrobus. [*G* 14, *p.* 135; 105, *pp.* 441–447.]

Nov. 25. List by Edw. Freeman, attorney-general for South Wales, of gentlemen, 3 for each county, proposed as suitable to be Sequestration Commissioners for South Wales and co. Monmouth, to certify the miscarriages and undue proceedings of the former commissioners; and order for their appointment, and for the discharge of the former commissioners, who are to give in accounts. [*G* 98, *p.* 81.]

ERRATA.

PAGE

12, line 20, *for* Maj.-Gen. Thos. Browne *read* [Rich.]

39, line 4, *for* Aud. Hancock *read* Mr. Hancock.

48, No. 73, last line but one, *for* Sir Wm. Pierrepoint *read* Wm.

62, 12 lines from bottom, *for* Col. [Thos.] Birch *read* John.

64, No. 57, *for* Jas. Clutterbuck *read* Jasper.

80, last line but one, *for* Sir Peter Gifford *read* Peter.

87, 6 lines from bottom, *for* Ely Somerset *read* Eliz.

96, 2nd col., 19 lines from top, *for* Sir John Pettes, *read* Pettus.

108, No. 76, *for* Brune Reeves *read* Rives.

133, 3 lines from bottom, *for* Jas. Dorney *read* John.

172, 24 lines from bottom, *for* Thos. Fissenstens *read* Fissenden.

174, 15 lines from top, *for* Grey *read* Guy.

174, 18 lines from top, *for* Beck *read* Buck.

174, 19 lines from top, *for* Imwood *read* Inwood.

193, No. 3, line 6, *for* Capt. Thatcher *read* Hatcher.

308, 19 lines from bottom, *for* Elias Clarke *read* Josias.

352, 23 lines from top, *for* Jamey *read* Janey.

387, last line but three, *for* Jer. *read* Jenkin Dawkins.

562, 21 lines from top, *remove* the letter from County Commissioners of Sussex to p. 426, 25 March 1651.

583, No. 50, line 10, *for* "the Smith who owes Sir Rob. Whitney," *read* "the Smith to whom Sir Rob. Whitney owes."

592, Remove lines 18—23 to p. 456. 2 July 1651.

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